Cathy Levine is leaving the Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio at the end of the year after two decades, the past 14 years as executive director.

"I feel privileged to have worked with such a terrific board and staff, as well as the many dedicated advocates, consumers, and other health care stakeholders," she told the UHCAN board recently. "The organization is on solid footing, with highly capable staff members, a strong financial base, and active board members. I’m excited to watch the organization move to the next level under the new executive director."

Lorin Ranbom, president of the UHCAN Board of Trustees, said the organization "thrived under Cathy’s brilliant leadership, and her accomplishments in building the consumer voice to make health care work for all Ohioans are nearly impossible to count."

Levine was hired in 1994 by a predecessor group, Northeast Ohio Coalition for National Health Care, to support health care reform. The group expanded statewide and changed its name to the Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio in 1997.

The organization is doing a national search for a new executive director.