



## **Dr. Kara Morgan, Member At-Large**

Dr. Kara Morgan has 20 years of experience in risk and decision analysis. She currently is a principal at Quant Policy Strategies, LLC. She also is an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University's Glenn College of Public Affairs, where she teaches courses on risk and decision analysis. She was formerly a research leader at Battelle Memorial Institute in the Health and Analytics sector. In that role, she worked with clients to improve their use of data to inform decision-making, supported knowledge management tasks related to quality measures for healthcare improvement and worked with clients to assess the outcomes their programs were achieving.

Growing up in the Midwest, Dr. Morgan earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Michigan State University, her Master of Science degree in Environmental Science from Indiana University and her doctorate in Engineering and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University. After earning her doctorate, she worked for four years at a nonprofit research institute, supporting the Environmental Protection Agency with the use of data-based decision-making methods. After that, she spent 10 years at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, working to support the development and implementation of risk-based decision-making tools and implement strategic program planning for improving the achievement of public health outcomes.

Dr. Morgan's professional focus is in the development of tools and methods for supporting effective, data-driven risk management decisions. Her areas of emphasis include performance measurement, strategic planning, program evaluations, knowledge management, risk and decision analysis and application of these tools and methods to improve decision-making and outcomes in many policy areas.

She was appointed to the State Board in February 2017 and is eligible for re-appointment in January 2019.