

## NCMS Policy Committee

### Summation of Work Accomplished 2019-2022

- **2019**
  - First Policy Committee meeting commenced in October 2019
    - Development of [NCMS Guiding Principles](#) – Adopted by the NCMS BOD in 2020
- **2020 Policy Development**
  - The development and adoption of the following policies was achieved in 2020 by the NCMS Policy Committee
    - [Access to Care and Social Supports](#) (adopted 6/2020)
    - [Health Equity](#) (adopted 11/2020)
    - [National CLAS Standards](#) (adopted 11/2020)
    - [Maternal & Infant Health](#) (draft finalized by BOD workgroup; adopted 8/2020)
    - [Preconception and Reproductive Health Education to Women and Men](#) (draft finalized by BOD workgroup; adopted 8/2020)
  - The Policy Committee members and staff successfully transitioned policy committee meetings to a completely virtual environment due to COVID-19
- **2021 Policy Development**
  - The development and/or adoption of the following policies was achieved in 2021 by the NCMS Policy Committee:
    - [Tobacco Free NC](#) (adopted 1/2021)
    - [Telehealth](#) (adopted 5/2021)
    - [Digital Health Equity](#) (adopted 5/2021)
  - The NCMS Policy Committee requested and received approval from the NCMS BOD to take on reviewing and revising existing NCMS policies under sections Public Health, Public Health - Children's Issues, and Environmental Health, as well as developing a new policy for each section. This is a total of 75 existing NCMS policies that the committee is undertaking.
  - The committee also requested and received approval from the NCMS BOD to develop a new policy, Team-Based Care.
  - The NCMS Policy Committee created three subcommittee to address the approved policy agenda
    - Each subcommittee met multiple times and provided brief updates on their respective work in the October and December 2021 meetings
- **2022 Policy Development**
  - The development and/or adoption of the following policies was achieved in 2022 by the NCMS Policy Committee:
    - [Team-Based Care](#) (adopted 11/2022)
    - [Public Health in North Carolina](#) (adopted 11/2022)
      - *The committee reviewed 32 public health policies and made recommendations to the BOD in addition to developing the comprehensive public health policy linked above*

- At the July BOD meeting, the Board directed the Policy Committee and the Ethical & Judicial Affairs Committee to work collaboratively on three policy initiatives:
  - Abortion/Reproductive Rights
  - Firearms
  - Corporate money/private equity influence in medicine
- The two committees convened a subcommittee in September 2022 that met almost every week until the December committee meeting to develop the [\*Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care\*](#) draft policy. The draft policy was finalized and approved by both full committees at the December 2022 meeting and recommended to the NCMS BOD for adoption at their January 2023 meeting.
- The 2022 committee and subcommittee meetings were primarily virtual; however, the committee did have a successful in-person meeting at the NCMS offices in October. The committee will continue 2023 with an in-person meeting in October, in conjunction with the annual LEAD conference.

➤ **2023 Policy Agenda**

- The committee will see a total of 7 committee members (inclusive of two consultants) roll off and will welcome 7 new members to the committee
- The committee will convene two more subcommittees, in collaboration with the E&J Affairs Committee, to address Firearms and Corporate money/private equity influence in medicine
- The committee will also resume work on the Public Health and Environmental Health policies
- The committee anticipates there may be additional policy directives from the BOD in 2023