

## NCMS POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 2.2023 MINUTES

Policy Committee  
February 15, 2023  
Meeting Format: Virtual

### ATTENDEES:

<b>Lisa Shock, DrPH, MHS, PA-C</b> <i>Committee Co-Chair</i>	<b>Elizabeth Livingston, MD</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Art Apolinario, MD</b> <i>NCMS President-Elect</i>
<b>Martin Palmeri, MD, MBA</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>William Lawrence, MD</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Eileen Raynor, MD</b> <i>NCMS President-Elect</i>
<b>Mitch Heflin, MD, MHS</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Tres Pittman, MD, MBA</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Kristen Spaduzzi</b> <i>NCMS Staff</i>
<b>Jeffrey Katz, PA-C</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Sam Cohen, JD, MPP</b> <i>Committee Consultant</i>	<b>Ashley Rodriguez</b> <i>NCMS Staff</i>
<b>Hans Arora, MD, PhD</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Blaine Paxton Hall, MHS-CL, PA-C, DFAAPA</b> <i>Committee Consultant</i>	<b>Emma Kate Sowder</b> <i>NCMS Staff</i>
<b>Lynne Fiscus, MD, MPH</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Jonas Swartz, MD, MPH</b> <i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Alan Skipper</b> <i>NCMS Staff</i>
<b>Sandhya Montilus, MD</b> <i>Committee Member</i>		

### **WELCOME & MINUTES APPROVAL**

- Dr. Shock called welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Dr. Palmeri, a new committee member for 2023, introduced himself.
- Dr. Shock asked for a motion to approve the January minutes, which was brought forth and seconded. January meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

### **NCMS BOD UPDATE**

- Kristen provided a brief overview of the January 28<sup>th</sup> NCMS Board of Directors meeting, stating that the BOD was very appreciative of the work that was done on the [Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care](#) policy. The NCMS BOD unanimously approved the policy, which is now included in the NCMS Policy Manual.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE WORKGROUPS**

- Kristen gave a quick summation of the Public Health workgroup and the Environmental Health workgroup's history and accomplishments thus far.
- Kristen also reminded everyone about the joint subcommittee on Firearms that would be convening on Monday, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. This subcommittee will meet every other Monday.
  - Once the subcommittee completes their work on Firearms, a new joint subcommittee will convene to address the influence of private equity/corporatization of medicine.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUP**

- The PH workgroup reviewed the existing NCMS policies for [Obesity](#), [Soft Drink Tax Dedicated to the Prevention of Obesity](#), [Obesity Education](#), and [Obesity Surgery Coverage](#).

- A broader policy framework was discussed to incorporate the intent from all four existing policies, as well as including some additional provisions to address specific principles focused on access to affordable healthy foods, de-stigmatization, barriers, cost and coverage, clinician's role, and lived environment.
- Kristen will draft a policy outline, based on the workgroup discussion, for review and discussion by the workgroup at the March meeting.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- Emma Kate presented a draft policy framework, revising the existing NCMS [Environmental Health](#) policy, to include broad provisions for air, water, toxins, sustainability, and clinician responsibility to determine environmental illness.
- The workgroup reacted to this draft outline and suggested the creation of a few additional provisions to focus on health professional engagement and responsibility in being stewards of environmentally sustainable practices, as well as assist in policy discussions to determine acceptable levels of exposure.

### **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN**

- **The next committee meeting is on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm (virtual)**
- The meeting adjourned in the workgroup sessions.