

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## Project: Improving Michigan Health Policymaking

- With support from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, and Institute for Health Policy will bring additional focus for legislators to health care and health policy issues by expanding IPPSR's current educational programs offered through the Legislative Leadership Program. This focus on health care will meld research and practice to legislators serving on key policy and appropriation sub-committees through specialized forums and expanded training sessions.
- The creation of a "Health Policy Group" and underlying "Resource Committee" and "Steering Committee" will utilize the expertise of Michigan's higher education community and health care stakeholders to organize and provide to legislators:
  - The ability to convene and present nonpartisan expertise on topical health issues such as Medicaid, Medicare, Social Determinants of Health, Population Health, Healthy Michigan and similar programs as prioritized by the legislative Steering Committee.
  - Provision of a "safe setting" that allows legislators to ask questions about health care issues without fear of being quoted or ridiculed.
- The **Health Policy Group** will consist of legislators who are appointed or invited to participate by their Caucus leaders.
- The **Resource Committee** will include major health care stakeholders and academic institutions to provide the staff organization and identify presenters for the educational/discussion sessions with the legislators.
- The **Steering Committee** will be composed of one legislator from each of the four legislative quadrants and one representative from the governor's office. The Steering Committee will identify for the Health Caucus those priority issues to be developed for presentations, when they will be presented to the Health Caucus and how Health Caucus work projects will be overseen to assure that presentations are nonpartisan
- The Institute for Public Policy and Social Research builds problem-solving relationships among policymakers and researchers and applies best practices to issues facing the State of Michigan. IPPSR's unique mission combines public education and training programs with research on issues of public policy, survey research services and the initiation of public needs among diverse audiences. Programs include a focus on policy education and political leadership training.
- Located within the College of Human Medicine, the Michigan State University Institute for Health Policy serves a unique role facilitating and supporting collaborative relationships among CHM faculty and researchers throughout campus. These collaborative activities inform policymakers, state agencies and others with a goal of improving health care delivery in Michigan.



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