

HPIO assists in providing accurate, timely information on ACA enrollment

In an effort to ensure effective coordination of consumer education and assistance related to new coverage options in the ACA, Philanthropy Ohio has contracted with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio to manage the Ohio Network for Health Coverage and Enrollment, or ONCE.

The purpose of ONCE is to ensure that outreach, education and enrollment efforts in Ohio are coordinated and effective so that uninsured Ohioans understand and enroll in health care coverage. To achieve this, ONCE engages in strategic partnerships and provides guidance, advice and leadership for collaborative Ohio efforts.

Since its formation last summer, ONCE has grown to include more than 350 participants. Active participation by state and federal partners ensures

timely, accurate information is disseminated through the network.

According to the ONCE strategic plan, "Given that Ohio did not apply for federal funding to enhance consumer assistance programs, multiple organizations recognized the need to have a cohesive network of engaged organizations ... A broad stakeholder network serves not only in the capacity of delivering consistent information, but also can operate in a unified capacity to bring a collective voice in an advisory role."

In addition to its contracted role managing ONCE, HPIO also is convening the ONCE policy workgroup as part of the Institute's core work related to improving access to care for all Ohioans.

HPIO announces staff addition

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



Gilligan

Gilligan 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 joining HPIO in January 2014, Gilligan spent seven years working for the Ohio Legislative Service Commission. During her time at LSC, she worked on the fiscal staff in the health and human services subject area and later coordinated the LSC Fellowship Program. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration from The Ohio State University.

"We are very excited to have someone with Stephanie's experience and knowledge joining the staff of HPIO," Rohling McGee said. "Her educational and professional experience in state policy, particularly in an independent, non-partisan setting, will make her a tremendous asset to our staff."

Save the Date: Upcoming HPIO Forum

Medicaid and beyond: State leadership in managing the cost and quality of care

While much attention has been focused on federal efforts to transform the health care system, it is becoming increasingly clear that state policymakers have an opportunity to play a significant role in efforts to lower the growth rate of healthcare costs. According to the State Health Care Cost Containment Commission, "the states are in a strong position to achieve meaningful reforms and create the needed incentives with the support of payers, providers, insurers, and consumers. As the nation's "laboratories of democracy," states can serve as a proving ground for new approaches that raise the efficiency and value of health care."

When: March 11, 2014
Where: Location TBD (Columbus)

healthcare costs. The forum will include a presentation from **Joan Henneberry**, member of the State Health Care Cost Containment Commission and

Managing Principal with Health Management Associates on "Jump starting state-level action on health-care cost containment" and also will feature a presentation from **Alan Weil**, executive director of the National Association for State Health Policy, on "Capitalizing on a shared goal: Controlling health care costs through cooperative federalism."

The event will conclude with a panel discussion featuring representatives of cutting-edge initiatives in other states, as well as policymakers outlining the latest approaches in Ohio.

On March 11th, the Health Policy Institute of Ohio will host a forum to explore Ohio's policy options for controlling

HPIO releases online guide to evidence-based prevention

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has created a new tool called "The Online Guide to Evidence-Based Prevention." It is available at <http://bit.ly/1bRA5gz>.

The guide provides policymakers, funders and prevention planners with a common understanding of "evidence-based practice" and tools to identify effective strategies to prevent Ohio's high-priority health problems.

Focusing on sources that are credible and user-friendly, this guide is designed to help planners navigate the many online sources of evidence about community-based prevention that have emerged in recent years.



HPIO President Amy Rohling McGee joined the Statehouse News Bureau's Karen Kasler in December on the set of "The State of Ohio" to give an update on ACA implementation. The interview aired on Ohio public television stations throughout the state.

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HPIO releases 2012-2013 impact report

In October, HPIO released a 2012-2013 impact report to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the Institute's founding in 2003. It is available for download at <http://bit.ly/1a1kMoB>

The report, which has been downloaded more than 45,000 times, highlights HPIO's role as a trusted resource to state policymakers and as a convener of diverse stakeholders.

Patricia O'Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Interact for Health (formerly the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati) and HPIO Board Director said in the report that, "Ten years ago, our foundation joined with others across the state to create HPIO because of the need for independent health policy information in an environment bogged down in politics and information with an agenda. Now we see the fruits of our labor: HPIO provides information and analysis to lawmakers that they can trust and it makes a difference in policy discussions."

