**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, July 26, 2017**

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Agenda adjustments
3. Minutes from June 28, 2017
4. Public presentations – Speakers Bureau
   1. Past month
      1. Warner Bookstore (Susan, Ken, Ahmed)
      2. Rotary Clubs (John Daley, Ken)
   2. Future
      1. Rotary Clubs
      2. How to best utilize/promote “FIX-IT”, “The Health Care Movie”, “Market Failure”, and “Now is the Time”
5. National Scene – AHCA, Senate Bill, Kuster/Welch, Shea-Porter - Challenges and Opportunities

DISCUSSION LIMITED to 20minutes (or it can eat up the whole meeting!)

1. By-Laws revision (Camilla, Cosy, Oge)
2. Next bill for NH
   1. Counsel from senior Democrats
   2. Rep McNamara
3. HR676 – getting Kuster and Shea-Porter to co-sponsor
   1. Any updates?
4. PNHP National call for “August Recess” actions
5. Collaboration with other groups
6. Dr. John Geyman’s new brochure
   1. Has anyone read it?
   2. Should we purchase some?
7. Treasurer’s Report – Don
8. New Business
9. Next meeting – August 23

Attending:

Don Kollisch

Camilla Jones

Lisa Starnes (new)

Fred Portnoy

John Swartz

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

Ahmed Kutty

Zandra Rice-Hawkins, Granite State Progress (new)

1. Ken: re: National ad campaign, National PNHP says: not enough money
   1. Ahmed: not discussed at monthly activist call
   2. Camilla: I will reach out to Michael Moore
   3. Ken: perhaps we can reach out to the PNHP Board to promote a National Ad campaign
   4. Don: Cosy reached out to Patch Adams; his staff responded with a very-high price-tag
2. Ken: no answer from the Sanders Institute
3. Ahmed: Speakers’ Bureau
   1. Susan: consider including HISTORY of health care insurance in presentations
   2. Lions and Kiwanis in Peterborough are possible targets
      1. There are 10-15 locations of each
   3. Don: I will reach out to my local Chambers of Commerce
   4. Ken: I did New London Rotary
   5. John Daley will do Londonderry Rotary
   6. Ken: do we have connections with Business Roundtables?
      1. Camilla: I will speak with Steve Rand about reaching out to the Business communities
      2. Zandra: we have some associations
         1. consider reaching out to Fred Kocher, WMUR TV for a business-friendly broadcast
         2. consider reaching out to Society for Human Resource Management
         3. BIA would be an unlikely partner
   7. Zandra: there are 70 progressive groups around the state. I can put your contact info about PNHP onto the List-Serv so that they can reach out for speakers.
   8. Don will speak with Ken about contacts at Tuck Business School
      1. UNH Business School could be another
      2. NH Municipal Association could be another
   9. Don: we have purchased an LCD projector.
4. National Scene
   1. Ahmed: can we expose the duplicity of John McCain’s getting “top-level” care while supporting reactionary legislation?
   2. Ken: re: negotiating with PHARMA, we can and should link Single-Payer
   3. Everyone: we need National mobilization!!!
5. Do we want an August event, as recommended by Dr. Carol Paris?
   1. Ken: can we push Annie Kuster and Carol Shea-Porter towards Single-Payer from their “incrementalism” approach
   2. Zandra: can we work with a Coalition to bring the NH Delegation (Reps and Senators) to a discussion of Health Care?
   3. Camilla: Annie needs to feel supported!
   4. Ken: our member Phyllis Piotrow has some open channels of communication
      1. We should attend NH town-hall meetings if they are available
      2. Ken: I will draft a letter that GS-PNHP can send to Shea-Porter and Kuster, offering support, to bring us close to them
   5. John: can Abby Horrell, the Chief of Staff for Annie, be asked to meet with us?
      1. Ken: I will inquire
6. Camilla re: By-laws
   1. Proposed changes:
      1. Steering Committee and Convener
      2. Membership is defined as requiring NH residence; voting members must be dues-paying to National PNHP
      3. Meetings are open; there can be Executive/Steering Committee meetings
   2. Don: I can post the Revised By-laws on the Web-site
      1. Solicit comments
      2. Vote on revision at the August meeting.
7. Next NH Bill
   1. Ahmed will be in touch with McNamara later in the summer to seek counsel
   2. Don will hear from Sen. Martha Hennessy for advice
   3. Zandra: Medicaid reauthorization hearing by the Commission is being held August 21, 1pm, LOH103.
      1. Don will reach out to Travis Harker to ask if PNHP can/should help
   4. Ahmed: we should perhaps NOT plan a NH bill this session, so as to not dissipate our National efforts
   5. Ken: we should, perhaps a study to look at expanding Medicare to cover age 50 or higher - a version of a public option – as an alternative to a NH High-Risk Pool
8. Ken: I will buy a copy of John Geyman’s brochure and recommend whether we buy them in quantity
9. Don: Treasurer’s report: We have $1564.07
10. New business
    1. Ahmed: I will be away for 6months; have to go to India for family reasons
       1. All: be safe!
11. Next meetings:
    1. August 23 is fine
    2. September 27 – our room is not available
       1. Don: I will inquire if Sept 26 or Sept 28 are available