



**Ohio Public Health
Conference**

Celebrating Public Health:
People and Purpose

April 28 – 30, 2025

at

**Nationwide Hotel and
Conference Center**

**100 Green Meadow Dr. S.
Lewis Center, OH**

Organized by the following:

Association of Ohio Health Commissioners

Ohio Association of Boards of Health

Ohio Department of Health

Ohio Environmental Health Association

Ohio Public Health Association

Ohio Public Health Institute

Ohio Society for Public Health Education

“Celebrating Public Health: People and Purpose”

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Conference Goal & Objectives

Conference Goal:

To advance the mission of public health in Ohio and celebrate the people behind the achievements.

Overall Conference Objectives:

1. Promote awareness and enhancement of the people that strive to impact various public health challenges.
2. Recognize achievements in public health and institutions that impact health outcomes.
3. Develops networks for participants to partner together with experts across the field of public health.
4. Identify strategies for deploying practices that will protect entire populations and contribute to innovative future ideas about public health.

Monday, April 28, 2025

- 1 p.m. **Registration**
- 3 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Ohio Department of Health
Association for Ohio Health Commissioners
Ohio Association of Boards of Health
Ohio Environmental Health Association
Ohio Public Health Association
Ohio Society for Public Health Education
- 3:30 p.m. **Leadership: Cultivating Team and Self Through Change**
Jim Mahoney, Ph.D., M. Ed., Assistant Professor of Practice, Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service, Ohio University
- 4:30 p.m. **Break**
- 4:45 p.m. **Guided Discussion: Leadership: Cultivating Team and Self Through Change Leadership**
Jim Mahoney, Ph.D., M. Ed., Assistant Professor of Practice, Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service, Ohio University
- 5:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
- 5:30 p.m. **Reception – *Hors D’oeuvres & Cash Bar***
Please join us for a reception to celebrate public health and our collective accomplishments over the last few years. We have worked tirelessly as a profession to ensure the health and well-being of our citizens across the state of Ohio. We encourage you to use this as an opportunity to reconnect and network with your fellow colleagues.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

- 8 – 9 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9 a.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Laura Rooney, MPH, Conference Planning Chair, Ohio Department of Health
- 9:15 a.m. **An Update on Public Health in Ohio**
Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, Director, Ohio Department of Health
- 10:15 a.m. **Exhibits, Student Posters, Networking**
- 10:45 a.m. **Bridging Public Health and Early Education Success – an overview of the Governor’s proposed budget for children’s vision and oral health**
Lance Himes, JD, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Health
TBD
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch**

AOHC Business Meeting

12:45 a.m.

Exhibits, Student Posters & Networking

1:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

A. Building Better Mental Health through Leadership Support

Kelly Barry, CHES, NBC-HWC, OCPSA, 1N5, Senior Program Manager

B. Mapping the Menu: Integration of ArcGIS applications to the mobile food program in Portage County, Ohio

Justin Rechichar, MPH, MBA, MHHS, REHS, Director of Environmental Health, Portage County Health District

Emily Speck, REHS, GIS Coordinator, Portage County Health District

C. RBA in Action at Your Local Health Department

Greg Chumney, MPH, REHS, Performance Manager, Ohio Department of Health

D. 2024 Educational Needs Assessment of Ohio Local Boards of Health Members

Rachel A. Moresea, REHS, Environmental Health Director, Fairfield County Health Department

Baylie Blevins, Director of Health Promotion and Planning, Fairfield County Health Department

Alexander J. Tranovich, BSN, Clinical Research Nurse, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center

2:15 p.m.

Break - Exhibits, Student Posters & Networking

2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

E. Designing Internship Programs for Public Health Workforce Development

Matthew Clayton, MPH, REHS, Health Commissioner, City of Springdale Health Department

Charles Noble, BS, REHS, Environmental Health Director, City of Springdale Health Department

F. Actionable Arm of the Suicide Fatality Review” Bolstering Qualitative Data for Community Action

Siera MacEachron, MPH, Epidemiology Supervisor, Franklin County Public Health

Dallas Allen, BA, Suicide Investigations & Postvention Specialist, Franklin County Coroner’s Office

G. The Latest from PHAB: Updates and News

Joy Harris, MPH, Director, Education Services, Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

H. Innovative and Collaborative Approaches to Addressing Healthy Food Access Across Ohio

Casey Slive, BA, MPH, Food Access Coordinator, Ohio Department of Health

Stephanie Baltes, RD, LD, WIC, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department

Amy Abodeely, MEd, RD, LD, Creating Healthy Communities, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department

Sherry Ellem, Administrative Director, Washington County Health Department

I. Student Oral Presentations

3:30 p.m.

Break – Exhibits & Networking

3:45 p.m.

When the Bat Hits the Fan: Managing Rabies Exposures with Confidence and Precision

Julie Chaya, PhD, Med, MA, Health Commissioner, Richland County Public Health
Sarah Margrey, DVM, MPH, State Public Health Veterinarian, Ohio Department of Health

4:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks & Evaluation**

5 p.m. **Adjourn**

Wednesday April 30, 2025

7 a.m. **Fun Run/Walk & Energizer**

7:30 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast**

7:30 a.m. **AOHC District Meetings**

9:15 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

J. Digital Health Equity in Action: Strategies for Making Public Health Accessible

David Ellsworth, MPH, CHES, Disability Policy Specialist, Ohio Disability and Health Partnership
Cara N. Whalen Smith, PT, DPT, MPH, CHES, Accessibility Consultant, Ohio Colleges of Medicine
Government Resource Center
Vaness K. Coterel, BA, Deputy ADA Coordinator & Digital Accessibility Center Director, The Ohio
State University
Zoe Wenk, BA, WGS, Disability Expert, Franklin County Emergency Preparedness Disability Advocacy
Council

K. Ohio Department of Health School-Based Health Center

Katherine Bissett, RN, BSN, BA, Director of School-Based Health Care Initiatives, Ohio School-Based
Health Alliance
Jennifer Casertano, MPH, Adolescent Health Manager, Ohio Department of Health

L. Where do we go from here? Using the past to predict future drug use trends

Erin Reed, J.D., Assistant Policy Director, Public Safety, State of Ohio, Office of Governor Mike
DeWine

**M. Ohio Takes a Licking, But Keeps on Ticking: How Tick-borne Disease Has Changed and
How We Respond**

Sarah Short, PhD, Assistant Professor of Entomology, The Ohio State University
Zach Holbert-Watson, BS, REHS, Vector Program Coordinator, Franklin County Public Health

10:15 a.m. **Break – View Exhibits & Networking**

10:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

N. Public Health Podcasting: Using New Media to Reach New Audiences

Andrew Stinson, BA, Communications Specialist, Franklin County Public Health
Angela Taah, BS, Communication Specialist, Franklin County Public Health

O. Investigation of an outbreak of anticholinergic reactions among restaurant patrons

Laura Sweet, Phd, MSN, RN, Doctor, Columbus Public Health

P. Ohio Nurse Workforce Trends and Improvements in Internal Processes at the Ohio Board of Nursing

Marlene Anielski, MBA, OCPM, BA, Executive Director, Ohio Board of Nursing

Q. OPHA – Journal of Public Health Discussion

12 p.m. **Break, View Exhibits, Networking**

12:15 p.m. **Lunch & Awards**

12:30 p.m. **Serving the Whole Community**
Chris Cook, MPH, REHS, Health Commissioner, Clark County Health Department

1:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks & Evaluation**

2 p.m. **Adjourn**



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CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Continuing education credits will be provided in several fields once approved. As additional information becomes available pertaining to continuing education, that information will be updated and shared.

The Ohio Department of Health is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The Ohio Department of Health, 246 N. High St. Columbus, Ohio is an approved provider of continuing education for Social Workers by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board (RSX 048808).

PRIORITY AUDIENCES:

This program is planned to meet the needs of public health professionals including administrators, medical directors and physicians, nurses, sanitarians, health educators, chiropractors, optometrists, local public health board members, social workers, community health workers, pharmacists, dieticians, academicians, and students.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

There will be photography throughout the conference. If you do not want to be photographed or videotaped, please see one of the staff at the conference registration desk to discuss your options.

WIFI:

Complimentary wireless Internet service is available in all hotel guest rooms, throughout the hotel lobby, and in the meeting rooms during the conference.

DRESS CODE:

Dress for the conference is business/business casual. Please note that it is often difficult to regulate the temperature in the educational sessions to everyone's satisfaction. You are advised to consider your own comfort and dress in layers.

**2025 Ohio Public Health Conference
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

Or register online at: https://associationdatabase.com/aws/AOHC/registration/add_registrations_prompt?event_id=83337%26host=retain

NAME/CREDENTIALS (for name badge) _____

JOB TITLE _____

AGENCY _____

AGENCY ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS _____

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE CHECK HERE TO INDICATE YOUR PERMISSION TO SHARE CONTACT INFORMATION WITH VENDORS

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ACCOMODATION NEEDED

Physician	Nurse	Sanitarian	Health Educator	Social Worker	Dietician
Chiropractor	Pharmacist		Community Health Worker	Academician	Student

CIRCLE PRIMARY DISCIPLINE:

FULL MAIN CONFERENCE	\$ 250.00
MONDAY ONLY – 4/28/25	\$ 60.00
TUESDAY ONLY – 4/29/25	\$ 125.00
WEDNESDAY ONLY – 4/30/25	\$ 125.00

STUDENT or RETIREE REGISTRATION*

FULL MAIN CONFERENCE	\$ 100.00
MONDAY ONLY – 4/28/25	\$ 35.00
TUESDAY ONLY – 4/29/25	\$ 85.00
WEDNESDAY ONLY – 4/30/25	\$ 85.00

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

- AOHC
- OABH
- OEHA
- OPHA
- SOPHE

In order to qualify for the student rate, you must be registered as a **full-time student & not be employed in a full-time position.*

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE DUE \$ _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 22, 2025
PLEASE SELECT ALL SESSIONS YOU ARE ATTENDING

MONDAY – 4/28/25

PLENARY SESSION	_____ (YES) _____ (NO)
EVENING RECEPTION	_____ (YES) _____ (NO)

TUESDAY – 4/29/25

CONCURRENT SESSION I	(A-D) Your Choice _____
CONCURRENT SESSION II	(E-H) Your Choice _____

WEDNESDAY – 4/30/25

CONCURRENT SESSION III	(I-L) Your Choice _____
CONCURRENT SESSION IV	(M-P) Your Choice _____

Make Check Payable to:	PUBLIC HEALTH COMBINED CONFERENCE (PHCC)	Tax ID #20-3664970
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	110A Northwoods Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43235	
Phone: (614) 781-9556	Fax: (614) 781-9558	E-mail: aohc_2@aohc.net

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center
100 Green Meadow Dr. S.,
Lewis Center, OH 43035
Phone: (614) 880-4300

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants at the rate of **\$165.00/night**. You may reserve rooms on line [Hotel in Columbus Ohio | Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center \(nwhotelandconferencecenter.com\)](https://www.nwhotelandconferencecenter.com) or by phone 614-880-4300 (indicate you are attending the **Ohio Public Health Conference**). Participants are responsible for making their own room reservations. Use conference code **316664** when reserving your hotel room. Deadline to register for the room block is March 30.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE: Travel assistance is available through the CDC Workforce Development Grant. A maximum of \$200 per paying registrant is available for one overnight stay OR mileage. To receive the hotel grant assistance, your room must be booked at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in the room block by Monday, April 3rd.

If you are not staying overnight at the conference hotel, mileage reimbursement is available at **58 cents per mile**. An expense form with mileage documentation will need to be submitted to AOHC. You may obtain the expense form at the registration desk.

DEADLINE FOR ROOM RATES: March 30.

CONFERENCE REFUND POLICY:

Refunds less a \$10.00 administrative fee will be made for cancellations received on or before.

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS **4/22/25**. SUBSTITUTIONS ARE WELCOME!
