



## HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Wednesday, September 2, 2020  
Time 12 p.m. CT

MEMBERS	
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair)	Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD
Melanie Bean, PhD	Brian Gonzalez, PhD
Pamela Behrman, PhD	Leo Wilton, PhD, MPH

  

REGRETS	
Carly Goldstein, PhD (CPEC Chair)	Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Chair)
Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair)	

### Approve minutes from the last call

Dr. Buscemi made motion to approve the August minutes; seconded by Dr. Gonzalez. The motion carried.

### Ambassador Update

Dr. Buscemi noted that the ambassadors had their initial meetings and used the strategies that they had discussed. The ambassadors had made calls and reached out with their contact information and were encouraged to share their experience. They were all making remarkable progress. Dr. Buscemi gave an update on the ambassadors' progress with their meetings with legislators. It was mentioned that many ambassadors had initial difficulty contacting their legislators as there were often very different points of contact on their sites, but their contact information could be requested. Additionally, Dr. Buscemi had found a list of schedulers for the ambassadors to contact in order to request meetings with their legislators. Dr. Gonzalez noted that librarians would be a good resource for the ambassadors to utilize due to their research capacities. Ms. Bullock also stated that ambassadors could reach out to the office and ask for the name of the Health Policy staffer.

Dr. Buscemi also remarked that Dr. Bean may not have the capacity to work double-duty as an ambassador and as a liaison to the council. It was difficult to do the required research and back-up assistance that the ambassadors required and move forward and schedule meetings with an ambassador.

It was also mentioned that the ambassadors may want to write a public-facing article. A broader request for briefs would have to be confirmed with Dr. Dulin. It was also clarified that a brief, and TBM submission, and a public-facing article all have a different target audience. A quarterly



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compilation of briefs was also recommended for *Outlook*. It was also noted that an article of some kind could be included in the *Weekly Digest*.

### **Review of Legislators up for Re-election**

Dr. Buscemi noted that this was an election year, and all of the Senators and Representatives were all up for reelection. The council would await the outcomes in November, and then in January, they would reevaluate the list and pull new criteria if needed.

### **Updating SBM Site**

Changing Council Description: Dr. Buscemi asked if the council could update the leadership page's description of the council. Ms. Bullock noted that the description was pulled from the bylaws, and could be updated with the council's new name. The page could be updated with a less specific description for now.

Updating the Advocacy Page: Dr. Buscemi inquired if the advocacy page could be updated to be more relevant to the council's work. The dropdown items could be changed to be each of the three ambassador areas with the descriptions from the initial proposal document. The ambassadors could also be added to the page.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business, the meeting ended. *Minutes respectfully submitted by R. Borzon on September 4, 2020.*