



HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Wednesday, August 4, 2021
Time 12 p.m. CT

MEMBERS	
Joanna Buscemi, PhD (Chair)	Pamela Behrman, PhD
Melanie Bean, PhD	Carly Goldstein, PhD (CPEC Chair)
	Rebecca Borzon, Lindsay Bullock (staff)

REGRETS	
Akilah Dulin, PhD (Health Policy Committee Chair)	Amy Janke, PhD (SPLC Representative)
Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD	Leo Wilton, PhD, MPH
Brian Gonzalez, PhD	

Approve minutes from June call

Approval of June minutes tabled to next month due to lack of quorum.

Ambassador Invitations Update

15 new ambassadors had been confirmed for the program. Ambassador Training was held July 13 at 12:00 pm CT. The training went well, and the few who could not attend watched a recording of Dr. Buscemi's presentation. Dr. Buscemi noted that the ambassadors would be engaged through position statements released by the Health Policy Committee.

Sign-ons and Endorsements

SBM had signed on to many statements since the council last met. Many of the following opportunities to sign-on and endorse were due to working with CSPI:

- CSPI – [Supply Chains for the Production of Agricultural Commodities and Food Product](#)
- CSPI – [Child Nutrition Reauthorization \(CNR\) priorities](#)
- Sen. Elizabeth Warren – reintroducing the [Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency Act](#)
- Trust for America's Health – [letter](#) to congressional leadership urging them to include Sen. Murray's [Public Health Infrastructure Saves Lives Act](#) (PHISLA, S. 674) in any infrastructure legislation being developed
- CSPI – [letter in support of the American Families Plan](#)



SOCIETY OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

New Coalitions in our Key Policy Areas & Training Opportunities for Ambassadors

Dr. Buscemi, Dr. Janke, and SBM staff had met to determine if the society should join additional coalitions. During this call, it was determined to join the coalitions and allow the ambassadors to attend the training opportunities available to them. The council decided that there would be a lead ambassador from each group who would engage the others and join the coalitions.

Child Nutrition – NANA: <https://cspinet.org/protecting-our-health/nutrition/national-alliance-nutrition-and-activity>

Rural Health – NRHA event: <https://www.ruralhealthweb.org/events/event-details?eventId=17>

Connect the Future: <https://connectthefuture.com/>

Opioid Pain Management—Voices: <https://nonopioidchoices.org/members/>

Other Business

Dr. Buscemi stated that she would like to showcase the ambassador program at the Annual Meeting. The presentation would focus on demystifying the process of meeting with legislators. This would likely include advice on how to schedule a meeting with legislators and how to follow up with them. The council decided to hold a panel over a networking event.

The child nutrition ambassadors had a potential journal submission based on an op-ed written by one of the ambassadors. The council agreed that they could submit to a non-SBM affiliated journal, but not as SBM ambassadors.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm CT. *Minutes respectfully submitted by R. Borzon on Friday, August 6, 2021.*