**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, May 23, 2018**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from April 25, 2018
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Recap of the NH Legislative season – Ken
   2. Democratic Primary for the NH District 1 Congressional seat
      1. What the field looks like – Ahmed
      2. Information from a candidate – Lincoln Soldati
4. Speakers Bureau – Camilla/Ahmed
   1. Health Care Now – Medicare for all Rally - Camilla
   2. NH Progressive Summit – Ahmed
   3. Upcoming
5. Medical Students
   1. Summer Internship update – Ken
   2. Geisel/Dartmouth chapter update - Don
6. Materials
   1. ?Sub-committee to review materials
   2. New information card – Susan
7. Old business
   1. NH Business Review - ?June
   2. Seddon Savage planning to reach out to Annie Kuster
   3. Hosting a “Citizens Commission on Health Care for All”
      1. ? UNH
      2. ? focus on New England States Consortium
      3. ? invite Gerald Friedman
   4. NH Academy of Family Physicians update – Gary or Rob
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Next meeting June 27, 2018
   1. Phil Caper, Maine on:
      1. Maine progress
      2. “One-Payer States” coalition
      3. Potential for a New England Consortium

**Attending**:

Chris Blair, Canterbury (Marketing!)

Ken Dolkart

David Ecklein

Jim Fieseher

Camilla Jones

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Fred Portnoy

Cosy Santiago

Gary Sobelson

Kathleen Soldati

Lincoln Soldati, guest, candidate for Democratic nomination for Congress, District 1

1. Introductions:
   1. Chris Blair
2. Legislative Affairs
   1. Ken/Fred:
      1. Medicaid Expansion passed
         1. 5 year term
         2. There is a work requirement
         3. There is a Commission to assess effectiveness; only members who are legislators can vote (4 Republican and 2 Democrat)
      2. Single Payer bills were all ITL’d, including Senate Bill 383
   2. Democratic candidates for Congress District 1
      1. Most of the candidates express interest in or support for Single-payer
      2. Lincoln: I recommend that our chapter question all candidates regarding why they think that Single Payer is viable and why it is essential now. He thinks that some of the candidates are **not** as committed as he. He believes that small and medium-size businesses would be the primary beneficiaries of Single-Payer.
      3. Lincoln: I endorse the PNHP proposal. I encourage PNHP members to contribute $$ to candidates for Congress.
      4. Gary: if other Candidates want to come, let’s have them
   3. Dave: How about Governor candidates
      1. Ahmed/Ken: how about a Candidates’ Forum
3. Speakers Bureau
   1. Camilla: Rumney Library and Lebanon are NO LONGER interested in hosting a meeting
   2. Camilla: New Durham Library on June 24, 2pm, with FIXIT
   3. Ahmed: Peterborough June 7
   4. Ahmed: Antrum June XX and Keene Public Library
   5. Camilla: SUSAN is pursuing more Rotary Clubs
4. Materials
   1. We will return to storing it at the NHMS rather than at Susan’s house
   2. Gary: we should probably notify Jim Potter if members of the Steering Committee are coming in to pick up materials
   3. Don: I will send the combination and Potter’s contact information to the Steering Committee
   4. Don: Can I have volunteers for an ad hoc committee to select materials: Ken, Susan, Cosy
   5. A number of us were at the Medicare-for-All rally at the Manchester UU Church
   6. NH Progressive Summit – a project of Granite State Progress - at Manchester Community College – Saturday, June 2
      1. *Ahmed: I will post on the List-Serv*
5. Outreach
   1. Ken: we have a Facebook page; should we have a Twitter account?
   2. *Ken: I will explore starting a Twitter Account*
   3. Don: we can re-tweet each other’s tweets
   4. Chris: find a millennial to do our social media!
6. Don: I need help with a membership Data-Base/spreadsheet
7. Don: I asked the Assoc Editor of the NH Business Review when the Single-Payer article will be posted. No one else but myself has been interviewed.
   1. Cosy: many years ago I met with them and nothing happened.
8. Ahmed: I do not think that Annie Kuster will turn to SP – political fears
9. Don: I do not think that Maggie Hassan will turn to SP – fears about care for her son
10. Chris: we have to convince many people who are SATISFIED with their care that they will not lose with single payer
11. Chris: we cannot trust the Government to do everything right
    1. Ken: we really need to be sensitive to the varying realms of government.
    2. Chris: we need to NOT dis-empower private for-profit enterprise that is innovative
12. Don: Citizen’s Commission on Health Care for all
    1. UNH could be a sponsor
    2. NHTI could be a sponsor; they were interested
    3. Don: Peter Schmidt agrees to reach out to Gerald Friedman to participate
13. Gary: The NH Academy of Family Physicians has drafted a strong statement in support of Single-Payer. The National organization’s annual meeting is going to host multiple SP resolutions this September. The President-Elect of the AAFP knows us and is interested.
14. Ahmed: the ACP is also supportive.
15. Gary: it would be good if the NH Pediatric Society and the NH Psychiatric Organization would be active nationally
    1. *Camilla: I will touch base with the NH Pediatric Society*
16. Medical Students
    1. The Geisel SNaHP Chapter will have a 1st and 2nd year student at the helm
    2. There are no GEISEL students interested in the Internship
    3. There will be an evening meeting with the UVM Interns on the evening of Wednesday, June 6 at 6:30pm, somewhere in Springfield, to discuss various countries’ approaches to Single Payer
17. Treasurer’s Report: current balance: $1194
18. New Business:
    1. Camilla: there will be a Ceremony for John Swartz on June 23 in Wilmot, NH
       1. *Camilla and Cosy: We can post a Remembrance of John Swartz on the List-serv*
    2. *Chris: I will look into updating the NH specific slides AND help select slides for us to use from the National slide sets*
19. Next meeting: June 27, 2018, with Phil Caper from Maine telephoning in