

Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition

Policy Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022

Attendees: (Microsoft Teams meeting)

Emma Watson (ACS), co-chair

Ruth Modzelewski (Hillman Cancer Center, Univ Pgh), co-chair

Brenda Anastasio (PA Department of Health, Division of Cancer Prevention & Control)

April Barry (PA Department of Health, Evaluation and Performance Improvement Manager)

Stephanie Darwak (Cullari Communications Global, Inc)

Mary Doherty (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; Advocate)

Michael Goldstein (Merck Vaccines)

Tracie Gray (PA Department of Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition Manager)

Angelica Katz (Susan G. Komen, Policy)

Julianne Maita (Fox Chase Cancer Center)

Natalie Miller (Adagio Health, Inc.)

Alanna Rahm (Geisinger)

Siri Reddy (PA Department of Health, Division of Cancer Prevention & Control)

Lyn Robertson (UPMC Hillman Cancer Center)

Dani Wilson (Cancer & Environment Network of Southwestern Pennsylvania)

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am.

1) Review our purpose and goals:

- a) Ruth provided an overview of the purpose of the Policy Subcommittee; and reviewed the key aspects of the Cancer Plan; and highlighted the role for Policy in most aspects of the 2019-2023 Cancer Plan.

*For more specific information, please see the PCC website:

<https://www.pacancercoalition.org/>

and the link to the current Cancer Plan: <https://www.pacancercoalition.org/about-us/pa-cancer-control-plan>

- b) Ruth Provided links in the chat to upcoming meetings that may be of interest to subcommittee members:

- i) Today (and 5 additional monthly meetings): Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Health Provider Series

10/5/22: [PFAS – What is it and why should we be concerned?](#)

11/14/22: [Principles for Decision Making Under Uncertainty](#)

1/18/23: [Exposure Pathways and Potential Health Effects](#)

2/15/23: [Environmental Exposure Assessment, Testing & Clinical Management Guidelines](#)

3/15/23: [Exposure Reduction Strategies: A Focus on EJ Communities](#)

4/12/23: [Looking Forward: NASEM Recommendations to Improve Public Health](#)

- ii) Annual meeting on hereditary cancers by FORCE (Oct 12-13) FacingOurRisk.org/Conference

- 2) Status of bills the PCC has a vested interested/opportunities to take action and update of actions since last month's meeting, provided by Emma:
 - a) Two bill updates provided by Jen Pensinger from PaBCC (see attached Flyer) – both bills have some time yet until there would be action requested by PCC members
 1. SB1225 no-cost breast MRI for high-risk women
 2. SB1330 no-cost genetic testing and genetic counseling for women at high-risk
 - b) Update on Prior Authorization and Step Therapy (HB225 and SB225) have made it through the insurance committee; will be up for final passage.

- 3) Emerging ideas/priorities from the workgroups:
 - a) Tracie Gray presented an opportunity to subcommittee members/organizations to engage with Student from the Penn State Medical School on a grant they received to develop a Science Policy Journal Club> the students are interested in science/research/health policy issues. If you or your organization is interested in learning more or how to connect with the group, contact Tracie (tgray@pa.gov)
 - b) Mary Doherty (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.) is an invited speaker to the meeting of the Black Women's Auxiliary (an auxiliary representing 5 hospitals in the Philadelphia area) in November. While Mary will present on the work of LLS in recruiting/encouraging minority and under-represented groups' participation in clinical trials (as well as trials designed for these groups), she welcomes any other information that subcommittee member would like for her to communicate with the group. Contact Mary at mdoherty@highswartz.com .

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.
(minutes prepared by Ruth Modzelewski)