



Ohio Healthy Homes Network

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Fred Strahorn to Lead Ohio Healthy Homes Network

Ohio Healthy Homes Network (OHHN) has selected former State Representative Fred Strahorn as its Executive Director. Mr. Strahorn has extensive experience in public policy and advocacy having represented Dayton in both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. He served as House Minority Leader from 2015-2018, State Senator from 2009-2010 and Minority Whip in 2008.

As Executive Director, Mr. Strahorn will lead OHHN's efforts to expand Ohio's programs to protect children from residential lead hazards, while also drawing attention to radon, mold and other environmental health problems in housing.

"Fred's ability to work across the aisle to improve the life of Ohioans will be an asset to OHHN," said Phillip Bouton, Board President. "He is committed to ensuring that people who are affected by unhealthy housing conditions have a voice in shaping policy for the better."

"I appreciate the board's confidence in me, and I'm delighted to have the opportunity to impact OHHN's crucial work on lead poisoning prevention and healthy housing in Ohio. I look forward to working with our partners to apply health-based standards and expand programming and services for Ohio." Fred Strahorn said. "I'm especially grateful to take the reins from Patricia Barnes. OHHN is strong today because of her tireless work over the past decade."

Mr. Strahorn succeeds Patricia Barnes who is retiring after serving as Executive Director of OHHN since 2010.

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Ohio Healthy Homes Network is a 501(c)(3) non-profit statewide organization whose purpose is to promote healthy, safe and affordable housing for people of all ages. OHHN was formed in 1997 as Help End Lead Poisoning and continues to focus on ensuring that Ohio families have access to lead-safe housing. In 2011 OHHN expanded its mission to focus more broadly to address health-related housing issues like indoor environmental quality and establishing and preserving affordable, healthy housing. OHHN is a member of the Leadership Team for the Ohio Lead Free Kids Coalition, a collection of organizations and individuals who share a deep and urgent concern about the potentially life-long harm caused by lead poisoning.

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