What attracted you to HPIO?
I was attracted to both the organization’s mission and its reputation. I had participated in many meetings and educational sessions hosted by HPIO since the organization was created. I appreciated HPIO’s focus on being nonpartisan and independent.

Why is improving the health of Ohioans through policy important to you?
Improving health by advancing evidence-informed policies is important to me because of the potential to level the playing field and make sure that every Ohioan has the opportunity to be healthy. My mom was a nurse, and my dad was a social worker and administrator in a mission-focused hospital system, so I learned when I was very young that where we live and the resources we have impacts our health.

What has been your favorite project over the years?
I love our Health Value Dashboard! I constantly refer to it. The Dashboard includes over 100 metrics related to health and healthcare spending AND explains what this data tells us. It’s been fascinating to see what has changed since we released the first Dashboard in 2014.

What are you most proud of in our work?
I’m most proud of how we work together as a team, and the fact that we’re skilled at convening stakeholders, listening to feedback, and developing collaborative plans to improve the lives of Ohioans.

What do you value most about the culture and mission at HPIO?
We recently revised our mission statement to state that HPIO advances evidence-informed policies that improve health, achieve equity and lead to sustainable healthcare spending. I value all aspects of our mission, but eliminating racism and other forms of discrimination is particularly important to me, our staff and our board.

I also feel fortunate to have worked in an organization where it is ok to explore ideas and opinions and ask questions to gain a fuller understanding of an issue.

What projects do you put your time and energy into outside of work?
Watching birds, nurturing butterflies, hanging with my sassy teenager, eating anything my husband cooks, laughing with friends and family and binging comedies.

A message from our former vice president, Reem Aly:
Amy, HPIO has thrived with you at the helm. All of us at HPIO, past and present, are so appreciative of your passion, compassion, service and leadership. You truly represent HPIO’s mission.