



HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Thursday, August 1
Time 2 p.m. ET

IN ATTENDANCE	
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair)	Sara Knight, PhD
Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD	Judy Ockene, PhD, MEd, MA
Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Chair)	

STAFF	
Lindsay Bullock	Robert Carroll

REGRETS	
Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair)	Monica Wang, ScD, MS (CPEC Chair)

Approval of the minutes

Dr. Buscemi moved to approve the June call minutes. Dr. Knight seconded. The motion carried.

Update on the Health Policy Council priorities proposal

Dr. Buscemi informed the council that the SBM Board of Directors approved the proposed health policy priorities as presented. Dr. Buscemi was pleased to report that the Board found the priorities to be perfectly in line with SBM's mission.

SBM Ambassadors Program

Dr. Buscemi presented the first steps for developing the Ambassadors Program. Before the council identifies possible ambassadors, key federal legislators must be identified so potential ambassadors can be paired. The council will select 6-7 legislators for each of the three health policy priorities for a total of 18-21 legislators. Dr. Buscemi provided the council with a list of federal legislators that are attached in some way to one or more of the priorities. Dr. Ockene suggested adding James P. McGovern, a Democratic Representative from Massachusetts. He is the co-chair for the House Hunger Caucus, and child nutrition is a personal passion of his.

Drs. Buscemi, Janke, and Knight will refine the lists of legislators and draft bios for each final legislator. Dr. Buscemi will take the child nutrition list. Dr. Janke will take the pain management and opioids list. Dr. Knight will take the rural health list.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Drs. Buscemi, Janke, and Knight will draft legislator bios. They will touch base a week prior to the next Health Policy Council call to share and discuss their work.



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Possible Program Ideas for the SBM Annual Meeting

The council discussed possible programming for the 2020 Annual Meeting. The council would like to host a breakfast roundtable to introduce and discuss the SBM Ambassadors Program. It was suggested that a select few ambassadors could speak at the meeting and detail their role, as well as any notable successes in the early going. The council agreed that a breakfast roundtable was the best fit for such a program.

→ **ACTION ITEM:** Drs. Buscemi and Fitzgibbon will draft and submit a breakfast roundtable abstract for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Adjourn

The call adjourned at 2:42 p.m. ET.

Minutes submitted by R. Carroll on August 2, 2019.