

Attend SPAN Ohio's
Seventh Annual State Conference

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NOW HEALTHCARE FOR ALL
OHIOANS**

Keynote Speakers:

Deb Richter, M.D.

Physicians for a National Health Program and
Vermont Health Care for All

Chuck Pennacchio, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Health Care for All Pennsylvania

Saturday, April 17, 2010

10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center
4900 Sinclair Road
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Purpose of the Conference

The purpose of the conference is to bring together supporters of health care for all — unions, health care providers, faith groups, community groups, women's organizations, businesses and others — to discuss how best to build the campaign to win publicly funded, not-for-profit universal health care guaranteeing coverage for all Ohioans.

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Conference Program and Agenda

- 10:00 a.m.:** Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks
Kurt Bateman — SPAN Ohio State Director
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.:** Keynote Speakers: “State Single-Payer Solutions: Vermont and Pennsylvania”
Deb Richter, M.D. — Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) and Vermont Health Care for All
Chuck Pennacchio, Ph.D. — Executive Director, Health Care for All Pennsylvania
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:** Questions and Comments from the Floor
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.:** Annual Review—“SPAN’s Activities Over the Past Year — Where Do We Go From Here?”
Kurt Bateman — SPAN Ohio State Director
- 11:45 a.m. – Noon:** Fundraising
Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.:** Workshops (Choose one now, a different one at 2:15)
A. Why SPAN Ohio Supports Single-Payer Health Reform: An Introduction — Johnathon Ross, M.D.
B. Single-Payer and the Business Community — Deb Richter, M.D., Vermont Health Care for All, PNHP
C. Organizing for Health Care Activists — Katie Robbins, Health Care NOW and Drew Smith, Mobilize Ohio Movement
D. Petitioning for the Health Care For All Ohioans Act — Nathan Ruggles, SPAN Ohio Region 4 Coordinator
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.:** Break
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.:** Repeat Workshops A, B, C and D
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.:** Break
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.:** Regional Coordinators Elections — Regions 1 - 7
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.:** Constituency Caucuses and Elections
Labor • Business • Health Care • Faith • Community • Other
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.:** Plenary Session
Reports on elections of Regional Coordinators and other representatives to the SPAN Ohio State Council
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.:** Meeting of Newly Elected SPAN Ohio State Council (meeting open to all conference attendees)
• Election of State Director, Secretary, Treasurer, five members-at-large to the Executive Committee and three members to the SPAN Ohio Audit Committee
• Set date for next meeting of newly elected SPAN Ohio State Council

Deb Richter, M.D.

Deborah A. Richter, MD, has practiced family medicine in Cambridge, Vermont for the past 12 years. Prior to that she practiced in two inner-city clinics in Buffalo, NY. It was there that she witnessed the inequities of our health care system and was inspired to work for change. She is a past president of Physicians for a National Health Program and current president of Vermont Health Care for All. She co-authored a book "At the Crossroads: The Future of Health Care in Vermont", with former Health and Human Services Secretary Cornelius Hogan and journalist Terry Doran. Awards include the University of Rochester Family Medicine Program's Distinguished Alumnus Award (2000), Physicians for a National Health Programs Dr. Quentin Young Health Activist Award (2000), Erie Community College's Ebony and Ivory Award (Buffalo, NY, 1999), Citizen Action's Special Recognition Award (Buffalo, NY, 1997). She has spoken extensively to both community and medical groups, is a frequent spokesperson in the print, TV, and radio media, and is active in coalition building on the need for universal access to health care.

**Chuck Pennacchio, Ph.D.**

Chuck is history program director at The University of the Arts in Philadelphia, founder of Citizen Solutions for Pennsylvania, Executive Director of Health Care for All Pennsylvania and recent United States Senate candidate (2006). A longtime advocate of publicly-financed, privately-provided universal healthcare and organizing veteran of 34 years, Chuck lead-negotiated comprehensive health benefits for thousands of working graduate students while at the University of Colorado. A native of Delaware County, resident of Bucks County, husband of 16 years and father of two school-age children, Chuck sees the state-level, single-payer healthcare question as the "tipping point" opportunity capable of triggering dramatic turnarounds on numerous fronts (social, economic, legal) and at all levels (local, national, and international).

Hotel Information

The site of the conference is the **Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center**, 4900 Sinclair Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. The hotel is located five minutes from the Ohio State Fairgrounds, ten minutes from downtown Columbus, and twenty minutes from the Port Columbus International Airport. Complimentary transportation is available to and from the airport. HOTEL PHONE: **614-846-0300** • FAX: **614-847-1022** • TOLL FREE: **877-609-6086**

Hotel Sleeping Rooms: Sleeping rooms are available at a special rate of \$79 (plus applicable taxes) for conference participants arriving April 16, the night before the conference. This rate is available only until all rooms are booked, so call the hotel as soon as possible if you wish to reserve a room, and be sure to mention that you are attending the SPAN Ohio Conference.

Parking: Ample free parking adjacent to the hotel.

Directions to the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center***From Port Columbus International Airport:***

Exit airport, take I-670 to I-71 North. Take Morse Road Exit (Exit 116). Turn left under freeway to the first street, Sinclair Road. Turn right, one block to hotel.

From North:

Take I-71 South to Morse Road Exit (Exit 116). Ramp ends at Sinclair Road. Turn right to hotel entrance.

From South:

Take I-71 to Morse Road Exit (Exit 116). Turn left under freeway to the first street, Sinclair Road. Turn right, one block to hotel.

From East or West:

Take I-70 to I-71 North. Take Morse Road Exit (Exit 116). Turn left under freeway to the first street, Sinclair Road. Turn right, one block to hotel.

WHO WE ARE

The Single-Payer Action Network Ohio (SPAN Ohio) is a statewide coalition of organizations and individuals in Ohio seeking fundamental health care reform in our state and country so that every resident is guaranteed full and comprehensive coverage. This includes the full range of medical services, hospitalization, prescriptions, vision care, dental care, mental health care, home care, long-term care, and care for all injuries and illnesses. We advocate the establishment of a public fund that would pay all health care bills without premiums, co-payments or deductibles. Funding would come from the savings realized by eliminating the administrative waste and profits of hundreds of private insurance companies and HMOs, savings from greater utilization of preventive medicine, and from additional mechanisms deemed necessary to ensure that the public fund has the necessary financial resources, with adequate reserves. The plan we call for is known as a single-payer universal health care system.

WHAT WE DO

We carry out a variety of programs designed to educate and inform on the need for single-payer. A focus of our activities is to win voter approval of the Health Care For All Ohioans Act (HCFAOA), an initiative petition sponsored by SPAN Ohio. We also urge enactment of bills pending in the Ohio House and Senate that would make the HCFAOA the law in Ohio. SPAN Ohio functions democratically and those who attend chapter meetings decide what the group's activities shall be. We distribute educational materials, organize public meetings featuring speakers with expertise on health care issues, circulate petitions, and introduce single-payer resolutions to organizations and legislative bodies. While campaigning to win single-payer universal health care in Ohio, we see this as a stepping stone toward achieving a national health care system, which is our ultimate goal.

WHEN WE MEET

SPAN chapters meet monthly or bimonthly. Check the SPAN Ohio web site calendar for dates, times and locations.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Contact the regional coordinator for your county to find a chapter in your area, to obtain petitions and instructions for circulating them, to volunteer to help with the campaign, or for answers to general questions about SPAN.

Region 1 (Northeast Ohio) Dave Pavlick — dpavlick@sbcglobal.net Cell Phone: 216-502-7897
(Includes Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain counties)

Region 2 (Northwest Ohio) Bob Masters — bobmasters@sbcglobal.net Phone: 419-244-1559
(Includes Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood counties)

Region 3 (Southeastern Ohio) Arlene Sheak — seospan@yahoo.com Phone: 740-592-1879
(Includes Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington counties)

Region 4 (Southwestern Ohio) Nathan Ruggles — rugglesspan@aol.com Cell Phone: 330-338-9754
Alternate Contact: Don Rucknagel — ruckndl@fuse.net Phone: 513-931-3459
(Includes Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties)

Region 5 (Central Ohio) Kurt Bateman — batemankn57@aol.com Phone: 614-562-1066
(Includes Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hardin, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Union, and Wyandot counties)

Region 6 (East Central Ohio) Deb Silverstein — dsilverstein@neo.rr.com Phone: 330-673-8524
(Includes Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Trumbull, and Wayne counties)

Region 7 (West Central Ohio) Bill Conner — conner.bill@gmail.com Phone: 937-426-5221 (IncludesChampaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties)

ENDORSEMENTS

As of the beginning of 2010, endorsers of single-payer (publicly funded) health care in Ohio include: The Ohio AFL-CIO, UAW Region 2-B, UNITE HERE, and 61 other listed labor organizations; 78 physicians and numerous other health care professionals; one U.S. Senator and one member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio; several state representatives and senators; Cuyahoga County Commissioners; 17 city, village and township councils and commissions; a long list of faith and social justice groups; a number of businesses; and individuals from all walks of life. *View the entire list of endorsers on the SPAN Ohio web site at www.spanohio.org.*

Registration Form
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April 17, 2010 – Columbus, Ohio

Name (please print): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone/Day () _____ Phone/Eve () _____

Email: _____

Organizational Affiliation (if any) : _____

Position in Organization: _____

LUNCH:

Several lunch selections will be available for you to choose from. *If you are subject to any dietary restrictions, please note them below so that we can try to accommodate you.*

WORKSHOPS:

In response to requests from past attendees we have staggered the workshop schedule so that you can attend more than one and we are not requiring that you make your choices known in advance of the Conference. On Page 2 of the brochure you will find listed the four workshops that are being offered this year. All four will be presented twice, first from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., then again from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. You can decide on the day of the Conference which two of the four are of most interest to you.

The Conference registration fee is \$35.00 and includes the cost of lunch.

Enclosed is my registration fee of \$ _____. Also enclosed is an additional \$ _____ to support the work of SPAN and to help fund the attendance of low-income or unemployed persons at the Conference.

Total enclosed \$ _____ (Please make checks payable to SPAN Ohio, Inc.) You may also register and pay online at www.spanohio.org.

Mail this form and your check to:

SPAN Ohio, Inc. • c/o Barbara Walden, Treasurer
31100 Cedar Road • Pepper Pike, OH 44124-4433

A NOTE ON THE REGISTRATION FEE:

While we have kept the registration fee as low as possible to encourage broad participation in this important conference, we recognize that there may be some people who wish to attend but simply cannot afford it. A limited amount of funding is available to help defray the cost of registration for those who find themselves in this situation. Please contact SPAN Treasurer Barbara Walden at 440-449-0204 or email her at user298053@aol.com to request assistance.