

***Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities
Board Summit: Preparing for the Future***

***2010 General Election and it's Impact
on the 129th Ohio General Assembly
and the 2012/2013 State Budget***

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Overview – The 2010 Races

- Statewide Races
 - Entire Executive Branch
 - Ohio Supreme Court (3 of 7 seats)
 - US Senate Seat (Currently held by Voinovich)
- Legislative Races
 - Ohio House (all 99 seats)
 - Ohio Senate (17 of 33 seats)
- Impact of the result of the November election on the 129th session of the Ohio General Assembly and the 2012/2013 budget

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Statewide Races

Pivotal Election

- Entirely new slate of Executive Branch leadership.
- Only one candidate is running for the same seat for which he ran four years ago (Strickland).
- Control of the Ohio Apportionment Board is at stake.

March 31 – Quinnipiac University Poll:

- President's approval rating up (47% approval – up from February)

July 21- Quinnipiac University Poll:

- President's approval rating at all time low (44% approval)

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Executive Branch: Governor's Race

Governor – Strickland (**D**) vs. Kasich (**R**)

- Dispatch Poll (September 5)
 - Strickland 37% vs. Kasich 49%
- ONN Poll (September 26)
 - Strickland 45% vs. Kasich 49%

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Executive Branch: “Other” Races

Dispatch Poll – (September 5)

Attorney General –

Cordray (**D**) 42% vs. DeWine (**R**) 44%

Treasurer –

Boyce (**D**) 36% vs. Mandel (**R**) 40%

Secretary of State –

O’Shaughnessy (**D**) 39% vs. Husted (**R**) 42%

Auditor –

Pepper (**D**) 33% vs. Yost (**R**) 42%

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Legislative Races: The Ohio House of Representatives

- Democrats currently hold a 53-46 majority after picking up 7 seats in the 2008 election.
- All 99 House seats are up for election in 2010.

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Legislative Races: The Ohio House of Representatives

- 6 Targeted Races – **Republicans**
 - District 19 (Franklin): M. Harris (**D**) – Incumbent
 - District 20 (Franklin): N. Garland (**D**) – Incumbent
 - District 28 (Hamilton): C. Pillich (**D**) – Incumbent
 - District 85 (Fayette): R. Pryor (**D**) – Incumbent
 - District 89 (Scioto): T. Book (**D**) – Open Seat
 - District 93 (Washington): J. Garrison (**D**) – Open Seat

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Legislative Races: The Ohio House of Representatives

- 5 Targeted Races – **Democrats**
 - District 16 (Cuyahoga): N. Baker (**R**) – Incumbent
 - District 17 (Cuyahoga): J. Mandel (**R**) – Open Seat
 - District 21 (Franklin): K. Bacon (**R**) – Open Seat
 - District 50 (Stark): T. Snitchler (**R**) – Incumbent
 - District 72 (Clark): R. McGregor (**R**) – Incumbent

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Legislative Races: The Ohio Senate

- Republicans hold a 21 – 12 majority.
- Half of the seats are up for election in 2010.
- Unlikely D's will significantly improve their position in 2010

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2009 / 2010
The Current Balance of Power

Governor
Ted
Strickland
(**D**)

Ohio
Senate
Republican
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33 Members

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House
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2011 / 2012

The Balance of Power

129th Session of the Ohio General Assembly

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(D)

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John Kasich
(R)

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Ohio Budget: 2012 – 2013 Biennium

Ohio Budget not passed until June, 2011 but already heated debates:

- Projected shortfall as high as \$8 billion
- One-time money balanced last budget.
- Budget Planning Advisory Commission
 - Bi-partisan 6 member panel (3 members from each party and each chamber)
 - Advisory committee with no official impact on budget process

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Ohio Budget: 2012 – 2013 Biennium

Budget Planning Advisory Commission

- Members:
 - Rep. Vernon Sykes (**D** – Akron), Co-Chair
 - Sen. Shannon Jones (**R**-Springboro), Co-Chair
 - Rep. Jay Goyal (**D** -Mansfield)
 - Rep. Ron Amstutz (**R**- Wooster)
 - Sen. Chris Widener (**R**-Springfield)
 - Sen. Dale Miller (**D** -Cleveland)

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Ohio Budget: 2012 – 2013 Biennium

2010 – 2011 Budget – Approximately \$52 billion (for the biennium)

2012-2013 - \$8 billion shortfall projected

- One-time Federal stimulus dollars
- Ohio “Rainy-day” funds (Approximately \$1 Billion)

Revenue Perspective:

- 1 penny statewide sales tax raises approximately \$1.2 billion
- Total CAT Collection – Approximately \$1.5 billion

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Ohio Budget: 2012 – 2013 Biennium

State Government Cut Perspective:

- Eliminate all 58,000 state workers would save \$4 billion
- Eliminate funding for 12 state agencies would save \$3.4 billion

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Ohio Budget: Medicaid

Medicaid is the largest and fastest growing segment of Ohio's state government:

- Accounts for more than 25% of the state budget
- Taxpayers spent \$14.7 billion in FY2010 for Medicaid
- In 2000 approximately 10% of Ohioans were covered by Medicaid
- In 2010 2.1 million residents (20% of Ohioans) were insured under Medicaid.

Medicaid covers 1 in 7 Ohioans:

- Medicaid is the primary source of health care coverage for more than 1/2 of all Ohio children in 44 of Ohio's 88 counties

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Ohio Budget: Medicaid

Regardless of who is elected, Medicaid will be a focus of the 2012 / 2013 budget “solution”.

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Conclusion:

- There are **NO** good answers
- Everything will be on the table
- Behavioral Health Advocates **MUST** be heard!

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