HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Thursday, September 5
Time 1 p.m. CT

IN ATTENDANCE
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair) Marian Fitzibbon, PhD
Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair)

STAFF
Lindsay Bullock

REGRETS
Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Chair) Judy Ockene, PhD, MEd, MA
Sara Knight, PhD Monica Wang, ScD, MS (CPEC Chair)

Approval of the August minutes
Tabled for next call due to lack of a quorum.

Review updated legislator lists by priority topic area
Key federal legislators must be identified for each priority area so ambassadors can be paired. The council will select 6-7 legislators for each of the three health policy priorities. Drs. Buscemi (child nutrition), Janke (pain management/opioids), and Knight (rural health) were to refine their respective lists of legislators and draft bios for each final legislator. However, the lists have grown instead.

➤**ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Buscemi will work with Drs. Janke and Knight to have the lists each narrowed to seven by the council’s next call.

After the lists are finalized, SBM staff can pull lists of SBM members who match so the council can start selecting people to invite to be ambassadors.

➤**ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Buscemi will draft an invite email template for asking SBM members to become ambassadors. It will be ready for the council’s next call.

After targeted members are invited, if the council is still in need of ambassadors, the group will consider an email plea to the full SBM membership.

Update on midday meeting for 2020 Annual Meeting
Drs. Buscemi and Fitzgibbon submitted a midday meeting proposal to discuss SBM’s recent policy work and future directions.

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

Dr. Dulin reported the Health Policy Committee released its financial toxicity of cancer brief in August. The approved brief on accessible medical equipment will be released in September. Several others are in the works including one on DPP for rural healthcare and one recommending the removal of the word “abuse” from the names of NIH institutes due to stigma.

**Adjourn**
The call adjourned at 1:22 p.m. CT.

*Minutes submitted by L. Bullock on September 5, 2019.*