

NCMS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

6:15p – 8:15p

Virtual – Zoom

Members Present:

Lisa Shock, DrPH, MHS, PA-C
Laura Gerald, MD, MPH
Peter Morris, MD
Genie Komives, MD
Mitch Heflin, MD
Lynne Fiscus, MD
William (Tres) Pittman, MD
Merritt Seshul, MD
Jeff Katz, PA-C
Adam Zolotor, MD
Doug Holmes, MD

Consultants Present:

Dave Horne

Staff Present:

Kristen Spaduzzi
Ashley Rodriguez
Alan Skipper
Michelle Laws
Art Apolinario, MD

- I. Dr. Shock called the meeting to order and introduced the committee's two newest members, Jeff Katz, PA-C, and Doug Holmes, MD. Dr. Shock then moved to the February meeting minutes. After a brief review, a motion to approve the minutes was called by Dr. Komives and seconded by Dr. Pittman. No discussion was requested, and minutes were approved unanimously by the committee.
- II. Dr. Shock moved to the next agenda item, introducing consultant committee member, Dave Horne from Smith Anderson, to present the legislative update to the committee.
 - i. Dave first addressed highlights of the 2021 long session, focusing in on five key areas that NCMS spent time and resources working on: 2021 Appropriations Act, Pharmacy Scope, SAVE Act, Medical Billing, and Civil Liability.
 - ii. Dave then transitioned to the upcoming 2022 short session, giving detailed attention to four bills that NCMS will be following closely: [The SAVE Act](#), [Medicaid Expansion](#), [Telehealth](#), and [Medical Marijuana](#). (click on the hyperlink to see the bill).
 - iii. Dave highlighted the physicians running for the upcoming primary on May 17th that the NCMS is helping to support through the [NCMS PAC](#).
 - a. [NC Rep. Kristin Baker, MD](#) – District 82/Cabarrus County
 - b. [Timothy Reeder, MD](#) – District 9/Pitt County
 - c. [Cheryl Russo, MD](#) – District 42/Mecklenburg County
 - iv. Dave also highlighted Dr. Seshul's wife, [Ashley Seshul](#) – District 34/Wake County
 - v. Dave wrapped up his presentation by encouraging committee members to connect with their local representatives, donate to the NCMS PAC, and to vote.
- III. Dr. Gerald called on staff to provide an update on the Team-Based Care (TBC) draft policy. Kristen stated that the survey is still open until Sunday, April 10th, and then she will compile the results to provide to the TBC subcommittee to review and propose revisions.

- IV. Dr. Morris presented the first Public Health draft principal policy and the steps taken to develop this draft policy by the public health subcommittee. Dr. Morris explained that the behind this draft policy is a guide for the direction and position of existing NCMS policies and future NCMS policy developments and statements regarding public health. The subcommittee reviewed over sixty existing NCMS public health related policies to determine the next steps for each policy, i.e. revise existing, sunset existing, or captured & replaced in new draft policy.
- i. The committee members had an in-depth and lengthy discussion about the draft policy, which will be considered in conjunction with member and stakeholder feedback by the subcommittee when they finalize the draft for NCMS BOD submission.
 - ii. Dr. Morris, as the public health subcommittee lead, brought forth a motion to vote to move the draft policy forward, as written, for member and stakeholder feedback. The full committee voted with a majority consensus to move the draft policy forward for member and stakeholder review. The draft policy will go before a NCMS BOD subcommittee for approval before being sent out to the NCMS membership.
- V. Dr. Gerald adjourned the full committee meeting so everyone can break out into their subcommittee meeting. Dr. Gerald directed the subcommittees to adjourn based on their respective tasks and timeframe.

Respectfully,

Kristen Spaduzzi
NCMS Staff