

Registration Form
SPAN Ohio Sixteenth Annual State Conference
Quest Conference Center • 8405 Pulsar Place • Columbus, Ohio
April 27, 2019 • 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Name (please print): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone/Home () _____ Phone/Cell () _____

Email: _____

Organizational Affiliation (if any) : _____

Position in Organization: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 24, 2019

LUNCH:

Lunch will be buffet style, providing a variety of food from which to choose. *If you are subject to any dietary restrictions, please let us know in advance so that we can try to accommodate you.*

The Conference registration fee is \$40.00 and includes the cost of lunch.

Enclosed is my registration fee of \$ _____. (*If your membership dues are current, you may deduct \$10.00 from the registration fee.*) Not a member? Go to www.spanohio.org and click "Individual Membership" under "Become a Member." You can pay online or download an application and send it in with your check to SPAN Ohio, c/o Barbara Walden, Treasurer, 31100 Cedar Rd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124.

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.

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.

Program and Agenda

- 9:00-10:00 Registration and Coffee
- 10:00-10:15 Opening Remarks
- 10:15-10:30 SPAN Year in Review
- 10:30-11:30 Keynote Speech — Michael Lighty
- 11:30-12:30 Workshops:
- A. Single Payer 101 — John Ross
 - B. Building a Social Media Presence — Donna Marie Miller Ellington
 - C. How to Speak About the Economic Impact Study — Alice Faryna
 - D. Movement Building: Community Education and Advocacy — Steven Wagner, UHCAN Ohio
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- Fundraising
- Smiddie Award
- 1:30-2:30 Business Meeting
- 2:30-3:30 Workshops:
- A. Single Payer 101 — John Ross
 - B. Building a Social Media Presence — Donna Marie Miller Ellington
 - C. How to Speak About the Economic Impact Study — Alice Faryna
 - D. Movement Building: Community Education and Advocacy — Steven Wagner, UHCAN Ohio
- 3:30-4:00 Next Steps to Victory — Michael Lighty

Speakers and Presenters



MICHAEL LIGHTY – Fellow at the Sanders Institute

Michael Lighty is considered a preeminent spokesperson and expert on Medicare for All. For over 25 years, Lighty has organized, written and spoken on the subject. He is currently a lead policy analyst for a single-payer bill, SB 562, the Healthy California Act. From 1994 until 2018, Michael worked for the California Nurses Association/NNU where he coordinated campaigns for an HMO patients' bill of rights, clean money elections, and nationally for a Robin Hood Tax on Wall Street. Lighty was the first openly LGBTQ Commissioner for the Port of Oakland. He was Jerry Brown's first mayoral appointee to the Oakland Planning Commission in 1999, and was appointed by Oakland Mayor Ronald Dellums to the Port of Oakland Board of Commissioners, in 2010. He serves on the Board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center in Oakland, CA, where he lives with his spouse.



JOHN ROSS

Dr. Johnathon Ross is a past president of Physicians for a National Health Program, a national health reform group with over 18,000 members (PNHP). He is a graduate of Cornell University and received his medical degree in 1975 from the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo. In addition to his medical degree, he has a master's degree in health policy and administration from the School of Public Health of the University of Michigan. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Toledo College of Medicine and currently practices and teaches general internal medicine at St Vincent Mercy Medical Center, a 500 bed center city teaching hospital in Toledo, Ohio. His experience inside the health insurance industry convinced him of the logic and need for a national health insurance program.



DONNA MARIE MILLER ELLINGTON

Donna has been a healthcare activist for many years, first with Americans for Healthcare, then with Americans for Healthcare, Too. From 2013 to 2018 she worked with Demand Universal Healthcare - DUH as its Social Media Director and then as its Deputy Director, taking it from obscurity to over 35,000 followers on Facebook. She was Assistant Director of the Healthcare Justice March in Washington, D.C. in 2015. In late 2018, Donna started ENIMA - Expanded National Improved Medicare for All, a Facebook Page. She currently manages ENIMA, Coalition of States Demanding Universal Healthcare Group, Americans for Healthcare, Americans for Healthcare, Too, Life Management Group, Political Buffoonery Group, and Forward the Progressive Agenda & Tackle the BS. Prior to

her activism, she spent 8 years in the Air Force. After the Air Force she earned degrees in Liberal Arts, Clinical Counseling, and School Psychology. She worked as a school psychologist and retired after 20 years. She has grown children, and two grown grandchildren.



ALICE FARYNA

Dr. Faryna is a graduate of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. She completed training in Internal Medicine at the University Hospital in Iowa City, later completed a fellowship in Rheumatology at the University of Cincinnati. She has broad experience in a variety of clinical settings: private practice in Marion Ohio; Neighborhood Health Center in Salt Lake City; VA hospital in Mountview California, and serving on the faculty of the Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton Ohio. Her last position was as Medical Director for Part B Medicare in Ohio and West Virginia. This last experience convinced her that universal health care is long overdue in the United States. She has been an active member of SPAN Ohio since its inception.



STEVE WAGNER

Steve Wagner is executive director of UHCAN Ohio, joining in January of 2016. He believes fervently that regular people must have a significant role in the way healthcare is provided. As executive director, Steve works with the board to set strategic and policy direction. Policy, vision, mission and values are then used to guide the staff in making meaningful change. Steve leads efforts to secure funding that allow UHCAN Ohio to achieve its mission and advocate on behalf of the people that need accessible, affordable and quality healthcare.

Steve has an extensive experience in improving health as a public health professional. He worked for the Oregon Health Authority, overseeing the public health regulatory programs including healthcare facilities, public drinking water, medical marijuana, and radiation protection. At the Ohio Department of Health, he held leadership positions providing oversight of programs that included environmental health, health preparedness, chronic disease, and infectious disease.

Steve is a member of the Ohio Bar and graduated from Capital University Law School. He has an M.P.H. in epidemiology from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Case Western Reserve University granted Steve a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry. Steve has had the opportunity to attend two executive programs at the Kennedy School of Government: Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies and National Preparedness Leadership Initiative.

Steve loves to be outdoors in wild places. Yellowstone, Great Basin, the Tetons and Olympic are amazing, and he loved jumping into a volcano at Crater Lake. The eastern woods with their density are his favorites.