



Ohio Healthy Homes Network

Presenter Biographies

Cost Effective Approaches to a Safe and Healthy Home

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Cathy Bailey

Cathy Bernardino Bailey is the Director of Greater Cincinnati Water Works. As Director, she leads all aspects of the water utility, overseeing day-to-day operations of 625 people, an operating budget of \$90 million and a 5-year capital plan totaling over \$450 million. She received her B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati. Her career includes utility management experience in Treatment, IT, Strategic Planning; Performance, Project and Change Management. She has also lead research and implementation efforts for three utility mergers and separations. Her unique experiences and perspective are often shared through annual presentations discussing communications, utility management, strategic planning and lead in drinking water at the American Water Works Association and Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies Conferences. Cathy currently serves as a Water Research Foundation Board Director.

Pamela Blais, RS

Pamela Blais has been employed with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for 24 years in the lead poisoning prevention field. She has served as a Safety and Health Coordinator and Program Manager for the ODH Lead Licensure Program and now oversees the Public Health Lead Investigation Program. She is also Project Director for the Ohio Lead Hazard Control Grant. She received a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Health from Purdue University and is a registered sanitarian.

Annie Cacciato

Annie began her cancer community journey as a caregiver for her mom, Barbie. After her mother passed away she saw an opportunity to link her passion for art education and philanthropy with Pelotonia and James Care for Life. Less than one year later she was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer from radon exposure. As a patient she has participated in clinical trials, is a James Ambassador with the Blue Beautiful Skies Fund and painting. Is a founding board member of Breath of Hope (non-profit dedicated to funding lung cancer research), an advocate and speaker in support of lung cancer research and lung cancer prevention from radon. Annie is actively looking for individuals to join her in preventing lung cancer from radon in Ohio. Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and children and families are at great risk in Ohio.

Erika Clark Jones

CelebrateOne is a community-wide, collective impact initiative that aims to reduce the Franklin County infant mortality rate by 40% by the year 2020 and reduce the disparity gap between black and white infant mortality rates by 50% in 5 years. As Executive Director of CelebrateOne for the City of Columbus, Erika leads a coalition of partners including

Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther, the Columbus Health Commissioner, Columbus area hospitals, the Franklin County Commissioners and several community-based agencies. Erika is utilizing a multidisciplinary approach focused on proven strategies that address the factors that cause babies to die before reaching their first birthday. These strategies include expanding service capacity in Columbus neighborhoods with the highest infant mortality rates, ensuring housing support for homeless pregnant women, promoting and expanding prenatal care access, supporting a Safe Sleep multimedia and crib distribution campaign, and recruiting and training Community Health Workers.

A Columbus native, Erika's experience spans across public affairs, public policy, constituent relations and engagement and strategy development and management. Erika's career includes 12 years in the Mayor's Office including time as Deputy Director of the Community Relations Commission, Policy Director and Director of the Office of Homeless Advocacy. Additionally, Erika led the Southern Gateway Initiative to improve neighborhood conditions on Columbus' South Side. Erika graduated from Columbus Eastmoor High School, attended the University of Chicago and graduated from Capital University. Additionally, Erika is pursuing a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University. Erika is a member of the Vineyard Church of Columbus and resides in Central Ohio with husband Mark Jones, Sr. and their 3 sons.

Kevin Clark

Kevin Clark is the Project Portfolio Manager for the Office of Planning, Preservation & Development at the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. His responsibilities include evaluating issues and requests for changes at properties financed by the agency, maintaining partnerships with external parties that focus on preservation of affordable housing, and management of data for the existing multifamily portfolio. Mr. Clark has over 20 years of experience in the field of affordable housing finance. He holds a bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Cincinnati, is certified as a Housing Development Finance Professional by the National Development Council, and has served on the advisory committee of the National Council of Housing Market *Analysts*.

Robert Cole

Robert A. Cole is an attorney and has been affiliated with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality Inc. in Toledo, Ohio since 2007, where he currently is the Managing Attorney for the Meaningful and Appropriate Education Practice Group. Prior to his current focus at Advocates for Basic Legal Equality Inc., Mr. Cole concentrated on federal court litigation involving public health, education, and environmental health. In addition, Mr. Cole has over 30 years' experience as a trial attorney in state and federal courts. He works closely with the Toledo Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition and assisted in the development and adoption of the Toledo Lead Safe Rental Property Ordinance. He also worked for two years as a surveillance officer for the World Health Organization's Smallpox Eradication Program in Ethiopia.

Mr. Cole has a Juris Doctorate from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the State Bars of Michigan and of Ohio and of the Federal Bar Association. He is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. In 2012, he co-authored (with W. David Koeninger) "Landing the big one: How we convinced Ohio to settle our Medicaid Case" (46 Clearinghouse Review 172). In 2016, he co-authored (with David

Norris) “The Effects of Lead Poisoning on Minority and Low-Income Families in Toledo, Ohio.”

Dr. Karen Dannemiller

Dr. Karen Dannemiller is an Assistant Professor at Ohio State University with a joint appointment in the College of Engineering and the College of Public Health. Her interdisciplinary research integrates engineering with microbiology and addresses emerging health challenges and environmental concerns using -omics approaches. Within the indoor environment, we are simultaneously exposed to thousands of chemicals and microorganisms which compose our indoor exposome, and these exposures are different from those of our ancestors. Broadly, the goal of her work is to understand these exposures, their sources, and their impact on human health. Her background combines training in both engineering and public health to tackle difficult questions, particularly with regards to exposures in the built environment, where we spend 90% of our time. Prior to coming to Ohio State, she graduated with a Sc.B. with honors in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering from Brown University and earned a M.S, M.Phil, and Ph.D. at Yale University in Chemical and Environmental Engineering. During this time, she completed an internship at the California Department of Public Health in the Indoor Air Quality Program.

Shana Garrett

Shana Garrett is the Assistant Deputy Chief in the Office of Community Development. She assists in overseeing managing OCD-administered programs and represents the Ohio Development Services Agency on statewide advisory and interagency committees. Prior to her current duties, Shana managed Ohio’s single-family affordable housing programs funded with Community Development Block Grant, and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME) dollars, and oversaw Ohio’s multi-family affordable housing programs funded with Ohio Housing Trust Fund and HOME dollars. Shana is a certified Housing Development Finance Professional, Economic Development Finance Professional and played a key role in developing and implementing Ohio’s Neighborhood Stabilization Programs.

Brenden Gitzinger

President of Environmental Doctor in Dayton Since 2006, Master of Business Administration in Organizational Leadership ('99), Indoor Environmental Professional (IEP) with over 20 years practicing within the indoor air quality field including extensive experience in global air filtration product development, manufacturing, engineering, technical sales, marketing and distribution. Licensed as a Radon Specialist by the Ohio Department of Health Since 2006 and currently Vice President of the Ohio Association of Radon Professionals. Brenden is also certified as a Microbial Remediator, Air Systems Cleaning Specialist and Ventilation Systems Microbial Remediator.

Dr. David E. Jacobs, Chief Scientist, National Center for Healthy Housing

Dr. Jacobs is the Chief Scientist, National Center for Healthy Housing. He also serves as Director of the U.S. Collaborating Center for Research and Training on Housing Related Disease and Injury for the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO WHO), an adjunct associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, and as a faculty associate at the s Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is one of the nation’s foremost authorities on childhood lead poisoning prevention and was principal author of both the President’s Task Force Report on the

subject in 2000 and the Healthy Homes Report to Congress in 1999. He has testified before Congress and other legislative bodies and has many peer reviewed publications.

Dr. Jacobs is the former director of the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he was responsible for program evaluations, grants, contracts, public education, enforcement, regulation, and policy related to lead and healthy homes. His current work includes research on asthma, international healthy housing guidelines, lead poisoning prevention, and green sustainable building design. Dr. Jacobs is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and holds degrees in political science, environmental health, technology, and science policy and a doctorate in environmental engineering.

Luke Jacobs

Luke Jacobs graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 2002 with a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Health. Luke went on to complete a Masters of Public Health program at Eastern Kentucky University in 2005. He has been working in the public health sector for various county and city governments for 16 years and is currently the Assistant Environmental Health Administrator at Columbus Public Health. Luke serves as adjunct professor at Ohio University and teaches Introductory Environmental Health. He has also served as President of the Ohio Environmental Health Association.

Kevin McCoy

Kevin McCoy is a Training & Technical Manager for COAD, where he has been employed for over ten years. He trains the EPA's lead RRP courses as well as the state lead licensed courses. Kevin has been a licensed lead Risk Assessor and Asbestos Hazard Evaluation Specialist for several years. He also trains various weatherization courses. Kevin's technical background consists of being certified a BPI Building Analyst and Envelope Professional. Kevin is also an Authorized OSHA Trainer. In June, 2016, he was awarded Certified Instructor for Retrofit Installer Technician, Crew Leader and Energy Auditor from the Interstate Renewable Energy Council. Kevin may be contacted at kmccoy@coadinc.org

Shecara Norris

Two years ago, Shecara and Melvin Norris learned their youngest son, Michael, had a lead level of 30, making it necessary to immediately find lead safe housing for Michael and their other five children. Michael's extreme reaction to his high lead level and the family's difficulty securing affordable, lead safe housing convinced Mrs. Norris to become an advocate for lead poisoned children and lead safe housing. Mrs. Norris has shared Michael's story with the Ohio Senate Finance Committee, at parent meetings in Columbus and at OHHN's 2017 Fall Forum. She advocates for parents to be educated about lead-based paint hazards and supports the passage of local and state laws requiring that housing be made lead safe.

Zach Reat

Zach Reat is a Health Policy Analyst at the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. Reat analyzes key health policy issues such as population health, prevention, healthcare access and quality, social determinants of health, health equity and value-based payment. Prior to joining HPIO, Zach was employed at the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, where he coordinated programs to connect people with public benefits and tax credits including the Ohio Benefit Bank and Ohio's statewide ACA Navigator Project. He also served for two years as an AmeriCorps

VISTA member at the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless. Zach holds a master's of public administration degree from Ohio University and a bachelor's degree from Otterbein University.

Dr. Peter Shields

Dr. Peter G. Shields is a tenured professor in the Department of Medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and in the Division of Epidemiology at the Ohio State University College of Public Health. He also is the Deputy Director of the NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and the James Cancer Hospital. Dr. Shields moved his research program to OSU from Georgetown University in 2011, where he was Professor of Oncology and Medicine and Deputy Director of the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. At Georgetown, he also was the past Interim-Chair of the Department of Medicine, Associate Director for Cancer Control and Population Sciences, and Program Leader for Cancer Genetics and Epidemiology in the Cancer Center. Dr. Shields' focus of research is on the development of phenotypes and gene-environment interactions for cancer risk, focusing on two areas, namely breast cancer and lung cancer. Dr. Shields has over 215 peer-reviewed publications in the areas of both breast cancer risk and tobacco. Dr. Shields practices medical oncology at OSU, focusing on lung cancer.

Etta Smith-Wells, MSSA, LISW-S

Etta Smith-Wells, LISW-S is a Supervisor in the Mental Health Program at Eldercare Services Institute, LLC. Mrs. Smith-Wells has been employed at the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging for the past 13 years. For the first 10 years, Mrs. Smith-Wells worked as Mental Health Case Manager and was then promoted to Supervisor in 2012. Mrs. Smith-Wells obtained her Bachelor's Degree from Cleveland State University with a degree in Youth and Families with an emphasis on Family Dynamics and working with the Family in a Holistic approach. Etta was employed at the Cleveland Mediation Center, where she worked with residents and families on the Westside of Cleveland conducting mediation hearing. In 1988, she was certified as a Mediation and Conflict Resolution Trainer. Etta obtained her Master of Science and Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University in 1989. She also worked in Foster Care for about six years before changing her focus on older Adults.

Mrs. Smith-Wells has had extensive clinical experience in various positions as Administrator and Case Management working with families in various spectrums of life from Youth to Elderly. Her most recent and what she states as her best experience has been working with elderly individuals with mentally ill. She works with individuals suffering from severe mental illness, such as separation anxiety, depression, bi-polar, psychotic disorders, and personality disorders. She also has extensive knowledge of the long list of comorbidities that also impact the life of Elderly individuals. Mrs. Smith-Wells also serves on the Ohio Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board's Suicide Prevention Task Force. She has also served on the CARF International Standard Advisory Committee – Behavior Health; Older Adult Special Population Standards and represent elderly individuals with Hoarding Disorder on the Cuyahoga County Hoarding Connection Taskforce.

Kimberly Stanislo

Kimberly Stanislo, the Director of the School Nursing Program and clinical assistant professor of nursing at Ashland University. I have been in the field of nursing for the past 20 years, in various roles. My experience includes hospital nursing (both adult and pediatrics), Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (both hospital and outpatient), and school nursing. I have had the pleasure to care for the students in the school setting for 11 years in the Cleveland area,

in addition to 8 years experience supervising school nurses. I have been very active in the community promoting school nursing and coordinated school health. I currently participate as a member of the state steering committees for Ohio Action for Healthy Kids, RWJF Public Health Leader project, and Ohio Association of School Nurses. My areas of interest and expertise include the connection between health and learning, particularly the social determinants of health. As a project topic, I will be focusing on the impacts of lead exposure on learning and increasing the identification and screening of children with lead exposure utilizing a multidisciplinary approach.

John Sobolewski

John Sobolewski has been a Registered Sanitarian with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health since 1991. Currently he holds the position of Deputy Director. His responsibilities have included programs designed to address pediatric diseases related to environmental causes. They include the following: lead poisoning, asthma, and pulmonary hemosiderosis. John was involved with the initial CDC case/control study that was initiated in response to a cluster of Pulmonary Hemosiderosis cases in infants residing in a small geographic area in Cleveland in 1994. Additionally John was responsible for the project management on the six rounds of HUD funded Lead Hazard Control Grants and three rounds of HUD funded Healthy Homes Initiatives including the first in the nation titled the Urban Mold and Moisture Program (UMMP) in the year 2000.

Currently he is responsible for the recently awarded \$2.9 million dollar Lead Hazard Control grant targeting the 19 first rings suburbs of Cuyahoga Co. as well as the Medicaid Insurer Asthma Home Visiting program. John has presented nationally on issues related to healthy homes including the American Public Health and National Environmental Health Association. He is a contributing author on articles published Environmental Health Perspectives, Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and Journal of Urban Health.

Spencer Wells

Since his retirement in 2013, Spencer volunteers as the Community Manager of the Rental Housing Information Network in Ohio. RHINO is an on line community of activists (service providers, public policy/program managers, tenant leaders and rental housing advocates) working on rental housing issues in Ohio. During his professional career, Spencer was a VISTA volunteer, a community worker at Garden Valley Neighborhood House, lead organizer and executive director of the Cleveland Tenants Organization, and tenant outreach director of the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). Spencer served as a volunteer on several successful political campaigns in Ohio and on many non-profit Boards of Trustees. In addition to managing RHINO network, Spencer has a big garden and small woodlot where he lives with his wife Janet and two spoiled cats.