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SESSION IV – WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION ON CREDENTIALING



Michael L. Evans is currently the Workforce Policy Manager in the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation since its inception in January 2012. The office was created by Governor John Kasich to prioritize and advance critical reforms to Ohio's workforce development system. Michael serves as the Workforce Policy Manager and has a broad range of responsibilities including: policy development, legislative affairs and communications. Michael leads two mission-critical project initiatives for the office – the development of Workforce Success Measures, aligned performance metrics for Ohio's workforce programs, and efforts to prioritize veterans in Ohio's workforce system. His career in state government spans more than eight years working in a variety of different program and policy roles in the

legislative and executive branches. Michael is a 2004 graduate from Columbus State Community College with an Associate of Arts and a 2006 graduate from the Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Criminology. Michael benefited from the Ohio State University's internship program that provided valuable work experience at the Ohio House of Representatives while he completed his degree. He is currently taking courses and working towards his Project Management Professional certification through the Project Management Institute. Michael resides in German Village with his wife Mary and two Siberian Huskies, Dakota and Ella.



Daniel Eakins has served with the Ohio Department of Veterans Services for five years and is currently the State Veterans Programs Administrator. Immediately prior he was appointed as the first administrator of the Ohio GI Promise higher education initiative for the Ohio Board of Regents in August, 2008. Daniel has compiled more than ten years of public service with the State of Ohio. Daniel's military service began with his enlistment in the Army in 2002 and commissioning through Army Officer Candidate School in 2003. He served as a Tank Platoon Leader with 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. In 2005, he deployed to Iraq where he led more than 300 combat patrol missions. In 2008 Daniel joined the Ohio Army National Guard where he

commanded the Headquarters Company of the 216th Engineer Battalion during civil relief operations in Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. He also served as Executive Officer for the 216th and 112th Engineer Battalions. During 12 years of military service, Daniel earned promotion to the rank of Major and was decorated seven times for meritorious conduct, including the Bronze Star for combat service in Iraq. Daniel is a 1998 graduate of Miami University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He resides in Columbus.