

Legislative Cabinet  
Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2015  
6PM-7:30PM

- I. Welcome and opening remarks by Chair, Dr. Reynolds, MD
- II. Approval of meeting minutes for 2015
  - a. The meeting minutes were approved for the January, February and May 2015 meetings.
- III. Discussion of legislative priorities
  - a. Medicaid reform- Dave Horne provided an update on the status of Medicaid reform. Mr. Horne led the call participants through the NCMS summary of the competing House and Senate Medicaid reform proposals, discussing how each of these proposals compares to the NCMS position in key areas of reform. The committee then had an open discussion on the topic. Several committee members indicated their support for strengthening the HIE in these reform proposals. Other committee members expressed their support for maintaining CCNC during the transition to the new Medicaid system. There was also support given to maintaining physician-led requirements in Medicaid reform efforts.
  - b. House and Senate budget proposals- Jennifer Gasperini summarized the key provisions of both the House and Senate budget proposals, as well as the timeline for negotiations expected on the budget.
  - c. Medical Board legislation- Dave Horne provided a status update on where “Amend Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board” H 543 stands in the legislative process, which passed the House and stands in the Senate Rules Committee. There were no questions regarding the legislation.
- IV. Discussion of legislative items affecting medical practice
  - a. Amend Firearms Laws- Dave Horne outlined H 562 and updated the committee on the successful efforts by the NCMS, NC Psychiatric Association, NC AFP and NC Pediatrics Society for removal of the physician provisions of the proposed legislation, which would have prohibited a physician from asking their patient about lawful gun ownership and documenting those issues. Committee members expressed their support for the NCMS and coalition’s continued work on this issue.
  - b. Women and Children Protection Act of 2015- Jennifer Gasperini provided a summary and update on H 465, and the changes made to the bill prior to passage as a result of a coalition’s work including the NCMS, the NC OBGYN Society, the NC AFP and the NC Pediatric Society. Committee members thanked the NCMS and coalition for their work on this issue.
- V. Discussion of other legislative items
  - a. Teen Skin Cancer Prevention Act- Jennifer Gasperini provided an update on H 158, which passed since the last Legislative Cabinet call. Committee members expressed their thanks for the work on passing this legislation in conjunction with the NC Dermatology Society.
  - b. Allow for Substitution of Biosimilars- Jennifer Gasperini provided an update on H 195, which passed since the last Legislative Cabinet call, and noted that the NCMS will continue to monitor the biosimilars issue as more products are brought to the market.
- VI. Review of 5 year old policies
  - a. Committee accepted staff’s recommendations on policies to retain or discontinue certain five year-old policies.
- VII. Adjourn- Committee adjourned at 7:30PM.