PA Cancer Coalition

Policy Subcommittee

Monthly Meeting Notes

January 4, 2024

- 1.) Donna Greco (ACS CAN) and Rebekah Glick (Susan G. Komen) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced themselves as the new co-chairs of the subcommittee.
- 2.) Legislative updates (see updated tracking spreadsheet for more details):
 - a. State:
 - i. Copay Accumulator: the bill continues to be stalled in the Senate; interest in a House companion has been expressed by Rep. Kosierowski, who is interested in hearing about patient experiences with this barrier.
 - ii. Radon: January is Radon Awareness Month. Ruth will be seeking updates on legislative events/advancement related to this effort.
 - iii. Biomarker Testing: stakeholders have submitted written comments on the bill. The Biomarker Testing Coalition—led by ACS CAN—will be reviewing and responding to those comments this week (week of Jan. 2). We hope to see movement when the Senate returns to session.
 - iv. Cancer and Firefighters: A local hearing will be held to discuss Firefighters' risk of cancer. Evelyn will be providing an update on this opportunity. The original email came from Brenda.

b. Federal:

- i. FIND Act: Stephanie will provide updates on this legislation.
- ii. Survivorship Act: we do not have a point person tracking this bill. Are any organizations involved in this legislation?
- c. Additions to Legislative Tracking Spreadsheet:
 - i. HB 1944 (Rep. Curry) improves breast cancer diagnostic imaging access for Pennsylvanians. Rebekah Glick shared information about this bill and will have more to share in February about how to join the coalition and next steps with the bill
 - ii. HB 1657 (Rep. Frankel) closes some loopholes in the Clean Indoor Air Act to prohibit smoking in casinos and other settings. The bill also updates definitions to include vaping and electronic smoking devices and attempts to expand clean air to outdoor public areas. Donna Greco shared information about this bill and there was agreement to add this to the tracker and possibly connect this to the newly formed Environmental Workgroup under the PA Cancer Coalition.