



## ADVANCING THE HEALTH OF ALL OHIOANS THROUGH INFORMED HEALTH POLICY DECISIONS

### GRANTEE PARTNER: HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE OF OHIO

Health Policy Institute of Ohio serves as Ohio's nonpartisan, independent source for forecasting health trends, analyzing key health issues and communicating current research to policymakers, state agencies and other decision-makers.

**WHAT WE FUNDED:** The Foundation's grant (\$200,000) supported HPIO's work in advancing the health of all Ohioans through informed health policy decisions. HPIO does this by improving the ability of health leaders, policymakers and other stakeholders to understand the implications of various health issues and to make fully informed decisions about them.

**WHAT IS THE NEED?** Non-partisan, factual information about health policy in Ohio

**WHY WE FUNDED THIS WORK:** Working with HPIO directly meets our desire to advance policy which we know is our best opportunity to make change that can impact our health priorities.



### Healthy People

#### Program Strategy Overview

We seek to influence policies and practices that increase opportunities for healthy eating and active living and, ultimately, promote healthier living and the reduction of obesity.

#### GOALS FOR THIS GRANT

- Stakeholders will increase their knowledge of specific health policy issues.
- Stakeholders will share information, create stronger networks and increase their skills/capacity to influence health policy.
- Stakeholders will identify and generate promising practices and innovative health policy solutions.

#### OUTCOMES

- Produced the Health Value Dashboard, a first-of-its-kind combined state ranking of health outcomes and healthcare costs.
- Hosted 10 educational forums.
- More than 90% of stakeholders agree that the HPIO forum they attended was relevant to their organization, sector or constituents.
- 92% of stakeholders agreed that they had increased knowledge about current and emerging health policy issues and opportunities as a result of attending a forum.
- Influence: Approximately three-quarters of forum attendees reported an intent to use information and analysis in policy process.
- 211 interactions took place involving more than 30 individual policymakers.
- Released 10 written policy products and three online guides; convened 38 meetings of groups and 10 forums; saw HPIO content incorporated into 53 media stories; and exceeded social media targets with 388 tweets.
- Received 16 requests for technical assistance from policymakers or other stakeholders.

#### THE APPROACH WE SUPPORTED

- Ongoing education of policymakers
- Ongoing monitoring of the Affordable Care Act – dashboard, information and analysis
- Providing information and analysis about the impact of key health policy issues
- Engaging policymakers and key stakeholders in conversations about issues impacting the health and well-being of Ohioans
- Development of publications and educational materials
- Convening key stakeholders and holding forums and conferences to educate and increase dialogue on health policy challenges and opportunities in Ohio
- Tracking Ohio's health outcomes and costs

#### REPORTED GRANTEE-LESSONS LEARNED

- Using the Health Value Dashboard has allowed HPIO to identify three areas for further research and policy exploration: tobacco use, behavioral health access, and food insecurity/healthy food access.
- Be flexible and responsive to current events, and balance the importance of providing high quality products with the capacity of the organization.