

## NCMS Policy Committee meeting

February 11, 2021, 6:00-8:00 pm

Virtual - Zoom

### Minutes

#### Members Present:

Lisa Shock, DrPH, PA-C  
Tres Pittman  
Weyling White  
Brienne Lyda-McDonald  
Labron Chambers  
John Lumpkin  
Matt Martin  
Christopher Grubb  
Genie Komives  
Adam Zolotor  
Katie Borders

Palmer Edwards  
Dave Horne  
Merritt Seshul  
Jeff Hatcher  
Peter Morris  
Samuel Cohen  
Justin Hurie  
Holly Biola  
Lynne Fiscus  
Mitch Heflin  
Palmer Edwards  
William Lawrence

#### Staff Present:

Kristen Spaduzzi  
Danielle Snyder  
Ashley Rodriguez  
Alan Skipper  
Sue Ann Forrest  
Melanie Phelps

- I Lisa Shock called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and staff; Kristen Spaduzzi did a brief rollcall & introductions of new members.
- II Minutes from December 2020 meeting approved unanimously.
- III Review of *Telehealth* policy draft
  - Labron Chambers presented the draft *Telehealth* policy, reviewed feedback from survey and workgroup
  - Genie Komives provided suggested edits for clarification regarding consent
  - Group discussion around feedback, policy language and phrasing (specifically around transparency, consent, and billing) to ensure clarity for both providers and patients
  - Edits were made live during the meeting and final draft was voted on (unanimously) to go to the Board for review and approval
- IV Review of *Digital Health Equity* policy draft
  - Ashley Rodriguez explained reasoning in workgroup's choice regarding the name of this policy (Digital Equity vs Digital Health Equity), Labron Chambers commented that this policy had a lot of strong comments in the feedback we received, including

that it wasn't the NCMS's responsibility to be involved in the broader Digital Equity and should stay with Digital Health Equity

- Group discussion around training, language, and phrasing
  - o Suggested addition of sentence around assessing those at risk for barriers and ways to close the gap
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V Holly Biola reported from the Board

- Approval of Tobacco Free NC with very little discussion
- Authorization to pursue Air Quality NC & Health Education policies

VI Lisa Shock opened the floor to allow for committee members to discuss how to best move forward for the rest of the year, which policies to request approval on from the Board, how to approach, etc.

- Public Health (& Public Health - Children's Issues) currently has 60 Policies
- Environmental Health currently has 14 Policies
- Committee voted (unanimously) to request approval from the Board to add the Environmental Health and Public Health/Public Health – Children's Issues sections of the NCMS Policy Manual to the 2021 policy committee agenda. The goal would be to review the policies in these sections of the manual and determine whether there are policies that should be kept, combined, sunset. The staff will request approval to create committee subgroups to address the Environmental and Public Health sections of the policy manual.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Spaduzzi