**Granite State PNHP – Conference Call**

**Minutes, January 25, 2016**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from December 28
3. HB250
	1. Report
	2. What is next?
4. National/state politics and implications for Medicare-for-all
5. NH Med Society Newletter Insert
6. Membership news: who is active, who is inactive? Do we want to call former members?
7. Presentations - Finding other opportunities
8. New business
9. Next meeting: ?February 22 – phone or in-person

Attending (all by phone):

Camilla Jones

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. National and state politics
	1. Susan and Camilla: Trump uses populist rhetoric; perhaps he will go down a path towards Single-Payer
	2. Don: is there any way to pitch HR676 to Trump’s base
		1. Susan: pitch it to the business community, as a “job-creator”
	3. Ahmed: at the Health Care NOW Summit in New York City 2 weeks ago, a plan was discussed to have a coordinated national campaign to replace the ACA with a Medicare-for-All plan.
	4. Susan: the Democratic governors are pushing for Medicare-for-All
	5. Susan: with the momentum of the Women’s March, NOW IS THE TIME!!
2. HB250
	1. Ahmed: at yesterday’s sub-committee hearing, Chair John Hunt spoke against STUDY COMMISSIONS, and proposed a **Study Committee** to consider 3 bills as a bundle - HB250, HB321, and a third bill related to Underwriting in the event that the ACA is repealed. Chair Hunt would also want the Committee to consider a “High Risk Pool”. Dr. Ken Dolkart testified that – if the ACA is repealed – there would be many NH citizens without insurance. Ahmed asked for a clarification of what a Study COMMITTEE does.
	2. Ahmed: then the COMMERCE SUB-COMMITTEE voted to form a Study Committee, appointed by the legislature, tasked to examine these issues. He understands that the COMMERCE COMMITTEE will decide this week or next week to bring this proposal forward. We do not know if it goes to the floor.
	3. Ahmed thinks that the Study Committee – if it is formed – will deliberate in the Spring, with Open Hearings.
	4. Don: (summarized a letter from) John Daley, which suggests that – because of the political realities of conservative/Republican NH politics - we should not put too much energy into NH legislative efforts but rather work to educate doctors and citizens to support National efforts.
	5. Ahmed: we wait for next steps until we hear from Rep. McNamara
	6. Camilla: **if I testify, it is with the expectation that we will win!**
3. Presentations to community groups
	1. Camilla: is there a NH Rotary organization? If so, we can write/e-mail to offer a talk. “The Future of Health Care is in Our Hands!”
	2. Susan: I will offer a program to the Inter-Faith Council of Concord
	3. Camilla and Susan: we will draft an intro letter to send to Rotary presidents
	4. Don: I will send around the northern and southern Rotary District web-sites, which include Clubs and Presidents
	5. Don: I will ask the Medical students to construct a Spread-sheet that we can use
	6. Don: I will reach out to Dixon to have a folder we can use to keep the spreadsheet
4. Membership
	1. Don: the NH Medical Society Newsletter insert went out and looked good; it resulted in one new member
	2. Ahmed: two new potential members were at McNamara’s New Year’s Day gathering
		1. Don has reached out to one of them and will reach out to the other
	3. Don: we have an updated list of active and lapsed members
		1. Ahmed: I would be willing to contact lapsed members
		2. Camilla: I would NOT be willing to contact lapsed members
		3. Don: I will send out the spreadsheet of members to our core group to see if we know of people who have moved out of state or are deceased. We could each also consider contacting lapsed members to see if they retain interest
5. New Business
	1. Ahmed: HR676 has been re-introduced. The Senate version has also been re-introduced and is called “BernieCare”
		1. Ahmed: I will put on the List-Serv a request that members call their Representative to join as a co-sponsor
6. Next Meeting: February 22. We agree that we would like to do it in person. If the weather looks questionable, we will convert to a Phone Conference.