



Governor's Office of Health Transformation



Barbara R. Sears, Assistant Director Office of Health Transformation

Barbara Sears joined the Governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT) in July 2016, as the Director of Special Projects. In this role, Barbara will focus on high priority issues identified by the Director of the Office of Health Transformation and the Governor's Office to advance the Kasich Administration's Medicaid modernization and cost containment priorities.

Prior to joining OHT, Barbara represented the 47th House District in the Ohio House of Representatives. While a legislator, Barbara served as the Majority Floor Leader, Chair of the House Insurance Committee and Chair of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee. The majority of her legislative and policy work focused on the state's health and human services, including Medicaid and unemployment reforms. Barbara has been honored with over two dozen legislator of the year awards and lifetime achievement awards, including recognition by the Governor's Council of People with Disabilities.

Barbara began her political career in 1997 when she was elected to Sylvania City Council. She served on city council for ten years, the last four as President of Council and Chair of Finance. Additionally, she chaired the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG). Barbara was also an active health and life insurance agent and small business owner from 1985 to 2016.