**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, August 24, 2016**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from July 27
3. HB1310
   1. Hearing on Sept 14
      1. Who
      2. Testimony
   2. Revise and re-submit in September?
4. President Robert Zarr, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Sept 7
   1. Dinner at Don’s Sept 6
5. NH Med Society Letter
6. Giving talks/showing movies
7. New business
8. Next meeting: ?September 28

Attending:

Camilla Jones

Donald Kollisch

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

Rob Kiefner

Gary Sobelson

Ahmed Kutty (by phone)

1. Don: regarding Minutes
   1. There aren’t LCD’s that run .ppt off of a thumb drive
      1. All: Don should buy an LCD
   2. Camilla: hasn’t yet found her article for NHMS newsletter
      1. Rob: I will write an article for NHMS newsletter
   3. Outreach
      1. Rob: UNH and SNHU both declined having a speaker
      2. Rob: no interest from PA program at Franklin-Pierce
      3. Camilla: No nibbles yet from Plymouth State
2. Camilla: the Bernie Sanders event in Plymouth tonight is organized by Steve Brand, from the Rotary
3. Susan: the Aetna pull-out from the exchanges is a problem
4. Gary: the Public Option is now in the Democratic platform
   1. Camilla: Public Option is now supported by Paul Krugman
5. Regarding Sept 14 hearing
   1. Dick McNamara can attend
   2. Camilla and Ahmed can attend
   3. Gary: what is the process for this hearing? Who is there? What recommendations are made, and to whom? Does the Committee meet before January? What is the structure of the hearing, e.g. Formal testimony? Can or should we simply re-submit to the 2017 General Court. Don will ask Tom Sherman, and will send a copy of the correct bill.
   4. Camilla: that insurance companies are leaving State exchanges is another argument for Single-Payer.
   5. Gary: the insurance company mergers (Anthem/Cigna) might also be a threat
   6. Gary: in an unstable environment, the State has, in the past, responded well, e.g. when the Malpractice environment collapsed in 1980’s
   7. Don: I will ask Tom Sherman if he can meet with our group 30min before to be sure we get it right
   8. Don: I will send a note to the List-serv, soliciting participation
   9. Don: I will send a copy of the correct bill to Leishman, and ask him to be sure that it is the OFFICIAL amended bill
6. Ahmed: Dick McNamara said that we can re-submit the 2015 bill, and he would be willing to be the Sponsor. It would best be submitted in September or early October.
   1. Don: shouldn’t we find out what happens with the 2016 bill?
   2. Ahmed: we CAN withdraw a re-submitted 2015 bill without penalty.
   3. Camilla: I think “one at a time”; we should push for the Study Commission
   4. Rob: we need to mold a true SP bill around national politics. It will require a MAJOR re-write. If we re-did it, then we should shorten it to 2 pages. IF we re-write we need to learn more about other states.
   5. Susan: we need to learn about financing for a new bill
   6. Ahmed: Vermont has NOT given up; there has been a re-introduction by Rep Susan Davis of a bill with better-clarified finance plans
   7. Ahmed: if HB1310 is killed, then we need a place-holder bill for 2017
   8. Don: could it be a one-item bill “Establish a Single-Payer health insurance program for NH”?
   9. Gary: I do not think that it will necessary for us to have a 2017 bill
   10. Ahmed: I would LIKE us to have a third bill; if we fail, then we can give up on the legislature!
   11. Gary: We CAN submit legislation post-election
   12. Gary/Don/Camilla/Rob: find a way to get a Study Commission bill into 2017
   13. Ahmed: let’s reconsider at our meeting September 28
7. Education
   1. Susan: On December 6, Temple Beth-Jacob will screen FIX-IT. We hope to get a “con” panel member as well as “pro” panelists
   2. Don: I will be speaking on Sunday Oct 2 to the Upper Valley Humanists
   3. Don: I will be speaking to a Dartmouth Medical Student elective on Sept. 21 at 5pm
   4. Don: I will be speaking to a Dartmouth College course
   5. Camilla: hope to speak to a church group in Hebron, NH
   6. Ahmed: I will speak in a Political Science class
8. Robert Zarr coming to dinner on Sept. 6 and speaking Peds Grand Rounds at DHMC on Sept 7, from 8-9am.
   1. Don will ask what the topic is and distribute to members
9. Gary: re: NHMS letter to propose signing on to PNHP Physicians Proposal, I will revise to step down the tone. The NHMS is looking forward to sending it out.
   1. Ahmed: do we want to have the second sheet, with the article from AJPH supporting the Physicians Proposal
   2. Gary: yes!
10. Ahmed: Colorado Amendment 69 is a Single Payer ballot initiative; our chapter should consider supporting this. Bernie is supporting it.
11. Gary: Janet Monahan is retiring. A new lobbyist will be hired, and we should consider meeting with him/her.
12. NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28th