

## **CMA Public Policy Committee**

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### **Meeting Notes - March 25, 2021**

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

1. Physician Training Opportunities:
  - Strong affirmation of value of Dr. Liston's previous training sessions in Q4 2020 and Q1 2021.
  - A recording of this "101" level would be sufficient, and it is reasonable to expect that physicians can and would watch it.
  - Committee members expressed strong interest in subsequent sessions that build off of that 101 level foundation, resulting in a curriculum that progresses to a 201 / 301 level, with occasional "labs" or hands on field trips to give practical training to help develop physician skills and confidence in testifying and other forms of advocacy.
  - Malcolm and Carrie will follow up with Dr. Liston about developing additional material over the course of the year – there was appreciation for Dr. Liston's value, and it was recognized that she has time constraints due to her service in the legislature and her medical practice.
2. List of key bills presented at meeting was affirmed to be primary bills to follow and report on.
3. Carrie Baker gave a briefing on Medicaid related issues impacting Physicians Care Connection and Healthcare Collaborative of Columbus; and the patients they are working with. Legislative efforts underway to clarify Medicaid Managed Care Plans reimbursement for Community Health Workers and designation of funds for completed pathways related to social determinants of health. For more information, contact Carrie at [carrie@hcg.org](mailto:carrie@hcg.org)
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. Scheduling of meetings w/ key legislators is underway, as is recruitment of CMA physicians to participate. Each meeting will include at least one staff support person and a briefing memo will be provided prior to the meeting.
5. Future Meetings - should public health guidance allow, there was interest expressed in subsequent meetings this year (May 13, July 22, Oct. 21) being in-person at the CMA.

### **CMA Political Action Committee**

There was strong interest in re-instituting an in-person fundraising event in the Fall of 2021. It was recognized that there is value with of small level PAC participation with relationship building with elected officials.