

1 Meeting Logistics

Item	PCC Policy Subcommittee Monthly Meeting
Date	June 4, 2026
Time	10:00 am
Location	Microsoft Teams
Purpose/Focus	Review activities of committee's policy work
Notetaker	Marisa Shaaban

2 Attendees

- Marisa Shaaban
- Gary Rathsmill
- April Barry
- Jennifer Pensinger
- Becky Mastin
- Zeigler Johnson
- Srijana Parajuli
- Ernie Davis
- Fiona Schicho
- Kearston Ingraham

ID	Discussion
1	<p>State Legislative updates –</p> <p>ACS CAN had their Cancer Action Network in Harrisburg. Sen Farry mentioned he was working on ovarian cancer legislation.</p> <p>Prostate Cancer legislation passed the House and is now in the Senate.</p> <p>Pushing for Family Care Act (Paid Family Medical Leave) – two bills, no longer identical. House bill (HB 200 – O’Meara) would need to be appropriated through funds. Bipartisan leadership. Removes obligation of employee/employer to contribute funds, established program under Dept of Labor with state appropriations. Passed in March. Senate (SB 906 – Robinson) version would be employee contribution (no employer contribution). No vote scheduled. Aiming to get conversations between chambers and Reps/Dems.</p> <p>HB 69 – expanding Cancer Drug Repository - donate prescription cancer drugs, passed and is now in Senate for consideration.</p> <p>Medical Debt – Blood Cancer United trying to pass similar to what OH has passed</p> <p>Budget - July? Uncertain timing at this point.</p> <p>Co-pay Accumulator Bill – still plugging along on this. Great op-ed circulated which renewed interest in getting something done. More bi-partisan interest now. Looking at including online pharmacies as well</p>

2	<p>Federal Legislative updates –</p> <p>Medical Frailty Rule – CMS issued the rule. Medicaid eligibility and work requirements. Diagnosis typically fell under medical frailty; now new rule changes this cancer does not automatically trigger medical frailty. New steps states must take as well as patients to determine their work requirement definition. Rule goes into effect in January.</p> <p>Town Hall on June 23 6 -7 pm. Flyer and link will be provided.</p> <p>Childhood Vaccination study -Impact of vaccinations and childhood cancer; addresses confusion around new vaccination requirements. Helpful to give to state legislators.</p> <p>Vaccines and Importance of Childhood Immunizations.pdf</p> <p>Grants – new ruling on federal grants. Peer to peer review was process for years, now federal government will insert themselves into this process, giving government final say if grant will be given.</p> <p>BCU Lobby Day – protect cancer research – asks: NIH current funding and collaboration; co-sponsor bipartisan legislation to remove barriers to biosimilars</p>
3	<p>Events and Updates:</p> <p>June 8 – Family Care Act Coalition event in Harrisburg</p> <p>June 23 - Town Hall for Medical Frailty</p> <p>Sri Parajuli is offering to those interested to learn about history of vaccines: how we got here, that takes you from ancient Chinese medicine to mRNA technology, in a very easy to understand format, please email me : sparajuli@pa.gov.</p> <p>Legislative Tracker – Donna and Marisa will convene and update the tracker to share</p> <p>Medical Frailty Work Group – email mshaaban@komen.org if interested in collaborating on the new rule changes.</p>