**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda, August 22, 2018**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from July 25, 2018
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Preparing for the 2019 Legislative season – note from Dick McNamara
4. Voting for the Steering Committee for this year.  So far we have 4 candidates for 5 positions: Don, Susan, Rob, and Ken.
   1. ?other nominations?
5. Speakers Bureau
   1. Reports of recent events
   2. Upcoming
6. Potential collaboration with the NH-ACLU - Gary
7. Materials - Susan
   1. New Informational Card
8. Old business - TIME PERMITTING
   1. Membership - brainstorming how to be more relevant
   2. Med Student Intern program for 2019 - Betty and Ken
   3. Regional Consortium - Northern New England or New England - Betty
9. Treasurer's Report
10. New Business
    1. Annual PNHP Meeting - San Diego, Nov. 9-10
11. Next meeting September 26, 2018
    1. Planning for 2019 Annual Meeting - ?Cosy/David’s house

**Attending**:

Ken Dolkart

Camilla Jones

Betty Keller, guest from Vermont-PNHP

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Fred Portnoy

Cosy Santiago and David Ecklein

Susan Zlotnick-Hale and Carter Hale

**AGENDA**

1. **Legislative Affairs**
   1. Dick McNamara sent a note, saying that “everything will depend on the election!”. He agrees that “no matter what” we can introduce the Commission Bill. If the Democrats will, perhaps we should introduce a full-bore Single-Payer Bill
   2. Peter Schmidt spoke with Ken, saying that he intends to submit his same three bills
   3. Ken: Can we form a legislative Committee: Ken, Rob, Don
   4. Ken: I will write to McNamara, Schmidt, and Knirk, asking them to work TOGETHER on their progressive health policy bills. Especially if the Democrats win, we need to have a plan that works. Perhaps have a meeting to discuss Progressive Health Care Policy
   5. Betty: How about the **Consortium** idea, for New England, with or without New York State?
      1. Rob: the logistics are highly formidable
      2. Camilla: consider having a NE/NY Single-Payer Symposium, inviting 2-3 people from each state.
2. **Steering Committee election**
   1. Don announced nominees: Don, Rob, Ken, and Susan
   2. No other names were placed in nomination
   3. The 4 members of the Steering Committee were voted unanimously, 8-0
3. **NH-ACLU**: Gary, Don and Ken met today with the Health Subcommittee of the Board of NH-ACLU to discuss common interests in Health Justice. Topics included **Litigation** (the ACLU’s prime modality), **Advocacy** (especially at the State Legislature), and Education. The ACLU participants will do a bit of studying about Single-Payer; and their Executive Director, Devon, will reach out to us.
4. **Materials** - Susan and Don will collaborate on the new INFORMATIONAL CARD
5. **Membership** - what can we do to be more relevant to our membership?
   1. Susan: consider putting an ad into the Concord Monitor and the Valley News to announce our existence, our meetings, and our activities
   2. Dave: have more programs and events. People don’t like to come to “just” meetings.
   3. Betty: have a post-election event
   4. Susan: plan a spring event, AFTER all of the election and holiday
6. **Med Student Intern program**
   1. Ken: Let’s get started earlier to promote this to Geisel first year students
   2. Rob: I will help
   3. Ken: Consider adding Franklin Pierce (UNH) Law School and the ACLU
7. **Treasurer’s Report**: we have $1179 and can ask for more if we need it.
8. **New Business**
   1. PNHP Annual Meeting is in San Diego, November 9-10. Consider attending!
   2. NH Business Review Form on Health Care - Wed, Oct 10, 7:30-10:30am, Grappone Center Manchester, featuring T.R. Reid  
      1. Susan: let’s organize for the Q&A
      2. Rob: let’s hand out brochures that look like they are part of the Conference
      3. Susan: We can organize a group and get a discount
         1. Ken: I move we appropriate funds to register as a group, and accept donations “back”, if participants desire
         2. Susan: I can ask who wants to go
   3. A related event: Free Screening of 38min 2012 documentary “U.S. Health Care: The Good News”, featuring correspondent T.R. Reid
      1. Thursday, September 20, 2018, 5:30-6:45, UNH School of Law, 2 White St, Concord
9. **Annual meeting thoughts**
   1. Many thanks to our hosts, Susan and Carter, for their delicious food and for sharing with us their beautiful home
   2. Next year’s annual meeting at the home of Cosy and David in Rumney!
10. **Next meeting**: September 26, 2018 at NH Medical Society