



## HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
Time 12 p.m. CT

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

REGRETS	
Carly Goldstein, PhD (CPEC Chair)	Brian Gonzalez, PhD

### Approve minutes from May call

Dr. Buscemi made motion to approve the May minutes; seconded by Dr. Dulin. Motion carried.

### Update on Ambassador Invitations

Dr. Buscemi stated that 14 new ambassadors had been formally invited to participate in the program. 5 rural health ambassadors, 5 opioid and 4 child nutrition invitations had been sent. Dr. Buscemi had received 5 “maybe” responses. Those who were unsure either had VA or FDA appointments. SBM staff would assist to create an email template with the appropriate legal language. It was also noted that there were no options for WY ambassadors.

### Coalitions in our Key Policy Areas & Potential Training Opportunities for Ambassadors

Dr. Buscemi informed the council that she had recently attended the APA’s Advocacy day on the Rally for Medical Research. The Rally had provided insights on how meetings with legislators worked. This could improve ambassador training. This would also be beneficial for ambassadors, as it could improve their storytelling abilities with legislators. Ambassadors needed to develop more personalized talking points during their meetings. SBM staff had reached out to Dr. Buscemi with coalitions and training opportunities for ambassadors. The coalitions would act as a training resource, and could collaborate on position statements, endorsements and meetings. The free coalitions could be joined, and trainings could be introduced to the wider group. It council discussed which ambassadors would join the groups. It may be based on personal interest. Likewise, there could also be one lead ambassador that acts as a liaison to the others. It was determined that this would be discussed further with SBM staff.

### Ambassador Update

Child Nutrition Ambassadors – No new updates.

Rural Health Ambassadors – No new updates.



## SOCIETY OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

Opioid Pain Management Ambassadors – The opioid pain group had written a health policy brief that would be reviewed by the EC at their next meeting.

### **Update on Collaborating with Policy Organizations**

Child Nutrition: There had been a call with Center for Science in the Public Interest on school meal waivers under the Healthy Hungry Kids Act.

Rural Health: No new updates.

Pain/Opioid: No new updates.

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

CPEC – The council was reminded to attend the joint webinar series with the HE SIG, HDM SIG, and HP Committee.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm CT. *Minutes respectfully submitted by R. Borzon on June 8, 2021.*