**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda- Minutes**

**October 27, 2021**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Luchy Hidalgo – Medical Affairs with Industry

Rob Kiefner

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Gary Sobelson

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of September 22 approved as submitted.
3. National PNHP
	1. Annual Meeting, virtual: What were some high points?
		1. Ahmed: Lunch Byte on Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) was very good, and addressed the question “where does the money come from”. The point is that all we need is the political will
		2. Ken/Don: Adam Gaffney’s “Data Update” was concise and compelling
	2. Eastern Regional Meeting (attended by Ahmed)
		1. National staff wants to develop stronger relationships with Chapters
		2. Membership recruitment
			1. Low penetration of PNHP into total denominator of physicians
			2. Consider sending a postcard to all NH Doctors about PNHP
			3. Ken/Gary: if the survey comes back (+), we should put out ads supporting Single Payer signed by NH-ACP, NH-AAFP, and NHMS
		3. Power broker analysis
			1. This resonates with Tyler Brannen suggestion- that we should get the CEO of a major health system to say they are in favor of Single-Payer
			2. Gary: the NHMS can be part of this
4. Chapter Activities
	1. NHMS survey
		1. Went out to 2,200 doctors out of about 3,000
		2. Reminders will go out soon
		3. Analysis will follow.
		4. We hope for good response rate.
		5. Gary: of 25 members of the Council, 3-4 are worried that the NHMS might be “cornered” into supporting Single-Payer
	2. City Council Resolutions
		1. Ahmed: Keene Council voted in favor ~14-2, but Mayor/staff haven’t approved yet. *Ahmed: I will continue to pursue*
		2. Rob, re: Concord. Premium costs for the City are about $12 million. Concord Council has said that they will not propose a resolution that does not have a legislative mandate.
		3. Jim, re Dover: 9-person Council (3 in favor, 3 neutral, 3 opposed). Hoping to elect more progressive Democrats
	3. Speakers Bureau
		1. Ken is scheduled to give a talk on Prescription costs for Eastman Cares (Grantham)
		2. Can we give talks about Global Hospital Budgeting to administrators and leadership of NH hospitals?
			1. *Ken: I will send out the talk on this from last summer’s internship*
			2. Rob: it is complicated! I’m not sure I can address it well.
			3. *Ken: I will try to get a speaker from National*
			4. *Ahmed: I will ask Dr. Bill Hoenig (California) if he can speak*
			5. Luchy: We can learn from hospitals in Canada. There, physicians have to advocate for indicated treatments that are medically-indicated.
5. Medicare Commercialization/Privitization: Medicare Advantage and DCE’s
	1. We reviewed PPT by UMass Economist Gerald Friedman
	2. Ahmed: there is no mandated comment period
	3. Ahmed: Private Equity market is trying to bring more business to ACO’s
	4. Gary: Medicare
	5. ACO’s are here in NH
	6. We need to learn more!!
	7. NH Medicaid is **all** managed. But it is not assigned!
6. Jim Fieseher read a poem based on Joyce Kilmer’s “I think I shall never see…”
	1. We encourage him to post it on the List-serv after it gets published.
7. Next meeting: December 8, if NHMS is available. If not….then December 15.
	1. Gary: check with NHMS
	2. Lets continue with Hybrid
	3. Don: I will learn how to screen share from the NHMS