**NH-PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**November 19, 2020**

Attending:

Camilla Jones

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of October 28 approved
3. Town Meeting Warrant Articles - follow up
         1. Can we engage additional towns/cities?
	* + 1. Rumney – Cosy
			2. Andover – Kent Hackmann
			3. Keene (City Resolution) – Carl DeMatteo, MD and Jim Murphy, RN are interested
				1. Carl shared the materials with the City Council members
				2. Jim will share issues with Monadnock RaD, especially “Helen XX”. He thinks there would be sufficient interest
				3. *Ahmed: I will suggest a Zoom to facilitate*
				4. *Don: I will send to Ahmed the Playbook and Templates to pass along to Jim/Carl*
			4. Ahmed: Public Citizen reports that towns in NJ, Michigan, Ohio and California are moving towards City Resolutions and County Board Resolutions
			5. Camilla: I have met RN’s and EMT’s (met in the Medical Reserve Corps) interested in activating the Central NH area – Lincoln to Andover
				1. *Camilla: I will share with them the Playbook and Article Templates and have them get in touch*.
			6. *Ahmed: I will think about who I might know in Nashua*
4. National Scene
	1. Bills in Congress
		1. SB 1129 and HB 1384
		2. All we in NH need to do is change the minds of 4 representatives
	2. National politics
		1. Adam Gaffney quoted a Fox poll stating that 72% favor “government-supported health Care”!
		2. Ahmed: be hopeful!
		3. Ahmed: focus on Pharmaceutical Costs (especially insulin costs), Limiting Medicare Advantage’s profits, and Adjusting Medicare to include children and adults over 50 (not just 60). Consider offering MEDICARE to people who lost insurance d/t COVID
5. NH Legislative Affairs - planning for the 2021 session
	1. State Politics
		1. Supporting Rep. Knirk with a MC4A "Commission" bill – probably a no-go
			1. From Dr. Knirk: since the EC, house, senate and Governor’s office are all Republican, we will not likely succeed
				1. He is under pressure to submit fewer Bills, so recommends not submitting this year.
				2. *Don: I will correspond with Rep. Knirk, expressing our support for his work and “keep our powder dry”*
			2. Camilla: We should focus on national politics: Senate and House!
6. Speakers Bureau - Can/should we start up again, and how?
	1. Camilla: can we organize a Zoom speakers Bureau?
	2. Ahmed: who will reach out to Libraries, Rotaries, etc?
		1. *Don: I will ask Geisel SNaHP to consider reaching out to Libraries, Rotaries, Kiwanis, Lions Clubs to see if they want a talk*
7. Student Issues: The Geisel SNaHP students want to help with a State Bill - Probably a “no go”
8. Treasurer’s Report - $2,021.93  ($115 to Dept of Peds at DHMC to help sponsor Dr. Adam Gaffney for Grand Rounds)
9. New business –
	1. Our Vermont PNHP colleagues managed to get the Vermont Medical Society to Vote in Favor of Single-Payer. Can/should we try to do the same with NHMS?
		1. *Don: I will ask Gary what he thinks*
		2. *Don: I will ask Mike Padmore what he thinks*
10. Next virtual meeting: December 16 (moved up from December 23)