

## **Colleen O' Tool, Ph.D.**

Colleen O'Toole is currently President of the Greater Cincinnati Health Council. The Health Council is a non-profit organization that provides collaborative opportunities to improve the quality and value of the health care system in the Tri-state community. The Council's members include hospitals, nursing homes, physician groups, and other health care provider organizations.

Before joining the Council, Dr. O'Tool served at the Massachusetts Dept of Public Health in a variety of capacities, including the Director of Operations for a state-level interagency Board, Special Assistant for Policy Development, Acting Director of the Organ Transplant Fund and Legislative Liaison.

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### **Greater Cincinnati Health Care Providers: Embracing the Quality Challenge**

According to the myth that Cincinnati is where folks will want to be at the end of the world because it's 10 years behind the times, one would not expect Cincinnati to be on the cutting edge of much. However in health care, Tri-state providers are ahead of the curve in many areas. Highlights of the cutting edge initiatives facilitated by the Greater Cincinnati Health Council, from voluntary reporting of hospital-specific quality measures and collaborating to reduce infections to innovatively addressing nursing shortages and expanding electronic health information exchange, will be presented.