

NCMS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

6:45p – 8:15p

Virtual – Zoom

Members Present:

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

Consultants Present:

Sam Cohen
Brieanne Lyda-McDonald

Staff Present:

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

- I. Dr. Gerald called the meeting to order and reviewed the April meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was called by Dr. Morris and seconded by Jeff Katz, PA-C. No discussion was requested, and minutes were approved unanimously by the committee.
- II. The full committee broken into their respective subcommittee groups for discussion on their draft policies.
 - i. The Public Health subcommittee reviewed and discussed the draft policy survey feedback from members that they received before the start of the meeting.
 - ii. The Environmental Health subcommittee reviewed the draft policy revisions and discussed additional revisions to the outline and language.
- III. The full committee reconvened, and Dr. Shock moved into the open forum discussion to give committee members an opportunity to address questions, concerns, and policy issues, as well as suggest topics for policy development consideration.
 - i. Dr. Shock asked if the NCMS staff had any updates on a statement regarding the recent events involving women's rights and gun violence. Ashley Rodriguez responded that NCMS CEO, Chip Baggett, had put out a [press release](#) regarding the recent events in Texas and Oklahoma. Ashley also referenced and shared the existing NCMS firearm and abortion policies:
 - a. [Firearms](#)
 - b. [Prevention of Firearm Injuries in Children](#)
 - c. [Abortion](#)
 - ii. The committee co-chairs, Dr. Gerald and Dr. Shock, expressed their concerns that the Policy Committee members did not receive the press release, nor have they been consulted on the current issues that directly impact public health and safety. This led to a healthy discussion about the NCMS policy determination and development process, and the role the policy committee can play when issues arise that require a quick

response. Dr. Apolinario invited committee members to reach out to individual Board members or staff to share policy suggestions. Kristen also reminded the committee that a committee board report is sent to the NCMS BOD after each policy committee meeting that includes a brief summation of recent meeting discussion, committee requests and committee recommendations for the NCMS BOD.

- iii. The discussion concluded with Dr. Gerald highlighting the take-away message that the policy committee would be in favor of taking up policies to address gun safety, women's access to health, physician/clinician protections; and, that the committee is willing to do what is necessary to provide timely policy recommendations to the NCMS BOD.
- IV. Dr. Shock moved into the final agenda item, review and discussion of the revised *Team Based Care* draft policy.
- i. Dr. Heflin summarized the draft policy feedback that was received from NCMS members and stakeholders. He highlighted the key areas that came up in the feedback, which included:
 - a. Suggestions for more specific and inclusive language centered around engagement and commitment to community and community-based care models;
 - b. Addition of references such as the NCICLE, which has a broader representation that speaks to our members;
 - c. Inclusion of scope-specific language such as, "physician-led"
 - ii. Dr. Heflin spoke to each of these areas of feedback and how the subcommittee processed and addressed the feedback in the revised policy draft. The committee discussed the draft policy at length before a motion was presented and seconded to vote on the policy. The committee voted unanimously to approve the draft and recommend it to the NCMS BOD.
- V. Dr. Shock moved to adjourn the meeting and add the public health draft policy discussion to the next meeting's agenda. The committee concurred and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

Kristen Spaduzzi
NCMS Staff