

# Agenda

# 2024

## 9:00 AM Welcome

**SUSAN LAWSON, MHR, BS**  
Chair, Oral Health Ohio Director of Oral Health Services, Ohio Association of Community Health Centers

## 9:15 AM History of Westerville, OH

**JACKIE BARTON**  
Manager Westerville History Museum

## 9:30 AM Keynote Speaker: The Covered Smile

**SONJA LAUREN**  
Author, The Covered Smile

### Learning Objectives:

1. Foster a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness between oral health and overall well-being
2. Highlight the vital role dental professionals play in promoting community health
3. Understand the far-reaching consequences of dental neglect
4. Encourage audience participation in community-based oral health initiatives

## 10:30 AM Break

## 10:45 AM The Oral Health of Ohioans: Are We Getting the Job Done?

**BARBARA CARNAHAN, RDH, BS, MS**  
State Oral Health Program Administrator, Oral Health Program, Ohio Department of Health

### Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the current oral health status of Ohio's schoolchildren and adults.
2. Compare the current oral health of Ohioans compared to five years ago.
3. Describe the factors that currently impact the oral health status of Ohioans and their access to dental care.

## 11:15 AM Ohio Oral Health Policy: Challenges & Opportunities

**Moderator: JULIE DIROSSI KING**  
President & CEO, Ohio Association of Community Health Centers

**Panelists: MAUREEN CORCORAN**  
Director, Ohio Department of Medicaid  
**SEN. MARK ROMANCHUK (R-ONTARIO)**  
**REP. ANITA SOMANI, MD (D-DUBLIN)**

### Learning Objectives:

1. Understand current state policy and/or initiatives focusing on oral healthcare
2. Identify opportunities to partner with the state on increasing access to oral healthcare
3. Increase understanding of pending legislation or current laws impacting oral healthcare in Ohio
4. Identify ways you and/or your organization can advocate for improved oral health in Ohio

## 12:15 PM Lunch & Networking/Book Signing

## 1:15 PM Charting a New Course for Oral Health Equity: Engaging Community Health Workers

**Moderator: CYNTHIA LORD, MHS, PA-C**  
Ohio Oral Health Champion  
100 Million Mouths Campaign

**Panelists: TANIKKA C. PRICE, JD, EdD**  
Chief Education and Equity Officer, Health Impact Ohio Central Ohio Pathways HUB

**SHANICE SOUTHERN, DA, CHW**  
Prenatal Oral Health Integration Program Coordinator, PrimaryOne Health

**KERRI SHAW, MSW, LISW-S**  
Assoc. Professor of Instruction & Community Health Worker Program Coordinator, OHIO Alliance for Population Health

**ELIZABETH MCCLURE, RDH, CDHC, MED**  
Professor Emeritus of Dental Hygiene, University of Cincinnati Dental Hygiene Technology Program

### Learning Objectives:

1. Examine the role CHWs play in promoting oral health and access to oral health care in underserved communities to advance oral health equity.

2. Identify ways to integrate oral health into CHW education and practice.
3. Identify opportunities for interprofessional collaboration with CHWs, dental and medical professionals and policymakers to develop solutions for oral health disparities.
4. Describe best practices and models for successful integration of CHWs into oral health programs.

**2:15 PM Break**

**2:30 PM Building Blocks of Organizational Health Literacy: Strategies and Frameworks**

**JESSICA LEE, DDS, MPH, PhD**  
*Chair, Pediatric and Public Health,  
William W. DeMeritt Distinguished Professor,  
Adams School of Dentistry, University of  
North Carolina Chapel Hill*

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Recognize the significance of organizational health literacy and how it contributes to employee well-being, productivity, and organizational success.
2. Explored the key elements and dimensions of organizational health literacy.
3. Understand the interplay between communication, culture, and health literacy.
4. Discuss the positive impacts of organizational health literacy on employees, clients, and the organization including improved health outcomes, enhanced decision-making, and increased trust and satisfaction.

**3:30 PM Closing Remarks:**

**SUSAN LAWSON, MHR, BS**

**Register to Attend: [OralHealthOhio.org/symposium](https://OralHealthOhio.org/symposium)**

## Overall Symposium Learning Objectives

**By attending this symposium, participants will be able to:**

**1.** Identify Ohio's oral health strengths, challenges, and policy opportunities.

**2.** Describe how community health workers can engage in oral health promotion.

**3.** Define organizational health literacy and describe opportunities to improve health literacy within your organization.