

## **Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition**

Policy Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Aug 3, 2023

### **Attendees: (Microsoft Teams meeting)**

Jan Eberth (Drexel University), co-chair

Ruth Modzelewski (Univ Pittsburgh, School of Nursing; Research Project Manager), co-chair

Brenda Anastasio (DOH)

Monica Baskin (Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, Hillman Cancer Center)

Mary Doherty (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; volunteer)

Rebekah Glick (Susan G. Komen, PA Policy)

Evelyn Gonzalez (Senior Director Office of Community Outreach, Fox Chase Cancer Center)

Tracie Gray (DOH)

Donna Greco (PA Government Relations Director, ACS-CAN)

Julianna Maita (Project Manager, Community Outreach and Engagement; Fox Chase)

Andrea Plashoff (Cancer Screening Patient Navigation Coordinator, Adagio Health)

Jen Pensinger (PA Breast Cancer Coalition, President)

Karen Saunders (Northeast Regional Cancer Institute)

Kathryn Schmitz (Professor U of Pitt; Catchment area research/exercise oncology UPMC Hillman)

Grant Young (Health Policy Coordinator, Adagio Health)

Charnita Zeigler-Johnson (Adjunct Faculty, College of Population Health Thomas Jefferson University)

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am.

- 1) Attendees introduced themselves; Ruth announced the availability of the one- and two- page PCC and Policy Subcommittee information sheets. A huge thank you to Jen Pensinger who did all of the formatting! Brenda announced that the Cancer Plan is close to being approved and that these sheets will be part of the distribution of the Cancer Plan. The September PCC meeting will be focused on the Plan and the actionable items for each of the workgroups and subcommittees.
- 2) The group reviewed the current Policy Tracking Table, please see the table attached to the email for these notes (file name "PCC Policy Tracking August 2023"). New topics added to the Table include the Fertility Preservation for individual undergoing either radiation of chemotherapy treatment for cancer.
- 3) Other news of interest: Brenda Anastasio reported that the line item supporting LLS's transportation for rural and mid-state Pennsylvanians is cut under the currently proposed state budget. Gary Rathsmill (LLS advocate) is aware and is working on that. Please find attached to the email containing these minutes the letter of support by the organizations who are supporting HB1050 (already on our Policy Tracking Table). Additionally, Mary Doherty added that Senator Casey's office is requesting personal stories about barriers to Medicaid. Please find attached to the email with these minutes the Medicaid Facts Sheet from the Senate Committee on Aging of which Sen. Casey is chairman.

- 4) NOTE (not mentioned in the meeting; but sent to co-chairs by April Barry): if you want to follow what is happening on a federal level, here is the link specific to bills around cancer (from the Association of American Cancer Institutes): <https://aaci-library.org/legislation-tracker>
- 5) All members are encouraged to email either Ruth (ram305@pitt.edu) or Jan (jme336@drexel.edu) to provide information to update the Policy tracking table.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.  
(minutes prepared by Ruth Modzelewski)