



SOCIETY OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

Advocacy Council Call Minutes

Date Thursday, October 13, 2022
Time 11 a.m. ET

ATTENDEES	
Roger Figueroa, PhD (Chair)	Amy Janke, PhD
Melanie Bean, PhD	Kristin Schneider, PhD (OPC Chair)
Pamela Behrman, PhD	Lindsay Bullock, CAE (staff)
Joanna Buscemi, PhD	Zack Zupke (staff)
Brian Gonzalez, PhD	

Minutes approval

Dr. Buscemi made the motion to approve the July call minutes; seconded by Dr. Behrman. The motion carried.

Discussion of vetting process for SBM sign ons/endorsements

Dr. Figueroa noted that SBM leadership is interested in additional vetting of sign-ons, endorsements, and/or position statements, to ensure a topic area expert is always included. He referenced a concern raised by a member about a possible controversial sign on to a cigarette warning label letter. Dr. Gonzalez also mentioned concerns he had raised about an SBM response to an RFI on women's health research. The council discussed current processes and some options, noting a balance must be found between vetting and being timely. The council felt the position statements already go through thorough vetting. The group will further discuss sign-ons and endorsements on the next call.

Advocacy and training event updates

Dr. Figueroa noted that SBM, thanks to donations, was able to send five ambassadors to the Rally for Medical Research Hill Day happened in September, and five more ambassadors to the AcademyHealth policy orientation coming up in October. The September event went well, with ambassadors generating legislative touchpoints, getting training, and sharing their experience on social media. Dr. Figueroa will report back following AcademyHealth.

Ambassador updates

Dr. Figueroa has quarterly calls with every ambassador group. They will continue to meet in January and April. The new climate change and health group was trained in September and is beginning outreach to legislative offices.



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Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12 p.m. ET.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Z. Zupke on November 17, 2022.