



A Conversation with Seniors

**Please join us for a Live-Stream Presentation
with the Lieutenant Governor Candidates**

Thursday, September 13, 2018

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The mission of the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition is to advocate and share the voices of older Ohioans and our needs so that we can age in the place we call home.



Welcome

Thank you for partnering with the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition to host a live-stream event “A Conversation with Seniors” with the Lieutenant Governor Candidates, Betty Sutton and Jon Husted. The purpose of today's event is to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing Ohio as its over 65 population remains on track to top 12.1 million by 2020, as well as to share the voices of older Ohioans on the issues that will affect them now and into the future. After today, we hope you have the information needed to make an informed decision about who will represent you when laws and policies are developed and decided.

Instructions to Host Live-Stream Event

All of the materials needed to host the live-stream event, “A Conversation with Seniors”, are included in this packet. To participate, you will need a high speed internet connection, a computer that can hook up to a projector or TV, and a Facebook account. To test your internet connection we recommend you test video streaming capabilities ahead of time, by visiting You Tube or another streaming site. To find “A Conversation with Seniors”, be sure to “LIKE” the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition Facebook page to receive notifications. Then, tune into your Facebook feed at 1:00 pm on September 13th. If you do not see the live broadcast at the top of your feed, be sure to go to the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition Facebook page. You may want to have your IT staff on hand in case of technical difficulties. The next step in the process is to invite older adults and their loved ones to your facility to view this event. You may also want to invite local legislators to participate in the event and share their stance on senior issues. During your event we encourage you to share information on the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition and to encourage older Ohioans and their families to become involved in the political process by sharing their concerns and needs. Finally, the coalition would love to hear about the success of your event by completing the remote site follow-up form and returning the “Let Your Voices Be Heard” forms to the Putnam County Council on Aging—Attn: Jodi Warnecke, 1425 E. Fourth Street, Ottawa, OH 45875.

Invite Your Local Legislators to Your Watch Party

Watch Party Hosts are encouraged to invite their local legislators and civic leaders to their events. The Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition is inviting all members of the Ohio House and Senate to tune into the Facebook live-stream, and encourages community providers, senior centers and community organizations to reach out individually to their local policymakers to invite them personally to their watch party.

Who to Invite: Local legislators, public officials, and civic leaders, including members of the Ohio General Assembly, candidates for office, county commissioners, city council members, mayor and members of the chamber of commerce and rotary.

Sweeten the deal: Consider expanding your watch party to include an opportunity for local officials to share their thoughts on issues that matter to older adults and caregivers. We are in the midst of election season, and candidates are looking for opportunities to share their ideas with the public.

To find your state lawmakers, visit the Ohio General Assembly website at www.legislature.ohio.gov.

Questions

For more information on the live-stream presentation, please contact Jodi Warnecke at 419-523-4121 or by email at jwarnecke-pccoabright.net.



Join the Lieutenant Governor Candidates for:

A Conversation with Seniors

Led by Barbara Riley

Hosted by:



What: Live-Stream Presentation on Senior Issues

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



Gubernatorial Candidate Richard Cordray
and Lieutenant Governor Betty Sutton
Democrat



Gubernatorial Candidate Mike DeWine
and Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted
Republican





“A Conversation with Seniors”

Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition Live-Stream Presentation on Senior Issues

12:30 p.m.	Online streaming begins
1:00 p.m.	Welcome by Barbara Riley Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition, Chairperson
1:15 p.m.	Ground rules for interviews
1:20 to 2:00 p.m.	Introduction and question and answer session with Lieutenant Governor Candidate Betty Sutton
2:00 to 2:10 p.m.	Break—Age Friendly Columbus Video
2:10 to 2:50 p.m.	Introduction and question and answer session with Lieutenant Governor Candidate Jon Husted
2:50 to 3:00 p.m.	Closing remarks by Barb Riley Ohio Aging Advocacy, Chairperson



What is the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition?

Today's older Ohioans face persistent challenges, including how to support family caregivers and how to pay for needed healthcare, as well as new challenges like the impact of the opioid epidemic on families. The Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition was formed in response to these critical issues in order to be the voice for older adults and their caregivers. The Coalition is supported by aging network organizations that make it their mission to ensure Ohioans have options available to them as they age in the place they call home and to build a care system that is responsive to the needs of families and caregivers alike.

Emcee: Barbara Riley, Chairperson of the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition



Barbara Riley currently works as a public policy consultant focusing on aging and disability, human services, health care and social justice issues. She previously served as the Director of the Ohio Department of Aging having been appointed in 2007 by Governor Ted Strickland. Prior to that, she served in various leadership roles at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, including two years as Director. In that capacity she was responsible for overseeing the Medicaid, Child and Family Services, Child Support, Income Assistance, Unemployment Compensation and Workforce Development programs. Riley started her work in Ohio with the legislative budget office managing the health, human services and justice sections. Before moving to Ohio, Riley was an administrator of various non-profit service organizations in Michigan and Missouri. She has her undergraduate and master's degree in public policy and political science

Meet Gubernatorial Candidate

Richard Cordray (D)



Personal

- Hometown: Grove City, OH
- Wife—Peggy and 2 children Denny and Holly

Education:

- BA, Michigan State University
- JD, University of Chicago,
- MA Economics, University of Oxford

Political Experience

- Attorney General, State of Ohio, 2009-2011
- Treasurer, State of Ohio , 2002-2008
- Solicitor General, State of Ohio, 1993-1994
- Representative, Ohio State House of Representatives, 1991-1993

Professional Experience

- Professor, Ohio State University
- Former Law Clerk, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy and Byron White
- Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Franklin County Treasurer

Priorities:

- Ohio's Opioid Crisis
- Clean Energy
- Support for Small Businesses
- Agriculture and Farming
- Health Care: Reduced Costs, Reliable Coverage
- Reducing Gun Violence
- Universal Pre-K
- Seniors and Retirement
- Veteran and Service Members
- Ohio Commission of Women and Girls
- Infrastructure Plan
- Workforce Development

Meet Lieutenant Governor Candidate

Betty Sutton (D)



Personal

- Hometown Copley, OH
- Husband—Doug

Education:

- JD, University of Akron School of Law
- BA, Kent State University

Political Experience

- Representative, US House of Representatives, 2007-2013
- Representative, Ohio House of Representatives, 1993-2001
- Member/Vice President, Summit County Council, 1991-1992
- Member, Barberton City Council, 1990-1991

Professional Experience

- Attorney, Faulkner, Muskovitz and Phillips
- Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

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Meet Gubernatorial Candidate

Mike DeWine (R)



Personal

- Hometown: Yellow Springs, OH
- Wife—Francis, 8 children: Patrick, Jill, Rebecca, John, Brian, Alice, Mark and Anna

Education:

- JD, Ohio Northern University College of Law
- BS, Education, Miami University of Ohio

Political Experience

- Attorney General, State of Ohio, 2010-present
- Senator, United States Senate, 1994-2007
- Lieutenant Governor, State of Ohio, 1990-1994
- Representative, United States House of Representatives, 1982-1990
- Senator, Ohio State Senate, 1980-1982

Professional Experience

- Attorney, private practice
- Visiting Scholar/Instructor, Miami University of Ohio, Cedarville University and Ohio Northern University
- Prosecuting Attorney, Green County
- Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Green County

Priorities:

- Opioid Crisis
- Jobs Plan
- Kids Agenda

Meet Lieutenant Governor Candidate

Jon Husted (R)



Personal

- Hometown: Kettering, OH
- Wife—Tina, 3 children: Alex, Katie and Kylie

Education:

- MA, University of Dayton
- BS, University of Dayton

Political Experience

- Secretary of State, State of Ohio, 2010-present
- Senator, Ohio State Senate, 2008-2010
- Representative, Ohio House of Representatives, 2000-2006

Professional Experience

- Former Director/Vice President, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Color Commentator, University of Dayton
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A Conversation with Seniors: Topics

Workforce

The first question today has to do with paid caregivers for Ohio’s rapidly aging population. It is well-documented that there is a shortage of caregivers today. It is equally well-documented that in the coming years, the ratio of people of caregiving age to seniors will continue to shrink. What ideas do you have to address this challenge by, for example, encouraging Ohioans to make caregiving their career or harnessing technology to relieve the caregiving workload?

Provider capacity

The second question pertains to ensuring options for care. As we age, we are likely to need more help to continue living the best we can. In a moment, we’ll discuss family caregiving, but as more Ohioans age, and/or develop disabilities, and need services, many of them will need formal long-term services and supports. How would you suggest the state build, fund and maintain a full array of high quality options for care so seniors have the ability to choose services that will best meet their needs in the most cost-effective manner?

Informal caregivers

Next, let’s talk about informal and family caregiving. An estimated 1.4 million Ohioans provide unpaid care to parents, spouses or other loved ones. The value of this unpaid care in Ohio alone is estimated at 16.5 billion a year. Informal caregivers are hidden gems. We don’t have data on them like we do for taxpayer-funded services, but they are critically important. With our growing aging population, what thoughts do you have about how we can best support families and other informal caregivers who provide the majority of the care?

Protections for seniors

The next question relates to elder abuse and exploitation. It is a sad fact that as more Ohioans age and the percentage of people with dementia or other disabilities increases, more instances of abuse, neglect and exploitation committed by bad actors against Ohioans could also increase. What measures do you feel are needed to expand protection efforts, such as through Adult Protective Services or other resources?

Dementia

Let's now focus on Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Ten percent of the 65 and older population and 45% of those 85 and older have some form of dementia. Unless – as we hope will happen – there are advances in prevention and treatment of dementia, as Ohioans age, there is potential for an increase in the number of people with dementia. This issue is receiving greater attention every day. We've already talked today about several subjects that are relevant for people with dementia and their caregivers, but we'd like to give you the opportunity to share additional thoughts about how this state can support individuals who will be faced with a dementia diagnosis, as well as their families.

Care Coordination

Next, let's talk about care coordination. Over the last several years, Ohio has worked to move seniors with Medicaid and those with disabling conditions into managed care to better coordinate care, and the legislature now is studying that issue. What ideas do you have about how our system could better manage the care of those of us who are seniors without limiting our choice of providers or limiting access to necessary services, including non-medical, social services like transportation, meals and personal supports?

Private financing

The last question deals with financing of long-term services and supports for the growing senior population. Most long-term services and supports – other than informal care provided by friends and family, as we discussed earlier – are funded by Medicaid, not by Medicare as many people think. It has often been said that Medicaid growth is “unsustainable” out into the future. On the other hand, many believe that people who have worked hard and paid taxes for a lifetime are entitled to long-term care the same as to medical care. Do you think it is possible to increase the amount of private financing that Ohioans devote to long-term services and supports, and if so, what mechanisms would you propose to accomplish this goal?



Barbara Riley, Chair

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Let Your Voices Be Heard

Situation

Ohio is experiencing unprecedented changes as the population ages and we are not ready. In 2000 there were 1.5 million Ohioans age 65 and better, in 2020 the number is projected to be 2.1 million, and by 2040, it will be 2.8 million, with 20% of us over the age of 85. Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University of Ohio projects that in less than 25 years, 30% of Ohioans will be over the age of 60. Compounding this is the fact that very few of us are financially prepared for our potential long-term service and support needs. So if we are to maintain our well-being as we age, and prevent the cost of aging services from soaring, we need to develop public policy that will address our needs and issues, and the needs and issues of our loved ones who assume caregiving responsibilities.

What is the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition?

The Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition was formed as a voice for older adults and caregivers, supported by providers and stakeholder organizations. The purpose is to advocate and share the voices of older Ohioans and our needs so we can age in a place we call home. The coalition also highlights senior issues with the public and especially legislators, so that they hear from those of us who are affected by caregiving and long-term care needs.

Take Action Today—Share Your Story!

Ohio is an aging state and we are not ready. This is why your help is needed more than ever to ensure policy makers hear our voices on the issues we care about the most. Who knows better than we do? Below is a list of ways to take action and let our voices be heard:

- Sign up to be a part of the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition by contacting Barbara Riley at the number listed above.
- Follow the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition on Facebook and Twitter to receive action alerts and to stay apprised on issues affecting all of us.
- Share your concerns and/or story with the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition by using the enclosed “Let Your Voices Be Heard” form.
- Contact your legislators by telephone, email or through a face to face meeting and share your concerns on the issues affecting you and/or your loved ones. Contact information on Ohio legislators can be found at the following website: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov>.

What to say when meeting with legislators

- Identify yourself and mention your city and county.
- Mention that the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition encouraged you to contact your legislators.
- Share a brief statement identifying the issue/concern.
- Explain why you are interested in the issue and how the issue affects you, your family and/or community.
- Thank the legislator for their time.

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Remote Site Follow-Up Form

Name of Remote Site Location:	Contact Person:
Street Address:	Telephone #:
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1. How many people attended your remote site viewing? _____.
2. Please let us know if you offered any of the following activities at your remote site viewing (please mark all that apply).
 - Discussed the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition
 - Distributed the Ohio Aging Advocacy Fact Sheet
 - Discussed the Let Your Voices Be Heard information for Remote Site Viewing with attendees.
 - Collected concerns/issues from the attendees using the "Let Your Voice Be Heard" form
 - Held voter registration at the event
 - Invited elected officials to attend your event.
If they attended, please list who it was: _____
 - Other (please explain): _____
3. Please feel free to share any other comments on how the live stream presentation went for your agency.

On behalf of the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition, thank you for hosting a viewing of the live-stream presentation. If you or someone you know wants more information on the coalition, please contact Barbara Riley at ohagingadvocacy@gmail.com.

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