

CMA Public Policy Committee

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Meeting Notes – July 22, 2021

These notes accompany the meeting Power Point slides that can be accessed [here](#).

1. Physician Training Opportunities: The CMA has posted on its advocacy page a multi-part advocacy video series by Dr. Liston that is based on her lecture series for an MPH.

Topics include:

- i. *What is advocacy*
- ii. *How does advocacy work*
- iii. *The Ohio Legislature*
- iv. *How a Bill Becomes a Law*
- v. *Building Support*
- vi. *Meeting with a Legislator*

Discussion occurred about additional in-person training opportunities for physicians.

Ideas shared included:

- Build in feedback loop for those who watch video training
 - Give examples of live testimony from Ohio Channel, w/ direct links when possible
 - Promote shadowing opportunities with physicians involved in direct advocacy
 - List willing physicians who have advocacy experience as resources for colleagues
2. Legislator Meetings: Following the completion of seven meetings in the second quarter of this year, the committee discussed ideas for in-person opportunities for legislator meeting during the second half of 2021, landing on the idea of continuing one-on-one meeting in person (or virtually if necessary). In meantime staff will gauge viability of opportunities to host the Central Ohio delegation in some sort of group format.
 3. Ohio General Assembly Legislation: per slides 4-7 in slide deck, various bills were discussed. There was general agreement these were the right bills to be tracking and engaging on.

In discussion, there was a request for support for a statement from the PP Committee to the CMA Board in support of mandatory vaccinations for all employees from area hospital systems. There was unanimous support for vaccinations and their health benefits; however, there were nuances of the employment requirement that elicited different perspectives, particularly around the idea of employer liability in the case of an adverse outcome from a vaccination.

Members of the committee landed on support for a statement related to vaccinations' value and the evidence associated with vaccination and support for vaccination of

workers in healthcare. No language was provided at the meeting; however, staff is circulating a draft to capture the will of the committee and remains a work in progress at the writing of this meeting record.

4. Physician Wellness: A update on the Dr. Lorna Breen federal legislation was given, as the bill has pass out of Senate Committee. Senator Brown is now a co-sponsor. Discussion was had about promotion through various CMA communication platforms of OPHP wellness survey. And finally, there is interest in CMA working in collaboration with the Healthcare Collaborative of Central Ohio to have the CMA submit a HRSA wellness grant for Central Ohio. Any interested physician is encouraged to contact Dr. Costa.
5. Issues related to the State Medical Board of Ohio and Pharmacy Boards were reviews (slides 11-12). Attention was called to a recent State Medical Board FAQ on telemedicine issues. [Click here for link.](#)
6. Future Meetings this year (Oct. 21) will be in-person at the CMA.

CMA Political Action Committee

The 2021 annual PAC event is scheduled for Monday, September 20,2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dr. Pat Ecklar. It was recognized that there is value with of small level PAC participation with relationship building with elected officials. Per the direction of committee members, Franklin County Board of Commissioner's President Kevin Boyce will be the PAC's guest to talk about local health care issues and answer questions about policy and/or political items.