

CMA Public Policy Committee

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Meeting Notes – May 13, 2021

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

1. Physician Training Opportunities: Following up the strong affirmation of value of Dr. Liston's previous training sessions in Q4 2020 and Q1 2021, the CMA is working on a 5- or 6-part advocacy series from Dr. Liston that will be housed on the CMA's website:
 - 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*
2. Legislation was discussed, per slides 5-7 in slide deck. There was general agreement these were the right bills to be tracking.
 - There was support for Senator Kunze's lactation support legislative work, with Dr. Costa drafting a follow up statement of support.
 - There was not agreement on a position on HB 60 on medical marijuana – individual physicians may contact the Legislature directly.
 - Federal legislation on physician well-being will be brought to the attention of the Medical Associations Coalition.
3. Discussion was held about an understanding that Central Ohio Hospitals will be implementing universal screening policy. There was concern about the equity of this policy, while recognizing potential benefits. Dr. Romanos and Carrie Baker were going to have a follow up regarding a possible role of HCGC's community health workers to help bridge issues of trust. Pending that discussion, Carrie and Malcolm may follow up with Jeff Klingler at the Central Ohio Hospital Council.
4. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the PP Committee is attempting a Virtual Legislative Meeting in lieu of a "Legislative Day" of in-person visits. Four meetings had been completed, with 5 additional meetings upcoming.
5. [The State Medical Board of Ohio FAQ](#) on office medical task delegation will be sent directly to members.
6. Future Meetings this year (July 22, 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. A local government elected official is preferred invited guest.