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John Corlett currently serves as vice president, government relations and community affairs for the MetroHealth System. The MetroHealth System is one of the largest, most comprehensive health care providers in Northeast Ohio, serving the medical needs of the Greater Cleveland community for 175 years. Corlett led the team at MetroHealth that worked with the state of Ohio and The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that obtained the first ever county based Medicaid coverage expansion waiver in the state of Ohio.

Before joining MetroHealth, Corlett served as medicaid director for the state of Ohio. Ohio's Medicaid expenditures exceed 12 billion dollars annually and provide comprehensive health care coverage for more than 2 million Ohioans. Among his accomplishments were the successful implementation of Medicaid eligibility expansions for pregnant women, children, children transitioning from foster care, and persons with disabilities. Corlett led the agency's efforts to improve services for children through expanded early childhood screenings, establishment of a Medicaid schools program, and improvements in the Medicaid managed care program. Another key initiative was to reduce red tape for Medicaid applicants through the elimination of unnecessary face to face visits, creation of an electronic application gateway via the Benefit Bank, and development of an automated method to reconnect formerly institutionalized persons to the Medicaid program.

Corlett also served as a senior fellow with the Center for Community Solutions, where chaired a statewide human services coalition, authored a report for the Brookings Institution, led a successful campaign against a state constitutional amendment, and served as a health care policy fellow in the Washington, D.C. offices of then Congressman Sherrod Brown.

Other significant accomplishments included leading a successful grassroots lobbying effort to secure \$7 million in first time state funding for an Ohio

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HIV Drug Assistance Program, coordinating a national fatherhood conference in conjunction with the William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation, and managing two successful Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services ballot issues.

Corlett's accomplishments have resulted in a number of awards, including being named Child Advocate of the Year, by the Public Children's Services Association of Ohio. Other awards have included the Ellery and Elizabeth Sedgwick Award from Planned Parenthood, the Friend of Public Education Award from the Ohio Federation of Teachers, the Leadership Award from the Human Rights Campaign Fund Cleveland Dinner Committee, Advocate of the Year from the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the City of Cleveland LGBT Legacy Award for Healthcare, Ohio Hospital Association 2013 Leadership Through Advocacy Award, and the Care Alliance 2014 Community Partner of the Year Award.

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