

1 Meeting Logistics

Item	PCC Policy Subcommittee Monthly Meeting
Date	November 7, 2024
Time	10:00 am
Location	Microsoft Teams
Purpose/Focus	Review activities of committee's policy work
Notetaker	Donna Greco

2 Attendees

- Donna Greco
- Georgia Bates
- Ernie Davis
- Jennifer Pensinger
- Becky Mastin
- Karen Saunders
- Gibson, Danyelle
- Patrick Loftus
- Charnita Zeigler-Johnson
- Kristen Wenrich
- Gary Rathsmill
- Jennifer Torres Del-Valle

3 Discussion

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2	Election Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We reviewed available data on election results at state and federal levels.
3	Legislative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed 2025 priorities of the coalition and subcommittee, including but not limited to: removing cost-sharing for breast cancer diagnostic and imaging legislation, removing cost-sharing and best practices in prostate cancer screening legislation, and medical debt • Donna shared upcoming priorities for ACS CAN – PA, including copay accumulator, patient navigation, prostate cancer screening, medical debt, paid family & medical leave, and budget priorities • The Prostate Cancer coalition is seeking partners and members, please contact Georgia Bates from ZERO Prostate Cancer to join: georgia@zerocancer.org • The Men’s Health committee, led by Patrick Loftus, held a prostate cancer webinar and is seeking an additional co-chair. Email Patrick if you are interested: ploftus@pa.gov
4	October recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna and Jen Pensinger shared an update regarding the HB 1944 Press Conference (10/18), which was led by Susan G. Komen and Representative Curry. HB 1944 would remove cost-sharing for breast cancer diagnostic imaging. Madame Speaker, Joanna McClinton spoke, as did Pat Halpin-Murphy (President & Founder of the PA Breast Cancer Coalition), Prime Sponsor, Representative Curry, and Senate champion, Senator Farry. The disproportionate impact of breast cancer on Black and African American women was discussed. • Ernie shared an update regarding a Leukemia & Lymphoma Society event regarding medical debt and insufficient insurance coverage plans and efforts to protect people from aggressive medical debt collection tactics.
5	Other Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed re-engaging the Cancer Caucus and other caucuses/committees in the 2025 session. Donna will place this on the agenda for December’s call. • The group discussed the 2025 budget and ongoing advocacy related to the Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, the Tobacco Control and Prevention program, and potential support for the Coalition. • The group discussed ways to promote various events and activities with each other via email, meeting minutes, and sharing the public General Assembly calendar, which can be accessed here: Calendar (pa.gov)