



HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL CALL MINUTES

Date Wednesday, November 3, 2021
Time 12 pm CT

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

REGRETS	
Marian Fitzgibbon, PhD	

Approve minutes from October call

Dr. Buscemi made motion to approve the October call minutes; seconded by Dr. Bean. The motion carried.

Ambassador Update

Child Nutrition—These ambassadors were making minor edits to their position statement per the request of the Health Policy Committee, who noted that the legislation was too specific to Biden’s Build Back Better. The committee had requested minor changes to the brief, and then it would be sent for Executive Committee review and approval. The lead ambassador had sent the ambassadors new materials after being nudged by Dr. Buscemi.

Rural Health Ambassadors – The rural health ambassadors were to develop new talking points. Heather Hardin had taken on the role of lead ambassador, and was working to funnel monthly content to the rest of the group. However, she did not update the group, even with a nudge from Dr. Buscemi. She had planned to ask her staffer what she had needed, however, she had not heard back.

Opioid Pain Management Ambassadors – New ambassadors were taking meetings, and the group was becoming more active than before. Dr. Buscemi will nominate a lead ambassador within the next month or so.

Overall, the ambassadors were making progress. There were training opportunities for the ambassadors: one would be this upcoming Friday, and the other was in February. The council had also signed on to various opportunities. Dr. Buscemi had met with other SBM members to foster more collaborations, including a member of the Obesity Roundtable who was not aware of SBM’s policy work.



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Dr. Buscemi had also met with the SIG Council to inform them of the rules and regulations of policy work within a nonprofit space. The council was willing to funnel work into the ambassadors. The council discussed making this work sustainable for both the council chair and SIGs. The council chair would have to attend a SIG Council call annually in order to bridge gaps between new SIG chairs becoming elected. Dr. Buscemi noted that it would be beneficial to continue to build in a leadership structure for the incoming chair.

Talking Points for Rural Health Ambassadors

It was noted that the legislation that the rural health ambassador's talking points was built around was currently sitting in Congress with no movement. The Congressional Committee Chair was from MI, but SBM does not have an ambassador for that state. It was determined that outreach to SBM's partners must be done.

1. Update on Collaborating with Policy Organizations

Child Nutrition: Center for Science in the Public Interest – Food Labeling Modernization Act

Rural Health: Rural Policy Research Institute

Pain/Opioid: American Physical Therapy Association

Updates from our other council and committee chairs

HPC – Dr. Dulin noted that there would be an incoming chair for 2022. At this time, the committee would review its members. The committee had also recently launched a new social media dissemination strategy to great success.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm CT. *Call minutes respectfully submitted by R. Borzon on November 5, 2021.*