

NCMS POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 3.2023 MINUTES

Policy Committee
March 15, 2023
Meeting Format: Virtual

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Shock, DrPH, MHS, PA-C <i>Committee Co-Chair</i>	Laura Gerald, MD, MPH <i>Committee Co-Chair</i>	Art Apolinario, MD <i>NCMS President</i>
Martin Palmeri, MD, MBA <i>Committee Member</i>	William Lawrence, MD <i>Committee Member</i>	Eileen Raynor, MD <i>NCMS President-Elect</i>
Mitch Heflin, MD, MHS <i>Committee Member</i>	Kelly Singer, MD <i>Committee Member</i>	Kristen Spaduzzi <i>NCMS Staff</i>
Jeffrey Katz, PA-C <i>Committee Member</i>	Sam Cohen, JD, MPP <i>Committee Consultant</i>	Ashley Rodriguez <i>NCMS Staff</i>
Carl Westcott, MD <i>Board Liaison</i>	Blaine Paxton Hall, MHS-CL, PA-C, DFAAPA <i>Committee Member</i>	Emma Kate Sowder <i>NCMS Staff</i>
Peter Morris, MD, MPH, MDiv <i>Committee Member</i>	Jonas Swartz, MD, MPH <i>Committee Member</i>	Alan Skipper <i>NCMS Staff</i>
Sandhya Montilus, MD <i>Committee Member</i>	Genie Komives, MD, MPH <i>Committee Member</i>	Ricky Langley, MD, MPH <i>Guest Consultant</i>

WELCOME & MINUTES APPROVAL

- Dr. Shock welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
- Dr. Shock asked for a motion to approve the February minutes, which was brought forth and seconded. February meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

UPDATES

- Dr. Gerald and Dr. Morris gave a brief overview of the Firearms subcommittee's progress, which has met twice thus far and begun work on a policy draft. The subcommittee meets every other Monday and is made up of members from Policy Committee, E&J Affairs Committee, and Leadership College.
- There was discussion on the careful deliberation and consideration of the issues and relevance to health, policy, NCMS, and legislative activity. There was concern expressed about how fast things are happening at the legislature vs the timeline for policy development. Dr. Apolinario shared the example of his recent visit to DC, where he was asked how to handle Congressman that are stating birth control is abortion. He shared that NCMS recently developed a policy that speaks to that issue and he provided them with the *Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care* policy. He emphasized that the collaborative, meticulous and thoughtful approach by the committee members in developing that policy made all the difference, and firearms needs to be approached the same way.

POLICY COMMITTEE WORKGROUPS

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUP

- Kristen presented a rough Obesity policy draft that the workgroup discussed and edited throughout the meeting time. The determination to keep the policy succinct and principled was the agreed upon direction.
- Kristen revised the draft policy with the suggested edits and sent out to the workgroup members for further review and comment for our next meeting's discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Emma Kate presented the revised Environmental Health policy draft, which was updated with feedback from the last committee meeting and follow-up comments from workgroup members via email.
- The workgroup members accepted the proposed revisions and made further edits that will be discussed at the next meeting. The workgroup will be adding provisions on pollinators, tree cover, and environmental equity.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN

- The meeting adjourned from the workgroup sessions
- **The next committee meeting is on Wednesday, April 19th @ 6pm (virtual)**