



HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Time 12 pm CT

| MEMBERS | |
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| Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair) | Brian Gonzalez, PhD |
| Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair) | Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Representative) |
| Roger Figueroa, PhD | Leo Wilton, PhD, MPH |
| Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD | |
| | Rebecca Borzon, Lindsay Bullock (staff) |

| REGRETS | |
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| Melanie Bean, PhD | Carly Goldstein, PhD (CPEC Chair) |
| Pamela Behrman, PhD | |

Approve minutes from December call

Dr. Buscemi made motion to approve the minutes from January; seconded by Dr. Wilton. Motion carried.

Ambassador Update

Child Nutrition Ambassadors – The child nutrition ambassadors have been holding meetings with relevant committees, and are ready to draft new talking points, potentially on the child tax credit. The lead ambassador and Drs. Figueroa and Bean would work together to draft the next points. Dr. Dulin noted that the Student Mentees from the Health Policy Committee’s Student Mentoring program could participate and learn best practices from the ambassadors.

Rural Health Ambassadors – These ambassadors were either not holding meetings with their legislators, or not filling in the tracking document. These ambassadors need more specific nudges, as well as a reminder to track their meetings. It was noted that these ambassadors could connect with the child nutrition lead so that they can learn tips to manage their team.

Opioid Pain Management Ambassadors – Dr. Buscemi held a quarterly meeting with this ambassador group with Drs. Wilton and Figueroa. The group did not have any volunteers for the lead ambassador. This cohort of ambassadors had two groups working with one legislator. Thought they were new, each team included clinicians who would have excellent, patient-focused stories to share with staffers and are better at identifying barriers. Dr. Buscemi would try to nominate one of the groups to be the lead. The council noted that she should remind the ambassadors that a lead ambassador role would look great on an academic resume.



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TBM Policy Paper

The council noted that they would update their paper on SBM's policy initiatives from 2017 and resubmit to TBM. The paper would outline the current advocacy initiatives and the future directions of the council.

SBM's Organizational Restructuring

Dr. Buscemi outlined SBM's new organizational structure for the council. She noted that the structure was confidential until the full-member vote in April.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm CT. *Minutes respectfully submitted by R. Borzon on February 8, 2022.*