

## 俄亥俄州湖北同鄉會(Ohio Hubei Association)籌辦通知

俄亥俄州與湖北省在一九七九年中美建交後率先建立了友好省州關係。爲了加強俄亥俄州湖北省友好往來,促進湖北省與俄亥俄州的經貿、科技和文化交流,由俄亥俄州哥倫布市的湖北同鄉及好友發起,于2012年11月3日在哥倫布市舉行了俄亥俄州湖北同鄉會(Ohio Hubei Association - OHA)的籌備會,會上討論了同鄉會的宗旨、章程起草、會員及組織機構、及成立同鄉會前的具體籌備工作等事項。

俄州湖北同鄉會(OHA)籌委會現在正式向俄亥俄州各城市的湖北同鄉及好友發出邀請,。歡迎任何在湖北出生,成長,曾在湖北求學,工作,居住或者有興趣到湖北進行科技和文化的交流與合作或商務往來的朋友加入我們俄州湖北同鄉會(OHA),攜手營造一個熱情溫暖的大家庭。希望大家爲提高俄亥俄州湖北同鄉及好友的生活質量,促進湖北省與俄亥俄州之間教育文化商貿交流貢獻一份自己的力量。

俄州湖北同鄉會(OHA)將於12月初確立組織結構,並舉行選取。請有熱情,有興趣參加組織工作,或者有對宣傳,財務,商務,文化及旅遊交流有興趣特長的人才儘快與我們聯繫。

俄州湖北同鄉會(OHA)籌委會將在2013年2月16日第六屆俄亥俄州中國節上舉辦“靈秀湖北”宣傳展覽。籌委會目前已與湖北省委取得聯繫,並獲得大力支持。屆時將正式舉行俄州湖北同鄉會(OHA)的成立儀式,並將邀請湖北省和俄亥俄州政府派代表參加,同時邀請本州華人社團代表,其他市州的兄弟組織代表出席。

本次籌備會的與會人員有:王瑾博士及家人,朱先奎博士,劉寒冰女士及家人,李聰及武漢大學俄州校友會的代表。

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## Who Will Run Ohio's Health Insurance Exchange?

Mary Kuhlman

COLUMBUS, Ohio - A major decision is expected any day that will determine how the state will implement a key part of the Affordable Care Act.

By Friday, Ohio must announce whether it will set up a state-run health-insurance exchange or let the federal government operate it. An exchange is a place where consumers and small businesses can compare and shop for private health insurance. Amy Rohling McGee, president of the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, says the state could also choose a "hybrid" model and maintain some control of the exchange.

"The hybrid approach would offer the state the opportunities to still retain the plan-management functions of the exchange, or the consumer-assistance functions of the exchange, or both."

McGee says that approach would also allow Ohio to possibly set up a state-run exchange in the future. Gov. John Kasich hasn't announced a decision, but it's unlikely a state-run exchange is in the cards. No matter who runs it, Ohioans should be

able to purchase insurance directly from the exchange in 2014.

McGee says it's difficult to assess which is the best way to go. From a cost perspective, she says, an exchange run by the federal government might make the most sense. But she points out that Ohio leaders might have better oversight of a state-run exchange and could monitor compliance.

"There are states that have seen value in having the state running this; more control within the states over the insurance markets and just how the exchange is designed."

President Obama recently announced that while states must still say by Nov. 16 whether they plan to build their own marketplace, they can now wait until Dec. 14 to submit their plans. An estimated 12 million people are expected to get insurance through the exchanges.

A recent policy brief on the exchanges is online at [healthpolicyohio.org](http://healthpolicyohio.org).

## San Diego Zoo Panda Cub Is a "Little Gift" Named Xiao Liwu Name Selected by Public in Online Vote



The San Diego Zoo unveiled the name of the sixth giant panda born at the Zoo during a public ceremony on Tuesday. Rick Gulley (left) president of the San Diego Zoo Global Board of Trustees and Ron Swaisgood, Ph.D. (right), co-head of the Giant Panda Team for San Diego Zoo Global, revealed a photo of the cub showing his name - Xiao Liwu. The name means "little gift." [Pronunciation is sshaoww (falling then rising tone) lee (falling then rising tone) woo (falling tone)]

The San Diego Zoo follows the Chinese cultural tradition of naming the giant panda after it is 100 days old. The Zoo gave the public the opportunity to select the cub's name in a two-part process. The Zoo took open

suggestions for names and received more than 7,000 submissions. Those submissions were narrowed down to six names and the public voted online on a name for the cub. Nearly 35,000 votes

were cast for the cub's name. The winning name, Xiao Liwu, was submitted with the explanation "this cub is such a precious, little gift to our world."

Photo taken on Nov. 13, 2012, by Ken Bohn, San Diego Zoo.

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