



## HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Wednesday, October 2  
Time 12 p.m. CT

IN ATTENDANCE	
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair)	Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Chair)
Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair)	

  

STAFF	
Andrew Schmidt	

  

REGRETS	
Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD	Judy Ockene, PhD, MEd, MA
Sara Knight, PhD	Monica Wang, ScD, MS (CPEC Chair)

### Approval of the September minutes

Tabled for next call due to lack of a quorum.

### Review of legislator list by policy priority area

Drs. Buscemi and Janke reported that they completed the lists of key legislators for each topic, noting it was most difficult to identify legislators active in the child nutrition topic area.

The council like the final list and will begin contacting potential ambassadors for each legislator after receiving member list reports from SBM staff.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** SBM staff will generate lists of members who match each legislator/topic area to potentially serve as ambassadors. Dr. Buscemi will draft an invitation email to circulate after prospective ambassadors are identified.

### Legislation tracking

Dr. Buscemi informed the council that Ms. Bullock had identified [LegiScan](#) as a free tool for tracking legislation within the council's priority topic areas, and asked whether any members would be willing to try the service.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Drs. Buscemi, Janke, and Dulin will test the service and evaluate it as a potential resource to recommend to ambassadors.



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### Council name change

The council discussed potentially changing the council's name to avoid confusion between the Health Policy Council and Health Policy Committee, and to help communicate the unique role of each to the SBM membership.

Dr. Buscemi suggested that a new name reflect the council's advocacy focus and role as a coordinating body for SBM's health policy priorities, while a change to the Health Policy Committee's name instead of or in addition to a new name for the council could highlight that group's focus on policy statements in particular.

The council discussed whether a communication strategy for introducing and explaining SBM's various health policy groups to the membership would be helpful in addition to any name changes. Dr. Buscemi also noted that any council or committee name changes would require a modification of the SBM bylaws and thus a vote by the full society membership.

The council tabled the discussion for a future meeting.

### Ideas for additional council members

Dr. Buscemi asked the council to provide suggestions for new Health Policy Council members, particularly as several of the participants on the monthly calls have their own leadership positions on other councils and committees.

Dr. Janke suggested using the member lists generated for the ambassador program as a source of potential council members as well, and noted that SBM's bylaws don't place a limit on the number of members that can serve on a council or prevent student/trainee members from joining.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Dulin will forward the names of potential student members who have been involved with the Health Policy Committee previously, while Dr. Buscemi will consult published policy briefs for additional prospects.

### Updates from our other council and committee chairs

Dr. Dulin reported that the Health Policy Committee has two briefs in the composition phase, with another five briefs each in the proposal and idea phases.

Dr. Janke reported that the SPLC has recently added two new members: Dr. Colleen McBride in the genomics area and Dr. Leslie Hausmann as liaison to the VA. Dr. Dulin inquired about an inventory of active SPLC-led partnerships for potential matches with upcoming policy briefs.



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→**ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Janke will share an overview of current SPLC partners with the council, and Dr. Dulin will present the same to the Health Policy Committee.

### Adjourn

The call adjourned at 1 p.m. CT.

*Minutes submitted by A. Schmidt on October 2, 2019.*