**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda, January 8, 2015, 2014**

Agenda:

Review minutes

Summarize bill status

One Pager

Strategy

Attending:

Camilla Jones

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Richard McNamara

John Swartz

(no one on phone)

Richard McNamara re: Bill’s status

* Bill has been submitted, formed, and is now “cast in stone”
* Legislative Services created a new “Chapter” as a way of addressing old RSA’s
* Think about what the major objections are going to be
	+ Where is the money going to come from?
		- John: this model is similar to UNH “self-insuring” itself
		- Ahmed: until Medicare funds are in, consider it a state “unified” fund, including expanded Medicaid
	+ Why promote “big government”?
		- Medicare is popular
	+ Impact on small business?
	+ Richard: NCOIL – National Council of Insurance Legislators
* Will likely go to “Commerce and Consumer Affairs” Committee (Chair: John Hunt, R-Rindge) – 20 members (12 Republicans; 8 Democrats [5 of them new])
	+ Initial hearings will be sometime from February through April for an initial 1-2 hours
	+ Will likely go to Sub-Committee after initial hearings, especially if McNamara requests it.
* Re: Medicare funds
	+ John: would the New England/New York “Region” be better able to get a Medicare waiver for a single-payer
	+ Ahmed: could we form a state “non-profit” for NH to form its own Medicare Advantage program
* Richard: with testimony, a clerk will ask for copies; he recommends that they are distributed after the testimony
* Richard: a “commission” to study single-payer could be positive, but could also be a dead-end
* Don: what would we do if it passes?
	+ We would expect a Governing Board to be named.
	+ We would expect the machinery to take 24months to be geared up.

Strategy for the next 2 months:

* Don: who should speak? – **Don** does the overview
* Camilla/Ahmed: increase the breadth and depth of facts
	+ Bankruptcy
	+ Uninsurance/underinsurance
	+ Preventable deaths
* Don: one of the speakers must address the ACA - **?Camilla**
	+ ACA is the law of the land. It has done good work, and we want to use it to enhance it.
* John: one speaker must summarize what our bill does - **?Ahmed (at risk because never practiced in New Hampshire)**
	+ Ahmed/Richard: Medicare for all
* John/Richard: what does this does for small business - **?Tom**
* If we DO have sub-committee hearings:
	+ Vermont experience: **Deb Richter**

Ahmed: Do we need co-sponsors?

* Richard: we have 3 co-signers: Suzanne Smith, Marsha Moody,
* Camilla: how about Senators
	+ Corry will solicit Jeff Woodburn as a co-sponsor
	+ Don will solicit David Pierce