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Health Policy Institute of Ohio expands staff

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio President Amy Rohling McGee is pleased to announce the hiring of two new health policy analysts.

Mary Wachtel has been named Senior Health Policy Associate and will facilitate the Institute's efforts to provide state policymakers with the information and analysis they need to create sound health policy.

For the past six years Wachtel has served as Director of Health Policy at Voices for Ohio's Children, where she was responsible for developing and implementing that organization's health policy agenda on such topics as Medicaid/CHIP, coverage, access, quality and oral health. She earned a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Akron and a master's of social work degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

HPIO also has named Amy Bush Stevens **Research, Evaluation, and Policy Analyst** at the Institute. She currently works as a Program Evaluator for the Community Mental Health and Recovery Board of Licking and Knox counties and is the owner/operator of Owl Creek Consulting, where she designs and conducts program evaluation and needs assessment research for health and social service providers. Bush Stevens earned a bachelor's degree in religion at Kenyon College and both a master's of social work and a master's of public health from the University of Minnesota.

"Both Mary and Amy have extensive backgrounds in health policy and the complementary skill sets and knowledge that will enable HPIO to not only continue its leadership role in providing independent research and analysis to Ohio's state policymakers, but also to be an even greater resource for informed health policymaking," Rohling McGee said.

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio is an independent, nonpartisan organization that forecasts health trends, analyzes key health issues, and communicates current research to Ohio policymakers, legislators, and others. For more information on the Institute, go to <http://www.healthpolicyohio.org>.