

## 1 Meeting Logistics

<b>Item</b>	<b>PCC Policy Subcommittee Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	February 5, 2026
<b>Time</b>	10:00 am
<b>Location</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Purpose/Focus</b>	Review activities of committee's policy work
<b>Notetaker</b>	Donna Greco

## 2 Attendees

- Ernie Davis
- April Barry
- Brenda Anastasio
- Marisa Shaaban
- Gary Rathsmill
- Jennifer Pensinger
- Kristen Wenrich
- Becky Mastin
- Karen Saunders
- Jennifer Torres Del Valle
- Kearston Ingraham
- Evelyn Gonzalez
- Danyelle Gibson

## 3 Discussion

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	<p><b>Governor Shapiro’s budget address:</b> Cancer screening was maintained and the tobacco control program percentage remained at 4.5% of the Master Settlement Agreement. The Governor expressed concern about healthcare affordability and specifically the disproportionate impact on rural Pennsylvanians.</p>
	<p><b>In the Senate Banking &amp; Insurance Committee:</b> HB 1123 – Colorectal Cancer Screening HB 1828 – Protecting Vaccine Access</p> <p><b>Federal Updates:</b> Congress recently passed the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, Give Kids a Chance Act, and Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act along with funding for cancer research and other important programs. More information can be found here: <a href="#">Congress Demonstrates Strong Commitment to Cancer Prevention and Cures in FY26 Appropriations Bill   American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network</a></p>
	<p><b>Events:</b> June 2: Cancer Action Day September 29: Prostate Cancer Action Day</p>
	<p><b>Check-in on subcommittee focus areas, goals, communication:</b> Colorectal Cancer – working with employers to grant time off for screenings. More information is available here: <a href="#">Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition</a> Contact April Barry to coordinate efforts in this regard. Barry, April &lt;abarry@pa.gov&gt;</p> <p>The Paid Family &amp; Medical Leave Act coalition (The Family Care Act) is also working on paid time off for health-related issues. Contact Donna Greco for more information and to join the Family Care Act Coalition: <a href="#">Donna.Greco@Cancer.org</a></p> <p>Potential new partners: Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare.</p> <p>HB 1123 advocacy efforts are underway to align PA state law with national best practices in colorectal cancer screening. Contact Donna Greco to join those advocacy efforts: <a href="#">Donna.Greco@Cancer.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Joining coalitions:</b> If individuals are interested in joining the Copay Accumulator, Prostate Cancer, or Paid Family &amp; Medical Leave coalitions, please contact Donna Greco: <a href="#">Donna.Greco@Cancer.org</a></p>