



HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Wednesday, December 4
Time 12 p.m. CT

IN ATTENDANCE	
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair)	Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Chair)
Pamela Behrman, PhD	Sara Knight, PhD
Carly Goldstein, PhD (Guest)	Monica Wang, ScD, MS (CPEC Chair)

STAFF	
Lindsay Bullock, Heidi Friedrichs	

REGRETS	
Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair)	Judy Ockene, PhD, MEd, MA
Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD	

Approval of the November minutes

Motion to approve by Dr. Buscemi, seconded by Dr. Behrman. The motion carried.

Identify final pain ambassadors to invite

The council continued its discussion of the ambassadors project to match members with legislators in their districts. Drs. Buscemi and Janke will continue to look for people in Tennessee and Massachusetts as no clear “winner” stands out.

Discussion then turned to offering incentives for ambassadors to participate, such as free SBM membership or some other motivator. However, this would require treasurer approval, Mrs. Bullock stated, so other less costly options were discussed, such as tapping in to the Champions program with Membership Council. Dr. Wang suggested that the group approach early career/junior faculty who would likely have more time and want to get involved on the national level.

Dr. Goldstein suggested sending a follow-up email to agreed ambassadors from other states, asking for suggested names for Tennessee and Massachusetts.



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ACTIONS

Dr. Buscemi agreed and said she would (1) Email the Pain SIG chairs in January; (2) Get commitments and recommendations; and (3) Invite new members and include clear examples of what will be expected of them.

Training Manual Update

Dr. Behrman reviewed the objectives and priorities and stated she was concerned about how to guide ambassadors in their discussions with legislators. She suggested providing a script. Dr. Knight suggested talking points might be worth considering. Dr. Buscemi added that it would be helpful to have a table of what is acceptable and what is not. It was also suggested that a twice-yearly call be held as a fidelity check with ambassadors and that a log of activities be developed.

ACTIONS

Dr. Behrman will work on a “Do’s and Don’t’s” table and a template for logging activities.

Updates from our other council and committee chairs

There were no updates.

Council name change

The council again tabled the discussion for a future meeting.

Adjourn

The call adjourned at 1 p.m. CT.

Minutes submitted by H. Friedrichs on December 9, 2019