

Attend SPAN Ohio's
Tenth Annual State Conference

HEALTH CARE REFORM

IN THE AGE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Keynote Speakers:

Laurie Wen

Executive Director of Physicians for a National Health Program-NY Metro
Steering Committee Member of Healthcare-NOW!

Michael Shay

Consultant to SEIU 1199 Labor Management Project

Saturday, April 27, 2013

10 a.m. to 3:30 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 advocates of health care for all — businesses, community groups, faith groups, health care providers, unions, women's organizations, and others — to devise ways to build support for publicly funded, not-for-profit universal health care guaranteeing comprehensive coverage for all Ohioans.

Sponsored by
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Conference Program and Agenda

10:00 a.m. – Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks

Debbie Silverstein — SPAN Ohio State Director

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Keynote Speakers:

Laurie Wen — Moving Forward to Single-Payer: States Lead the Way

Mike Shay — Impact of the ACA on Health Care Workers and Institutions

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Constituency Caucuses and Elections

- **Labor**
- **Business**
- **Health Care**
- **Faith**
- **Community**
- **Other**

11:30 a.m. – Noon.: Business Meeting (open to all conference attendees)

- **Regional Coordinators Elections — Regions 1 - 7**
- **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**

Noon – 1:15 p.m.: Lunch and Fundraising

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.: Workshops (Choose one now, a different one at 2:30)

A. Silent Steps to Justice — Rowena Ventura

B. Leading Change in Difficult Times, with specifics to Ohio — Mike Shay

C. Breaking News: How to Get Through the Media Iron Curtain — Laurie Wen

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Repeat Workshops A, B, and C



Laurie Wen

Laurie joined the health justice movement through the AIDS activist group ACT UP and currently serves as the Executive Director of Physicians for a National Health Program-New York Metro. She is a Steering Committee member of Healthcare-NOW!, where she was a staff organizer in 2009. She organized sit-ins at insurance companies and politicians' offices for the Mobilization for Health Care for All civil disobedience campaign. Since the fall of 2011, Laurie has also been active with Healthcare for the 99%, an official working group of Occupy Wall Street.

Michael Shay

Mike has over twenty years of experience in the fields of human resources, labor relations, and organizational development. He has served as a consultant to firms in the healthcare, textile, apparel, steel, bottling, aerospace, paper-making, and automotive supply industries. He has also consulted to state and federal government agencies, as well as not-for-profit community development agencies. In addition to his consulting experience, Mike has spent thousands of hours in grievance handling, arbitration, National Labor Relations Board cases, and contract negotiations. He has spoken and written extensively about his work and has given several international presentations.



Rowena Ventura

Rowena is Community Outreach Coordinator for Neighborhood Family Practice and is a fierce advocate for her community. She received recognition in 2008 as Community Health Advocate of the Year, and in 2012 as Mobilizer of the Year. In 2012, she also received congressional recognition for her advocacy efforts with the We Are the Uninsured group [WATU]. While serving as Chair and Coordinator of WATU, she is also a board member of Common Good Ohio, a member of the Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage Leadership Team, and is heavily involved in social justice groups.

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** • TOLL FREE: **877-609-6086** • FAX: **614-847-1022**

Hotel Sleeping Rooms: Sleeping rooms are available at a special rate of \$74.00 (plus applicable taxes) for conference participants arriving April 26, 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 lobby for passage of bills pending in the Ohio House and Senate that would make single-payer the law in Ohio. We distribute educational materials, organize public meetings featuring speakers with expertise on health care issues, circulate petitions, introduce single-payer resolutions to organizations and legislative bodies, and conduct activities, such as Walk for Health, designed to raise both money and awareness while having fun. Last year we introduced a monthly internet radio show which can be heard and viewed 24/7 on WCANradio.com. *While we seek to win single-payer universal health care in Ohio, our ultimate goal is to achieve a national single-payer health care system, i.e., expanded and improved Medicare for all.*

WHEN WE MEET

Check the SPAN Ohio web site calendar for dates, times and locations of State Council meetings and meetings of SPAN activists in your area.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Contact the regional coordinator for your county to find SPAN groups 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) Dennis Slotnick — slotnicks4@aol.com Phone: 419-704-1863
(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) Chuck Watts — chuck.watts@empathysurplus.com Phone: 937-725-4317
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) Mary Nichols Rhodes — mac40oh@aol.com Phone: 330-957-6167
(Includes Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Trumbull, and Wayne counties)

Region 7 (West Central Ohio) Bill Davis — spanoh.region7@gmail.com Phone: 937-264-0377
(Includes Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties)

ENDORSEMENTS

Endorsers of single-payer (publicly funded) health care in Ohio include: The Ohio AFL-CIO, UAW Region 2-B, Chicago & Midwest Regional Joint Board affiliated with Workers' United, 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; 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
SPAN Ohio Tenth Annual State Conference
April 27, 2013 – Columbus, Ohio

Name (please print): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Email: _____

Organizational Affiliation (if any) : _____

Position in Organization: _____

LUNCH:

Lunch will be buffet style, providing a variety of food from which to choose. *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 three workshops that are being offered this year. All three will be presented twice, first from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., then again from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. You can decide on the day of the Conference which two of the three are of most interest to you.

The Conference registration fee is \$40.00 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.

ANNUAL FUND APPEAL

Thanks to the efforts of a relatively small number of dedicated and hard-working volunteers over the years we have been able to accomplish a lot with very little: our internet radio show, our speakers bureau, maintenance of our web site, annual conference, lobbying for passage of single-payer bills in the General Assembly, and promotion of local events calling attention to our cause. But there is so much more we could do if we had the resources. With your generous contribution we would hope to be able to do the following:

- ◆ Our State Director currently works for no salary, as do our Treasurer and Secretary. In order to attract and retain talented people, we need to be able to compensate them fairly.
- ◆ SPAN would like to commission an economic impact study specific to Ohio in order to show Ohioans and our legislators that a single-payer system is the most fiscally responsible and sustainable system of health care.
- ◆ SPAN has always held that Health Care is a Human Right and that is the emphasis of our public campaign. In order to reach all Ohioans with this message and educate them to the characteristics of a health care system that meets Human Rights standards and organize their support, we need to contract with trained organizers who can work in all parts of the state.
- ◆ We have a constant need to be able to provide literature for groups who ask and to have available for individuals when we do outreach activities.
- ◆ Lastly, we need financial support for our lobbying efforts with state legislators.

SPAN Ohio exists through the generosity of individual donors who share the belief that health care is a human right, not a commodity to be sold for profit. If you support this principle, please take action now. Go to our web site, www.spanohio.org, and make a donation online or send your check, payable to SPAN Ohio, c/o Barbara Walden, Treasurer, 31100 Cedar Rd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124.