

## HPIO provides testimony on health value to House, Senate committees

Last month, the Health Policy Institute was invited to provide testimony on its *Health Value Dashboard* to separate Ohio House and Senate committees.

On March 4, Sen. Shannon Jones, Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, invited HPIO to provide an overview of the Dashboard.

HPIO staff Amy Rohling McGee, Reem Aly and Amy Bush Stevens gave testimony, focusing on Ohio's greatest challenges and policies that could be put in place to improve health value in Ohio.

"There's a lot of great information here... This is a really interesting way to look at it as we start to look at population health and prevention as ways to improve our health," Jones said at the conclusion of the presentation.

Added Sen. Peggy Lehner: "Since I arrived in the General Assembly six years ago, the Health Policy Institute has stood out in my mind as one of the most valuable resources for legislators. And you certainly



**HPIO President Amy Rohling McGee, along with staff members Reem Aly and Amy Bush Stevens present testimony to the Senate Health and Human Services committee in March.**

did not disappoint here (with the Dashboard)."

Rep. Anne Gonzalez, chair of the House Health and Aging Committee, invited HPIO to make a similar presentation to her committee on March 25 and HPIO also has been invited to testify before the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee in June. Released in December, the HPIO

Health Value Dashboard (<http://www.healthpolicyohio.org/2014-health-value-dashboard/>) is the first ranking of its kind that measures health value states based equal weighting of health outcomes and health care costs. The ranking also takes into consideration metrics beyond health care, such as education, physical environment and social and economic environment.

### HPIO announces staff addition

Health Policy Institute of Ohio President Amy Rohling McGee announced earlier this month that Sarah Bollig Dorn has been named the Institute's new Health Policy Assistant.

Bollig Dorn will be working closely with HPIO's policy staff to provide state policymakers with the information and analysis they need to create sound health policy.

Prior to the Health Policy Assistant position, Bollig Dorn was a graduate assistant with HPIO. She holds a master's of public administration from the Ohio State University, where she was a University Fellow, and a bachelor's of English from the University of Oklahoma.

"We are very excited to have someone with Sarah's experience and knowledge joining the staff of HPIO," Rohling McGee said. "Her educational and professional experience will make her a tremendous asset to our staff."



**Bollig Dorn**

# HPIO launches “Voices on Value” online commentary series

In conjunction with the release of its 2014 *Health Value Dashboard*, HPIO is asking prominent health policy experts from Ohio and across the country to submit brief commentary on the *Dashboard* and the importance of measuring and improving health value.

The “Voices on Value” commentaries are posted on HPIO’s website.

The inaugural commentary was submitted by Yousuf J. Ahmad, Senior Vice President, System Development at Mercy Health. Subsequent commentaries have been written by Jason Orcena, Health Commissioner for the Union County General Health District and Dr. Craig Thiele, Chief Medical Officer at CareSource.

You can read the “Voices on Value” commentaries at

[www.hpio.net/voices-on-value](http://www.hpio.net/voices-on-value)

HPIO’s *Health Value Dashboard*, released in December, shows that Ohio’s health value rank is 47, with Ohioans living less healthy lives and spending more on health care than people in most other states. Improving health value means consumers have access to healthcare services that are affordable, employers pay less money for their employee’s health care, Ohio’s workforce is stronger, healthier and more productive, and Ohioans live longer and healthier lives.

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### Breaking the addiction

Policy pathways toward effective tobacco cessation and prevention for all Ohioans

Please join us to explore the science of nicotine addiction, including research on the reasons why tobacco use is more common among people with serious mental illness and those living in poverty. Speakers will describe evidence-based approaches for effective tobacco cessation for specific populations and discuss current policies in Ohio regarding tobacco and what changes could be made to reduce tobacco use.

**When:** 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Monday, June 1, 2015**

**Where:** The Ohio Union at the Ohio State University  
1739 North High St,  
Columbus, Ohio 43210

#### Featured Speakers

- Dr. Judith Prochaska, Stanford University
- Dr. Harold Pollack, University of Chicago
- Micah Berman, JD, The Ohio State University
- Dr. Mary Ellen Wewers, The Ohio State University

Registration begins at 9:00 am

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