



## HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

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

MEMBERS	
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair)	Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD
Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair)	Rebecca Borzon (staff)

  

REGRETS	
Pamela Behrman, PhD	Sara Knight, PhD
Carly Goldstein, PhD (CPEC Chair)	Judy Ockene, PhD, MEd, MA
Brian Gonzales, PhD	Monica Wang, ScD, MS (CPEC Chair)
Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Chair)	

### Approve minutes from the January and February call

Approval of the January and February minutes tabled due to lack of quorum.

### Update on pain ambassadors training

Dr. Buscemi shared that pain ambassadors had been confirmed for every state. She noted that Senator Alexander from Tennessee would be retiring in January, and remarked that the council should still pursue building a relationship in the interim. Dr. Buscemi stated that the initial training went well. She had put together slides and a purpose for the ambassadors to better understand their role. Ambassadors were to have monthly contact with their legislator and each other, and were made aware of the resources at their disposal. As such, the ambassadors program had officially been launched. The council asked to be invited to the next training.

**ACTION:** Dr. Buscemi to invite council members to attend the next round of ambassador training.

### Update on rural health policy ambassadors list

Dr. Buscemi directed the council members to the rural health ambassadors list. The council agreed that the list was lengthy and difficult to parse. Ms. Borzon noted that, as she had not pulled the list, she was unaware of the specific parameters used. Ms. Borzon stated that she would determine the SIG information that had been used to pull the list in advance of the next call. It was determined that the council members would select a top three in each state, and decide the final selections from the top three.



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### **SBM 2020 in-person meeting**

Dr. Buscemi shared that the Health Policy Council's meeting during the Annual Meeting would be on Thursday, April 2 at 8:00 a.m. Health Policy Council members who were attending the SBM Annual Meeting were encouraged to attend. Dr. Dulin would be leading a panel session with two community org representatives. She was also leading a discussion with Dr. Buscemi and Dr. Fitzgibbon on health policy briefs and the overall submission process.

### **Updates from our other council and committee chairs**

Dr. Dulin shared that the Executive Committee had approved two health policy briefs. Two additional briefs are to be reviewed by the Executive Committee shortly.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business, the call adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by R. Borzon on March 12, 2020.*