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Governor Mike DeWine and ODH Director Stephanie McCloud Name Chief Health Opportunity Advisor

COLUMBUS – Governor Mike DeWine and Department of Health Director Stephanie McCloud have announced that Jamie Carmichael has been named Chief Health Opportunity Advisor.

Since 2016, Carmichael has served as Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, overseeing the communications and legislative divisions and leading the Office of Behavioral Health Strategy. Her previous experience includes nearly a decade of service at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services working on policy initiatives involving workforce and minority health.

This position was created to support the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force, which examined the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on minority and underserved communities, as well as broader health disparities and racial injustices, in order to improve health outcomes.

Carmichael will collaborate with the Governor’s Equity Advisory Board, state agencies, and stakeholders to reinforce Governor DeWine’s commitment to advancing health equity and establishing Ohio as a model for justice, equity, opportunity, and resilience.

“I am committed to finding solutions to counteract disparities in health outcomes for all Ohioans,” said Governor DeWine. “I am pleased to have Jamie join the team at the Ohio Department of Health to focus our efforts in this crucial area.”

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