

## NCMS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

6:00-8:00 pm

Virtual - Zoom

### Members Present:

Lisa Shock, DrPH, MHS, PA-C  
Laura Gerald, MD, MPH  
Peter Morris, MD  
Matt Martin, MD  
Christopher Grubb, MD  
Eugenie (Genie) Komives, MD  
William (Tres) Pittman, MD  
John Lumpkin, MD  
Justin Hurie, MD  
Kelley Singer, MD  
Lynne Fiscus, MD  
Mitchell Heflin, MD  
Katie Borders, MD  
William Lawrence, MD

### Consultants:

Dave Horne  
Sam Cohen

### Guest Speakers:

Jon Fowlkes (DPH)  
Shane Smith (DPH)  
Ed Norman (DPH)  
Frannie Nilsen (DEQ)  
Joy Hicks (DEQ)

### 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, guests, and staff for their participation. A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on June 16, 2021 was made by Genie Komives, and seconded by Laura Gerald. Since there were no corrections, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Lisa Shock provided a brief overview of the progress made by the team-based care subcommittee to date:
  - a. Subcommittee is made up of policy committee members, *Lisa Shock, Mitch Heflin, and Tres Pittman*, and also includes *Dr. Roy Strowd and Tina Natt och Dag*.
  - b. The subcommittee has met twice and an outline for the draft policy has begun to take form. The subcommittee meets again next week (10/19)
- III. Peter Morris provided an update on the progress of the public health subcommittee:
  - a. The subcommittee is made up of committee members, *Laura Gerald, Peter Morris, Labron Chambers, Chris Grubb, Lynne Fiscus, William Lawrence, John Lumpkin, Adam Zolotor, Weyling White, and Brieanne Lyda-McDonald*.

- b. The subcommittee has met twice and created a robust framework utilizing HNC 2030, The 10 Essential Public Health Services, and Culture of Health Outcome to guide the committee's development.
  - c. The subcommittee is reviewing the existing NCMS Public Health and Public Health – Children's Issues policies via Survey Monkey to determine if the policy should be revised, rescinded, or are included in the draft framework.
- IV. Genie Komives provided a brief overview on the progress of the environmental health policy subcommittee:
  - a. The environmental health subcommittee is made up of the following committee members, *Genie Komives, Jeff Hatcher, Justin Hurie, Matt Martin, Merritt Seshul, Kelley Singer, Katie borders, Diana Dayal, Dave Horne, and Sam Cohen.*
  - b. The subcommittee developed an initial headlining draft statement that Genie provided to the committee. The subcommittee has discussed specific areas they think are important to include in the policy development, i.e. environmental racism, exposure, etc.
  - c. The subcommittee recognized the need for external guidance and education on NC environmental health and requested that staff invite members from NC DPH and NC DEQ to our October meeting.
- V. Frannie Nilsen, Toxicologist from NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Joy Hicks, Legislative Director from NC DEQ, joined the committee meeting. Frannie provided a brief overview of who NC DEQ is and what they do. She also educated the committee on emerging compounds in NC, i.e. PFAS, 1,4- Dioxane, TCE, and what clinicians should know. Frannie provided the slides from her presentation, which are on the NCMS Policy Committee webpage.
  - a. The committee members and NC DEQ had an enlightening discussion around focus areas for policy development, research/data challenges, reporting options, and resources.
- VI. Jon Fowlkes, Shane Smith, and Ed Norman from NC Division of Public Health: Environmental Section presented next.
  - a. Jon Fowlkes, REHS, Onsite Water Protection Branch Head, started off by presenting what the Onsite Water Protection Branch is responsible for, who they work with (construction and permits), areas of focus (septic, private drinking wells, sewage, and tattoo parlors), and challenges his branch faces, i.e. finding qualified applicants, threat of legislation that undermines the State's authority to regulate, housing boom and pandemic creating permit backlogs, and threat of

privatization. Jon also went over the education and training requirements for a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

- b. Shane Smith, REHS, Food Protection and Facilities Branch Head, provided an overview of food protection programs and rules that are currently in review, which span from adult day cares to summer camps. The food protection and facility rules are used to update existing industry and regulatory rules, employee health policies, exclusion and restriction guidelines, reportable illnesses, etc.
  - c. Ed Norman, MPH, Environmental Program Manager for Lead & Asbestos Branch, concluded the DPH presentations with an overview focused heavily on the childhood lead prevention program. Ed provided a handout with reporting requirements, POC blood lead analyzer info, blood test kit recall information, CDC & NC retesting recommendations, and state laboratory information, which is available on the NCMS Policy Committee webpage.
- VII. The staff will reach out the subcommittees to schedule follow up meetings. The co-chairs thanked our guests and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Kristen Spaduzzi