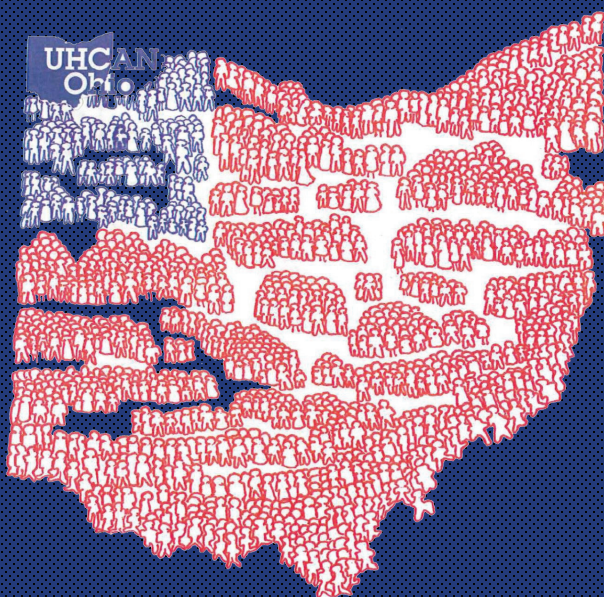


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Presentation of Awards

Yvonne Fender

Introduced by Donald Washington,
SW Advocacy Coordinator, UHCAN Ohio

Liza Paul

Introduced by Lair Marin-Marcum,
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Delores Gray

Introduced by La Queta Worley-Bell
Health Care Consumer– Cleveland

Rachel DeGolia

Introduced by Ken Frisof, MD,
Retired Family Physician, NPA Board

Debera Diggs

Introduced by Nakia Grey
Daughter of the Honoree

Janalee Stock

Introduced by Andrea Reik,
Community Activist– Athens



Closing Remarks

Steve Wagner

Executive Director, UHCAN Ohio



The Board of Directors of
Universal Health Care Action Network salutes
UHCAN OHIO

We are with you in the fight for health care for all!



Thank you for honoring our
Executive Director, Rachel DeGolia

Rachel has dedicated her voice, wisdom,
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Congratulations, Rachel, for this well-deserved award!



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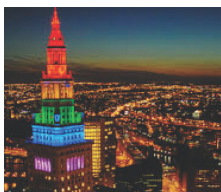
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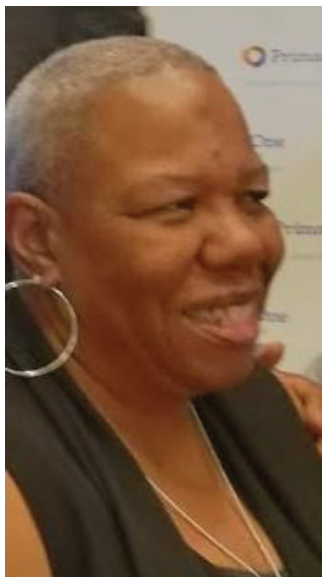
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2020 UHCAN OHIO Health Care Leaders

Rachel DeGolia ♦ Debera Diggs ♦ Yvonne Fender

Janalee Stock ♦ Liza Paul ♦ Delores Gray

Thank you for your dedication and perseverance!

CONGRATULATIONS

UHCAN Ohio's 2020 Health Care Leaders!

Debera Diggs ● Janalee Stock ● Delores Gray

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Congratulations Rachel

In recognition of your unflagging leadership in creating and sustaining a unique national space for health care advocates from diverse perspectives and priorities to listen to and learn from each other. You challenged health care justice advocates to connect many dots and broaden our campaigns and coalitions.



Cathy Levine and Jon Groner

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Rachel DeGolia

for her relentless

pursuit of

Health Care Justice



Lend Your Voice -



Yvonne Fender

"I began attending Cincinnati UHCAN Ohio meetings in 2009. The meetings, chaired by Donald Washington were held at my church, Carmel Presbyterian Church. The pastor, Rev. Clarence S. Wallace was very supportive of UHCAN Ohio's goals. He died in December of 2012. I continued to be active in the South-west Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage coalition. I want to accept this award in memory of Reverend Clarence S. Wallace."



Liza Paul

"I feel truly fortunate to have been nominated for this award. As a Social Worker, you always do what is right for the individual. I never do anything for recognition, I am a mission driven Social Worker.

I hope this award can inspire other Latina Social Workers in Ohio that if you work hard and do the right thing, people will notice and appreciate it. "



Delores Gray

"I feel honored that my name was submitted for this award. I want to thank you La Queta Worley- Bell. It is my passion to serve and show support as much as I can- to the ones that need the help.

I am here to help the people who don't know where to go or how to get started. It is no fault of their own. We were all raised up differently in our neighborhoods and we were brought up on how our family was raised. "

Health Care for All



Rachel DeGolia

"I am deeply honored to have been chosen to receive the "Lend Your Voice - Health Care for All" award from UHCAN Ohio. The title of this award says it all and epitomizes what I am so proud to have been a part of for the past 28 years – the fight for health care justice!"



Debera Diggs

"Health care is something that is near and dear to my heart. I am a servant volunteer. I see a good fight and I jump in.

I have worked at a number of non-profits, served on numerous boards, been active on multiple committees and being visible for the invisible, the voice for the voiceless and trying to empower the powerless"



Janalee Stock

"To be honored by an organization that aligns with the very values I feel most passionate about, feels like a little message "You are on the right path". It is indeed an honor for our entire board whose mission, to establish and maintain a recovery house in SE Ohio, would not have happened without advocates like UHCAN Ohio and concerned citizens dedicated to justice within the health care arena."



Honoree

Yvonne Fender — Health Care Advocate-Cincinnati

Yvonne Fender was born, raised and educated in Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated from Taft High School. She attended the University of Cincinnati (1964), received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology.

Yvonne retired in 2009 after having worked in the public services sector in Indianapolis with the Indiana Employment Security Division; and in Cincinnati with the Hamilton County Welfare Dept. While working for these agencies/organizations her work involved: administrative support (including EEO and Affirmative Action Coordinator at the Indiana Agency), program support and service development, problem solving, complaint handling, interactions with agency staff, community members, agencies and organizations.

During college, Yvonne worked part time for Good Samaritan Hospital as a "Nurses' Aide". Following graduation in 1964 she worked in Cincinnati at the Drake Hospital as a medical social worker and, the Cincinnati Public Schools as a Neighborhood Youth Corp Coordinator.

Debera Diggs— Consumer Health Advocate– Columbus

Health care is something that is near and dear to my heart. Having grown up without any insurance. It is difficult to miss something you never had and as a child did not understand the importance of having.

Raising children without insurance proved to be a challenge. As an adult, I was learning the importance of having insurance. While discovering that many individuals like myself did not have insurance. As things progressed, I was being prepared for my role as a health advocate. I met the professors (Cathy Levine and Kathleen Gmeiner). I had an opportunity to go to Washington for a Healthy Start conference. I visited the Children's Defense Fund Farm (formerly Alex Haley's Farm) with health advocates from across the country.

I am a daughter, sister, mother, aunt and great aunt, grandmother and great grandmother.

I am a servant volunteer. I see a good fight and I jump in.

Biographies



Liza Paul — MSSA, LISW-S, ACM– Director for Case Management, Medigold Medicare Advantage Plan, Columbus

Liza leads a team of 10 employees who work hard to improve member outcomes. As part of her commitment to her workplace and community, she has organized Mount Carmel Health Systems participation at the Latino Festival for the past three years and leads the Latino business resource group that champions diversity and inclusion.

Liza is on board of Prospanica and represented Mount Carmel Health System as a Latina working in the health care community. Liza is a mentor at the Latina Mentoring Academy who is committed to empowering and developing Latina talent and creating a bridge to recruit future leaders in Columbus. Liza has worked for Hospice and volunteered in End of Life Care to provide community education regarding end of life choices.

Liza received a Master's degree from Case Western Reserve University in Social Science Administration. She is happily married, has two great boys and teaches Sunday school at her church.

Rachel DeGolia — MPA, Executive Director, UHCAN

Rachel is Executive Director of the Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN) and has worked for UHCAN since its founding in 1992.

UHCAN includes a wide diversity of groups organizing at the local, state and national levels around multiple approaches to achieve affordable, comprehensive health care for all. UHCAN hosts monthly national conference calls for grassroots leaders covering a range of issues and campaigns. UHCAN is that rare place where the many strands of the Health Care Justice Movement come together.

From 2013 to 2017, Rachel served as a part-time ACA Enrollment Navigator with the Cuyahoga Health Access Partnership. She has a B.A. from the University of Chicago and a Masters in Public Administration with a concentration in Non-Profit Management from the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.



Honoree Biographies

Delores Gray — **Community Engagement Coordinator,** **Care Alliance Health Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio**

Delores Gray works for Care Alliance Health Clinic as a Community Engagement Coordinator. She goes out in her neighborhood to let people know what the clinic offers and how they can get care.

Delores is on the Board of Directors of Legal Aid and represents her neighborhood. She is a member of the Legal Aid - Right to Council committee for eviction and Pro Bono for those who need an attorney but can't afford one.

In addition, she serves on the board of Commissioner/Progressive Action Council, the Friendly Inn, the East Technical High School, she is a representative of Burton Bell and Carr Community Development Corporation, a Sister of Charity, a precinct committee member for councilperson Phyliss Cleveland and President of her local Advisory Board of Cedar Hi Rise and Family Estate.

Delores is there to help people that don't know where to go or how to get started. She believes it is "no fault of their own" that they don't know what to do.

Janalee Stock — **Addiction Recovery & Women's Health Advocate, Athens, Ohio**

Janalee Stock is a retired Registered Nurse and an Athens County political activist for all things related to health from Athens Ohio.

She has served as a previous board member of the Athens AIDS Task Force, the American Cancer Society, the Appalachian Peace and Justice Network, and she is a board member of Women for Recovery.

Her "retired" time is now divided between eight grandchildren, trail running, being a personal trainer, belonging to a book club, working on the 2020 election, as well as ReThink Plastics, Serenity Grove, and ReEntry issues. She drops at least one of those balls everyday, and then picks it back up with a reminder- be kind to all (including self!).

★ CONGRATULATIONS ★

UFCW Local 1059 is proud to honor the great work of tonight's honorees. Thank you for your tremendous service.



Local 1059

Debera Diggs

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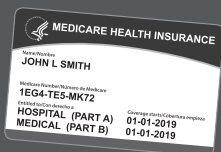
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Congratulations Rachel!

We are proud to honor our good friend and effective activist Rachel DeGolia.
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Gary Benjamin & Melody Hart

In Memory of Sue Doody

Always smiling, Sue Doody was a lover of art and beauty, a contributor to many in need, especially women and children. As a friend of UHCAN Ohio, she will be missed, but her spirit will always be evident in German Villages' beautiful Lindsey's Restaurant, created by her as a warm and welcoming meeting place for all.

Congratulations Rachel DeGolia!

...one of the founders of the current era of universal health care advocacy, from your many friends and admirers in UHCAN Ohio, UHCAN and groups across the nation.

Ken Frisof

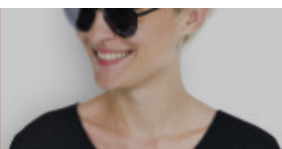
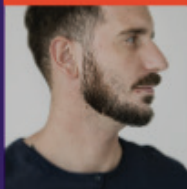
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UHCAN Ohio's Priorities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Like most organizations, this time we are living in has altered the way we do our work and our financial status. However, we continue to work each day to advocate that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care. Because of the pandemic, this mission is more important than ever.

Continuing Concerns with Equity

We are all in this together – so long as the same opportunities for optimal health and wellbeing are shared among all Ohioans and essential health care services are not rationed based on our individual race, ethnicity or income. The disparity of access that exists at the national, state, and local levels places certain communities and groups at greater risk because of their lowered access to care.

We leave our most vulnerable behind when we do not seek out policies and solutions that address historical injustices and provide resources according to need. Ensuring we are all in this together starts with good data to fully understand disparities in our health care system, how such gaps may be widening during this pandemic, and how we can move forward to address equitable access to testing, treatment, and resources.

Initial Recommendations

- Assure that all COVID-19 data has full reporting of race and ethnicity, and work toward that same goal for all public health and Medicaid data reported by the state. Assure the medical triage criteria and procedures for allocating scarce resources does not discriminate against vulnerable populations.
- Examine the Medicaid testing and treatment data and look for differences in race, disability and geography to get a fuller picture of disease impact and disparity.
- Assure that serological testing to determine exposure that is done through sampling of the Ohio population, oversamples by race and ethnicity to assure estimates can be made disaggregated by race and ethnicity.
- Examine utilization of nutrition, cash assistance, housing, and other programs pre and post pandemic.
- Analyze unemployment data and SBA loans information to determine whether employees and businesses in communities of color have been left behind.
- Launch a statewide public education and awareness campaign to reach our most vulnerable populations so they know how to access benefits to keep their families healthy and safe.
- Assure that as Ohio moves forward with COVID-19 sampling that the Ohio Department of Public Health use a methodology that is proportionally stratified by geography and demographic data to provide statistically relevant inferences.

Connection with Consumer Experiences Survey:

We are helping people share their health care experiences in these days of shelter in place by asking people to complete and share a short survey. In this time when there is concern about health care rationing, it is important that leaders hear from consumers about their experience. The most common struggle has been with those who rely on direct care providers to allow them to continue to live in the community. This virus is an increased risk for those who depend on home care and are often medically vulnerable. It has raised uncertainty that their critical work force will reliably be there for them.

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