

NCMS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

6:00-8:00 pm

Virtual - Zoom

Members Present:

Lisa Shock, DrPH, MHS, PA-C
Laura Gerald, MD, MPH
Adam Zolotor
C. Labron Chambers, Jr.
Christopher Grubb
Eugenie (Genie) Komives
Jeff Hatcher
John Lumpkin
Justin Hurie
Kelley Singer
Lynne Fiscus
Mitchell Heflin
Peter J. Morris
William Lawrence

Consultants:

Brienne Lyda-McDonald
Sam Cohen

Staff Present:

Alan Skipper
Kristen Spaduzzi
Ashley Rodriguez
Danielle Snyder
Sue Ann Forrest
Ayesha Andrews

- I. Lisa Shock called the meeting to order and expressed appreciation to the members and staff for their participation. A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on February 11, 2021 was made by John Lumpkin, and seconded by Mitchell Heflin. Since there were no corrections, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Lisa Shock provided updates from the NCMS Board of Directors on the Telehealth and Digital Health Equity policies that were approved and commended the Committee on their hard work. Danielle Snyder also provided a web link in the chat to view both policies that were updated in the NCMS policy manual. Next, the floor was opened for any other updates and or questions about either of the two policies that were passed.
 - Kristen Spaduzzi apprised the Committee that the Board approved their request to take on the Public Health and Environmental Health sections of the manual as well as a Team Based Care/Team Connected Care policy.
- III. The 2021 Policy Agenda & Strategy was discussed. Lisa Shock and Laura Gerald elaborated on the Committee's approach to focus mainly on the areas of Environmental Health, Public Health, and Public Health Children's Issues policy rather than on the Team Based Care/Team Connected Care policy until they gathered more information.

- Laura Gerald discussed the existing policies and supporting materials that were emailed to the Committee referencing the current NC Medical Journal, that focuses on public health, and the AMA's *Strategic Plan to Embed Racial Justice and Advance Health Equity*.
- Gerald expounded on the Committee's task to be proactive going beyond merely reviewing new/existing policies when devising policy recommendations that are consistent with what is needed, specifically in North Carolina. Likewise, the policies should align with the Healthy NC 2030 and the Medical Society's guiding principles. She noted that she will clarify with both the Board and the lobbying staff at the Medical Society if there are specific policies or current issues that should be addressed.
- The floor was opened for discussion on Public Health and Public Health Children's Issues and how it is divided out in the NCMS policy manual. Further dialogue centered around how specific or general the policies should be, the risks associated with each, and whether there were specific policies within existing ones that needed to be preserved.
- Ashley Rodriguez provided an overview of the bill analysis process that she and the External Affairs team implemented this legislative session in an effort to highlight how the NCMS policies help provide guidance and direction on the various bills that NCMS is asked to address. A link was also shared to the list of bills tagged as public health and safety topics.
- Three workgroups were delegated and assigned to breakout rooms. The Public Health, Environmental, and Team Based Care workgroups were each tasked to construct a meeting schedule, devise an outline of their approach on the policies, as well as to think through practical details (e.g., if they want to meet via Zoom, if they will utilize Google docs, Doodle polls, determine what support will they need from the staff, and who would be the group's point person). When the workgroups reassembled, they confirmed their next steps.

IV. Closing comments were given by Laura Gerald. Afterwards, Adam Zolotor motioned to adjourn, and Jeff Hatcher seconded the motion. At 7:44 p.m. the meeting was unanimously adjourned and will reconvene in October.

Respectfully,
Kristen Spaduzzi

WORKGROUPS

I. Environmental Health

Dave Horne	Genie Komives	Jeff Hatcher	Justin Hurie	Merritt Seshul
Diana Dayal	Katie Borders	Kelley Singer	Matt Martin	Sam Cohen

II. Public Health/PH – Children’s Issues

Laura Gerald	Labron Chambers	Chris Grubb	Lynne Fiscus	William Lawrence
Peter Morris	Adam Zolotor	John Lumpkin	Weyling White	Brienne Lyda-McDonald

III. **Team-Based Care (new)**

Lisa Shock	Mitch Heflin	Tres Pittman
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