



HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Wednesday, July 1, 2020
Time 12 p.m. CT

MEMBERS	
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair)	Carly Goldstein, PhD (CPEC Chair)
Melanie Bean, PhD	Brian Gonzalez, PhD
Pamela Behrman, PhD	Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Chair)
Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair)	Leo Wilton, PhD, MPH
Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD	

Approve minutes from last call

Motion made by Dr. Buscemi to approve minutes from last call; seconded by Dr. Gonzalez.
Motion carried.

Update on Rural Health and Child Nutrition Ambassadors Training

Dr. Buscemi reminded the council that a few rural health ambassadors still needed to be secured. However, Dr. Buscemi had held two training sessions where either the child nutrition or the rural health ambassadors could attend. The training had gone well, and all ambassadors had attended a session. The council thanked her for her efforts.

Ambassador Training Materials

Dr. Buscemi remarked that the ambassadors required more robust training materials. She had hoped that by beginning the conversation on updating talking points between the ambassadors, the ambassadors would be able to develop the points themselves. However, the child nutrition ambassadors had only shared resources so far, and the development of talking points had stagnated with the rural health ambassadors. She noted that there was a brief on food insecurity that had succinct talking points that could be shared with the child nutrition ambassadors. The council had the opportunity to

Dr. Bean noted that the ambassador program was likely still a novelty to those participating. She also mentioned that she was currently working on drafting talking points for the child nutrition ambassadors.

The council noted that strict deadlines would likely be helpful in helping ambassadors reach the goal of drafting talking points. It was also mentioned that there is still a pandemic occurring, and the ambassadors are likely under additional stress and have other barriers. They needed more support, communication, and deadlines.



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It was recommended that the ambassadors hold a bi-monthly zoom call. This would help them feel a greater sense of community as well as meet amongst themselves.

Ambassador Involvement with Health Policy Council Calls

Dr. Buscemi noted that it would be beneficial to have a Health Policy Council liaison to each group by topic area, as well as a lead ambassador. Dr. Bean noted that it would be easy for her to be the council liaison to the child nutrition ambassadors, as she was on the council and an ambassador. Dr. Berhman mentioned that she was new to the area of rural health, but she had learned about the topic from drafting a position statement on the topic, which could be shared with the ambassadors. Dr. Wilton volunteered to be the council liaison for the opioid pain ambassadors. It was mentioned that there were no briefs on the topic, and Dr. Janke noted that the ambassadors for that group could stay engaged by signing on to endorse other organization's policies on opioid pain management and COVID.

It was also noted that a google drive would be a sensible solution that would allow ambassadors to share resources without inundating others with emails.

Updates from our other council and committee chairs

HPC – Dr. Dulin noted that the Health Policy Committee had been quite busy reviewing and approving briefs. She mentioned that the committee had scheduled two meetings to discuss potential position statements on COVID and Child and Family Stress and on COVID and Violence and Trauma.

CPEC – Dr. Goldstein stated that many members of CPEC had been quite busy, and the turnout for call attendance was rather low. However, she noted that members were willing to review, edit or blurb any op-ed other members were writing.

Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 1:00 pm CT. *Minutes respectfully submitted by R. Borzon on July 6, 2020.*