**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, August 23, 2017**

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Agenda adjustments
3. Minutes from July 26, 2017
4. Public presentations – Speakers Bureau – Ken and Camilla
   1. Past month
      1. Rotary Clubs (John Daley, Ken)
   2. Future
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      2. ?Chambers of Commerce
   3. Sept 23 Progressive Group
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) – review and vote
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 – Ken
   1. Should we buy them?
7. Med student chapter update – Don
8. NHMS press release – Gary
9. Treasurer’s Report – Don
10. New Business
11. Next meeting

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Camilla Jones

Don Kollisch

Fred Portnoy

Gary Sobelson

MINUTES

1. Camilla: I reached out to Michael Moore, and was rebuffed
2. Gary: Ahmed and I have not heard back from Ed Helm after sending him a memo
3. Don: I will share with Ken some contacts at the Tuck Business School
4. Ken: we have sent out letters to the 4 Congressional Representatives.
   1. Ken: on the NHPR Exchange this morning, Jean Shaheen was positive about her support for Single Payer, but somewhat reserved about the chances during this Congress
   2. Annie has a Town Hall up in Berlin
5. Speakers Bureau – Camilla presented a spreadsheet
   1. John Daley - Londonderry
   2. Ken Dolkart – Plymouth
   3. Ken Dolkart – Grantham Dems
   4. NH Gathering for Connection and Change
      1. Sept 23, 10am-1pm, Concord
      2. “Facilitated Conversation” about Health Care – Ken will lead
      3. Ken will put a note on the List-Serv soliciting interest
      4. Don will send PPT from the NH Progressive Summit
   5. Don: I have reached out to Hanover and Lebanon Chambers of Commerce. Hanover
      1. Medical Students are going to try to compile a list of Chambers
   6. Camilla: Lions might not work because the meetings are sparsely attended
   7. Ken: Was Zandra Rice-Hawkins going to connect us with a radio show aimed at the Business community?
   8. Fred: can we connect with the NH Business Review (Jeff Feingold is an occasional guest on Arnie Arnesen).
      1. Fred: I can reach out to Jeff Feingold.
      2. Ken: and I’ll reach out to a NH Journalist friend
   9. Camilla: member Mandy Gennaro might have some connections
      1. Ken: I can reach out to friend at a temple in Manchester and
         1. Friends Meeting in Hanover
   10. Don: I can reach out to a leader at the new UU church in Norwich, VT
   11. Gary: I will ask Deb Harrigan if a film/discussion on Friday night at the NHMS meeting on Nov 3 would be welcome. Perhaps the condensed version of “Now is the Time”
6. National Scene
   1. Don: Bernie has said he will introduce the Senate Bill next week
7. Gary: There was a NHMS Press Release last year about the recent NH Physicians’ Survey, which rated issues of importance. A “simplified payor system” was the 2nd most important issue.
   1. Gary: I will send out a link about the Press Release
   2. Don: an Ophthalmologist from Littleton has expressed interest in the SP Interest Group as a result of the press release.
8. Ken: John Geyman’s new brochure is 22 pages and is not very deep.
   1. Don: if Ken says “yes”, I’ll buy some
9. By-Laws
   1. A number of changes were discussed
   2. Don will send changes to Camilla who will send to Cosy and Oge
   3. The re-amended By-laws will be posted for comments
      1. Don will specifically solicit the input/approval of the “regulars”
10. The Annual meeting will include a vote on By-Laws and Elect members
11. Next meeting – September 27 (at home of Susan Zlotnick-Hale)