

Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition

Policy Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 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)

Racehl Bowden, (Adagio Health)

Nate Burden (Radon Expert)

Stephanie Darwak (Cullari Group)

Rebekah Glick (Susan G. Komen, PA Policy)

Tracie Gray (DOH)

Donna Greco (ACS-CAN)

Julianna Maita (Fox Chase CC)

Becky Mastin (Access Matters)

Andrea Palashoff (Adagio Health)

Gary Rathsmill (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; volunteer)

Karen Saunders (Northeast Regional Cancer Institute)

Allyson Schaaf (Pfizer)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am.

- 1) It was announced that Jan Eberth was stepping down as Policy Subcommittee co-chair due to receiving and NIH Equity grant (see link: <https://drexel.edu/news/archive/2023/September/Dornsife-School-of-Public-Health-Award-for-NIH-Health-Equity-Program>).
Jan will remain a member of the Policy Subcommittee.
 - a) Need a replacement co-chair; anyone who is interested should email ruth at ram305@pitt.edu
 - b) If possible, develop a succession plan
- 2) Brenda Anastasio announced that the 2023-2033 Cancer Plan has been approved and will be available on the PCC website by the end of the week (on the DOH's website by end of today).
 - a) No formal dissemination plan yet (possible by mid-October)....until then:
 - i) Keep a simple list of who we distribute to:
 - (1) Type of organization
 - (2) Method of distribution (email, print, web post....)
 - ii) Brenda is presenting to the PA County Meetings this week;
 - iii) Presentations slides will be made available for PCC members to use/edit
 - b) Intended to be a living document; there will be a document review form (to be performed annually or every 2 years); will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee (will include PCC members)
- 3) Ruth is working on the plan report out from the annual meeting regarding the plan for the Policy Subcommittee. She will share it once completed.

- 4) The group reviewed the current Policy Tracking Table, please see the table attached to the email for these notes; changes/updates are highlighted (file name "PCC Policy Tracking Oct 2023") Specifically, the Biomarker Testing initiatives.
Addendum: Since the meeting and before these meeting minutes were finalized, the House bill was introduced and that information is included in the Tracking table.
- 5) Other Policy information:
- 6) Gary Rathsmill provided insight after he attended the PA Cancer Caucus Breakfast—parties represented included Rep. Benninghoff as well as 10 other state Reps; the PA Cancer Alliance (funded through the state's tobacco funds); and all of the major cancer centers were there. LLS Members who are interested in what is being done to manage "junk" or associated con-compliant insurances were told by Rep Gaydos that HB55 "has coverage there" but LLS legal informer thinks that this bill will not get passed.
 - a) Nate Burden updated all with regard to Radon Initiatives (the specifics of the following information was sent to Ruth in an email after the meeting):
 - i) Upcoming webinar:
Title: Incorporating Radon Awareness into Comprehensive Cancer Control Plans
Webinar Overview:
Radon Basics by Bruce Snead, Kansas State University
Example of Cancer Control Plan that incorporates radon awareness - Lisa Morris, Ohio Department of Health
Shared story from lung cancer survivor - Rachael Malmberg, Patient Advocate
Denise Bleiler from PA DEP Radon Section and **PCC Lung Committee can provide the link and more information:** dbleiler@pa.gov
 - b) Nate also sent his comments on proposed consideration of a radon cancer screening process in PA (this information is a separate PDF); the Link to the Report Card for PA (actually can get information for every state) <https://aarst.org/Report-Cards/PA-Report-Card.html> .
- 7) All members are encouraged to email Ruth (ram305@pitt.edu) to provide information to update the Policy tracking table.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.
(minutes prepared by Ruth Modzelewski)