REPORT OF THE OHFAMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Introduction

A critical dimension of the OHFAMA Policy process lies in the need for accountability on those resolutions adopted or referred by the OHFAMA House of Delegates at the past House of Delegates meeting. This report will review the actions of the Nov-2017 OHFAMA House of Delegates and identify the major actions taken by the OHFAMA to implement each of the adopted resolutions.

There were no Resolutions Adopted by the Nov-2017 OHFAMA House of Delegates

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Legislative Activity –Health Care Legislation – Biennium 2017-2018: (As of October 18, 2018)

HB 111 MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENTS (Carfagna, R., Ryan, S.) To authorize certain advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to have a person involuntarily transported to a hospital for a mental health examination; to modify APRN standard care arrangement requirements; to clarify APRN license application requirements; to grandfather certain APRNs from meeting educational and examination requirements for licensure; to reduce the pre-examination practice requirement for certain dialysis technician applicants; to make changes in the laws administered by the State Medical Board, including those related to physician training certificates and limited permits to practice respiratory care; to coordinate procedures for investigating Respiratory Care Law violations with procedures governing State Medical Board investigations; to make changes relating to physician assistant supervision agreements; to authorize a board of county hospital trustees of a charter county hospital to have hospital facilities in a county contiguous to any charter county; to establish a biennial license renewal system for orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists; to modify an allocation to children's crisis care facilities; to require certification of certain addiction services; to modify the requirements for licensure of methadone treatment programs and to require licensure of other opioid treatment programs; to repeal sections 5119.367, 5119.391, and 5119.392 of the Revised Code twelve months after the effective date of this act; and to declare an emergency.

HB 117 OPIOID THERAPY (Huffman, S., Brenner, A.) To establish a statewide pilot program for the provision of long-acting opioid antagonist therapy for offenders convicted of an opioid-related offense who will be released from confinement on supervised release, and to specify that the therapy is to be provided during both their confinement and their supervised release.

HB 131 PHYSICAL THERAPY (Gavarone, T., Reineke, B.) To modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy.
HB 156 VISION CARE INSURANCE (Schuring, K.) Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services.

HB 167 OPIOID MEDICATIONS (Edwards, J.) Regarding addiction treatment and opioid prescribing by physicians and dentists.

HB 171 EMS SHIFTS (Patmon, B.) To limit the hours worked in a work shift and to require work breaks for emergency medical service providers.

HB 172 MEDICAL RECORDS (Schuring, K.) To modify the laws governing access to a patient's medical records.

HB 191 NURSE ANESTHETISTS (Gonzales, A.) Regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists.

HB 193 FLU VACCINES (Hagan, C.) To prohibit an employer from taking an adverse employment action against a person who has not been or will not be vaccinated against influenza.

HB 195 WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTS (Ingram, C., Seitz, B.) To modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances.

HB 197 EMT REIMBURSEMENTS (Patton, T.) To provide for insurance reimbursement for EMT services in nonemergency situations.

HB 234 REPRODUCTIVE CARE (Howse, S., Lepore-Hagan, M.) To criminalize impeding access to reproductive health care and to create a cause of action for harassment or intimidation of one or more employees of a health care facility.

HB 241 DIABETES REGISTRY (Barnes, J.) To establish the Ohio Diabetes Registry.

HB 248 DRUG COVERAGE (Antonio, N., Lepore-Hagan, M.) Regarding coverage for prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, the provision of certain hospital and pregnancy prevention services for victims of sexual assault, the dispensing of hormonal contraceptives to adults without a prescription, and comprehensive sexual health and sexually transmitted infection education in schools.

HB 273 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES (Gavarone, T.) To prohibit a physician from being required to secure a maintenance of certification as a condition of obtaining licensure, reimbursement, or employment or obtaining admitting privileges or surgical privileges at a hospital or health care facility.

HB 286 PALLIATIVE CARE (LaTourette, S.) To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, and to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care.

HB 302 PREGNANT MINORS (Boggs, K., Antonio, N.) To authorize a pregnant minor to consent to receive health care to maintain or improve her life or the life of the unborn child she is carrying.

HB 326 PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY (Seitz, B., Gavarone, T.) To authorize certain psychologists to prescribe psychotropic and other drugs for the treatment of drug addiction and mental illness.
HB 332 ANATOMICAL GIFTS (Antani, N.) Regarding anatomical gifts, transplantation, and discrimination on the basis of disability.

HB 340 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Young, R.) Regarding the release of information concerning public and medical assistance recipients.

HB 345 DISEASE CURES (Butler, J.) To adopt the Solemn Covenant of the States to award prizes for curing diseases.

HB 399 HEALTH INSURANCE (Henne, M., Butler, J.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees.

HB 416 HEALTH SERVICE PRICES (Huffman, S.) Regarding the provision of cost estimates for scheduled health care services and health care services requiring insurer preauthorization.

HB 440 HEALTH CARE (Fedor, T., Kent, B.) To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.

HB 450 HEALTH BENEFITS (Antani, N.) To impose review and other requirements on existing health insurance mandated benefits and to establish requirements for the creation of new mandated benefits.

HB 453 CHARTER HOSPITALS (Greenspan, D.) To require that all rights to and interests in discoveries or inventions made by, or patents issued to, employees using charter county hospital facilities or funding are the property of that charter county hospital.

HB 456 NURSING OVERTIME (Sprague, R.) To prohibit a hospital from requiring a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to work overtime as a condition of continued employment.

HB 460 HOSPITAL CLOSINGS (Schuring, K., West, T.) To require that a for-profit hospital and its affiliated health care facilities in certain counties follow specified procedures before ceasing operations or closing, and to declare an emergency.

HB 464 STROKE PATIENTS (Lipps, S., Antonio, N.) To provide for recognition of stroke centers and establishment of protocols for assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke patients.

HB 479 DRUG PRICE INFORMATION (Lipps, S., West, T.) Regarding pharmacy benefit managers, pharmacists, and the disclosure to patients of drug price information.

HB 500 FAMILY LEAVE (Boyd, J., Boggs, K.) To establish family and medical leave insurance benefits to provide paid leave to allow an individual to address the individual's own serious health condition, to care for a family member, or to bond with a new child and to exempt those benefits from personal income tax.

HB 556 MEDICAL RESEARCH (Ramos, D.) To create the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research Fund and the Medical University Research Reserve Fund to provide grants to colleges for research on terminal or incurable diseases and to make an appropriation.

HB 574 MEDICAID PAYMENTS (Ingram, C.) To permit parents and guardians to be paid for providing personal care or similar services to their children or wards enrolled in a Medicaid waiver program under certain circumstances.

HB 617 TELEHEALTH COMMISSION (West, T.) To establish the Ohio Telehealth Commission.
HB 642 DIABETES TESTS (Gonzales, A.) To classify as adulterated a nonprescription diabetes test device that was not purchased or acquired directly from the device's manufacturer or an authorized distributor, to establish recordkeeping and other requirements for pharmacists who dispense nonprescription diabetes test devices, and to declare an emergency.

HB 659 VISUALLY IMPAIRED (Brown, R.) Regarding prescription drug readers for visually impaired patients.

HB 701 DRUG USES (Huffman, S.) Regarding the promotion of drugs and devices for off-label uses.

HB 72 STEP THERAPY (Johnson, T., Antonio, N.) To adopt requirements related to step therapy protocols implemented by health plan issuers and the Department of Medicaid.

HB 725 MEDICAL INFORMATION (Sykes, E., Boyd, J.) To require entities funded through the Ohio Parenting and Pregnancy Program to provide only medically accurate information.

HB 73 PHARMACY SALES (Rezabek, J., Koehler, K.) To prohibit sales of dextromethorphan without a prescription to persons under age 18.

HB 85 HEALTH CARE COMPACT (Retherford, W.) To enter into the Health Care Compact.

HCR 21 HEALTHCARE (Schaffer, T.) To urge the Congress of the United States to enact the Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act.

HCR 5 HEALTH CARE (Sykes, E.) To urge the Congress of the United States, and in particular the Ohio Congressional delegation, to support the preservation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

SB 102 NURSING HOME OUTBREAKS (Yuko, K.) Regarding outbreaks of Clostridium difficile in nursing homes.

SB 110 HEALTH CARE IDENTIFICATION (Tavares, C.) To require a health care professional to wear identification when providing care or treatment in the presence of a patient.

SB 121 MAMMOGRAM COVERAGE (Eklund, J.) To include tomosynthesis as part of required screening mammography benefits under health insurance policies.

SB 126 CONVERSION THERAPY (Tavares, C.) To prohibit certain health care professionals from engaging in conversion therapy when treating minor patients.

SB 16 CULTURAL COMPETENCY (Tavares, C.) To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.

SB 168 MEDICAID EXPANSION (Jordan, K.) To prohibit the Medicaid program from covering the expansion eligibility group and to require aggregate General Revenue Fund appropriations for state agencies to be reduced by specified amounts for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2019.

SB 177 QUALIFIED IMMUNITY (Lehner, P.) To expand the circumstances in which qualified immunity from civil liability applies with respect to volunteer health care services provided to indigent and uninsured persons.
SB 178 LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENTS (Lehner, P.) To establish procedures for the use of medical orders for life-sustaining treatment and to make changes to the laws governing DNR identification and orders.

SB 193 LONG-TERM CARE (Tavares, C.) To create a long-term care inspection committee.

SB 215 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (Skindell, M.) To create the Ohio Pharmaceutical Assistance Program in the Department of Insurance to provide assistance with the cost of prescription drugs for certain seniors, the disabled, veterans, and certain persons who are covered under a Bronze Health Plan sold in the Health Insurance Marketplace established by federal law.

SB 218 MEDICAID PROVIDERS (Lehner, P.) Regarding surety bonds and minimum training for certain Medicaid providers.

SB 243 MEDICAID COPAYMENTS (Dolan, M.) Regarding Medicaid copayment requirements.

SB 259 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Hackett, B.) To revise the law regulating physician assistant practice.

SB 265 PHARMACY SERVICES (Dolan, M.) To permit certain health insurers to provide payment or reimbursement for services lawfully provided by a pharmacist and to recognize pharmacist services in certain other laws.

SB 275 NURSE ANESTHETISTS (Burke, D.) Regarding the authority of certified registered nurse anesthetists to administer drugs in addition to anesthesia and to select and order certain other drugs.

SB 287 HEALTH EDUCATION (Sykes, V.) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades kindergarten through twelve and to require only venereal disease education standards and curriculum adopted by the State Board to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly.

SB 301 NURSE ANESTHETISTS (Jordan, K.) Regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists.

SB 302 HEALTH EQUITY POLICIES (Tavares, C.) To create the Health and Equity in All Policies Initiative and the Health and Equity Interagency Team.

SB 310 NON-OPIOID THERAPY (Tavares, C.) To establish procedures for using non-opioid directives, to require prescribers to inform patients about non-opioid therapies, and to require health insurers to cover non-opioid therapies for treating pain.

SB 355 NURSE STAFFING (Skindell, M.) To establish minimum ratios of direct-care registered nurses to patients in hospitals, to specify rights of registered nurses working in hospitals, and to prohibit retaliatory actions by hospitals against registered nurses.

SB 365 STEP THERAPY (Lehner, P., Tavares, C.) To adopt requirements related to step therapy protocols implemented by health plan issuers and the Department of Medicaid.

SB 370 DENTAL SERVICES (Hackett, B., Huffman, M.) To prohibit a health insurer from establishing a fee schedule for dental providers for services that are not covered by any contract or participating provider agreement between the health insurer and the dental provider.
SB 91 UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (Skindell, M., Tavares, C.) To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.

SB 93 HEARING AID COVERAGE (Brown, E.) To require health insurers to offer coverage for hearing aids.

SB 98 DENTAL THERAPISTS (Lehner, P., Thomas, C.) To establish licensing requirements for dental therapists.

SB 99 MEDICAID ENROLLMENT (Coley, B.) To prohibit the Medicaid program from newly enrolling individuals as part of the expansion eligibility group.

SCR 11 HEALTH CARE (Yuko, K., Tavares, C.) To urge the Congress of the United States, and in particular the Ohio Congressional Delegation, to vote against the American Health Care Act of 2017.

SCR 13 CANNABIS CLASSIFICATION (Yuko, K.) To urge the United States Congress, the Attorney General of the United States, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to reclassify marijuana, or cannabis.

SCR 19 EATING DISORDERS (Yuko, K.) Designating Eating Disorders Week in Ohio, February 26-March 4, 2018

SCR 24 MENTAL ILLNESS (Tavares, C.) To raise awareness about the prevalence of mental illness in the United States and Ohio.

SCR 25 TITLE X FUNDING (Thomas, C., Tavares, C.) To express opposition to proposed changes in federal regulations governing the Title X National Family Planning Program and to declare support for access to all legal family planning services and related counseling.

SCR 5 HEALTH LAW (Jordan, K.) To urge Congress to continue its efforts to fully repeal the Affordable Care Act and to recommend that future federal health care policies pursue free market solutions, restore power to patients, health care providers, and the states, fund the Medicaid program through block grants to individual states, and permit the sale of health insurance across state lines.

This concludes the OHFAMA Board Report A on adopted OHFAMA House Resolutions from the Nov-2017 OHFAMA House of Delegates.

The OHFAMA Board of Trustees recommends filing OHFAMA Board Report A November 2018.