**NH-PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**January 27, 2021**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Camilla Jones

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Nikki Ratnapala – 2nd year Geisel Student, co-leader of SNaHP

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from **December 16,** **2020** approved
3. Town Meeting Warrant Articles - follow up  
            a. Two we know are in action
   * 1. Rumney – Cosy
        1. Camilla gave an assist
        2. The PNHP meeting is interested in how the Warrant Article is worded
        3. The PNHP members would like to offer to help with publicity or support at the meeting. Can we get help from Rights and Democracy or from Public Citizen? *Camilla will reach out to Cosy.*
     2. Andover – Kent
        1. Andover is going to be a virtual meeting.
        2. Kent has the article into the town warrant, and has a letter in the town “Beacon” (and another coming)
     3. Other towns and cities
        1. Ahmed: re Keene, I spoke with Jim Murphy and Carl DeMatteo, who have passed the materials on to the City Council. “A couple of councilors are supportive”. They will work on it with Heather Stockwell (from RaD)
        2. Jim: please send me the materials so that I might get something going in Dover. *Don: I’ll send it out.*
        3. Ken: townspeople are shocked by the town/city taxes that go to pay for Town and School employees’ health insurance
   1. Camilla: Why is Rumney tough? so Holderness might be a “progressive” town. Or we might have passed it because of the taxes.
   2. Ken: the activist doesn’t have to be a PNHP member. Could RaD find activists in other towns? *Ken: I’ll reach out to RaD to ask them.*
4. National Scene
   1. National politics
      1. Tomorrow’s PNHP “Activist” phone call will explore what’s coming. *Don: I’ll send out the link to you all.*
   2. Ahmed: Don McCanne’s “Quote of the Day” reviewed Biden’s Health Plan, and did not mention the Public Option. *Don: I’ll send to Jim the link to “Quote of the Day”*
   3. Jim: there is a federal immigrant detention facility near Dover. There are concerns about possible spread of COVID. Senator Shaheen has not helped.
5. Legislative Affairs -
   1. State Politics-  The possibility of a NH Medical Society Resolution, following the lead of our sisters and brothers in Vermont?
      1. Don has spoken with Gary Sobelson and Mike Padmore. They will bring it to the NHMS Council. The President, Kenton Allen
   2. Ken: Can the Single Payer Interest Group sponsor a talk at the NHMS Annual Meeting, perhaps on Social Determinants of Health and Health Insurance?
      1. *Ken: I will ask Gary or Mike to ask who puts together the Annual Program*
      2. Ahmed has presented to NH Psychiatry
      3. Don has presented to NH Family Practice
      4. Ken has presented to the Grafton Cty Medical Society
      5. *Don: I’ll ask NHMS to find out if the other counties have Medial Societies*
   3. Supporting any progressive Health Care bills?
      1. Don: Jerry Knirk says “none that I know of”
      2. Don: Mike Padmore says: I’ll let you know of any bills aimed at controlling pharmaceutical costs.
   4. Jim: Dover Democrats are interested in healthcare and have formed a healthcare committee. Also interested in working with other groups, e.g. PNHP and Nurses’ groups. They’ve published an op-ed in Dover “Fosters” and Concord Monitor, focusing on how the Pandemic revealed weaknesses in our health care system. All of the Dover state legislators and the senator are Democrats and supportive.
      1. *Don: I’ll forward the Op-ed to National PNHP for posting*
      2. *Jim: I’ll send a link to the Op-ed’s to Don*
      3. Jim: perhaps some of the Dover Democrats might attend PNHP meetings. Perhaps Dover Dems might reach out to other Democratic Clubs to drum up interest in healthcare.
      4. Ken: PNHP is a 501(c)3, and cannot endorse a political initiative
      5. Ken: the Democratic Clubs **do** collaborate to form the State Democratic Platform
      6. Ken: how about nursing organizations? *Jim: I’ll get back to you about nursing linkages.*
      7. Ahmed: Maine has an active NNU, but NH distinctly does not. I’ll send information about some interested NH nurses
      8. *Don: I’ll “e-introduce” Dr. Kenton Allen to Jim*
6. Speakers Bureau
   1. Possibly taking another run at Rotaries - ?spreadsheet?
      1. Ahmed: I can send you the library list
      2. Don: I have the rotary list
      3. Nikki: I’ll help the Chapter with organizing
7. Student Issues:
   1. Nikki: SNaHP is stable. There will be a new M-1 for next year’s leadership group. Organizing a couple of talks.
8. Ken: Planning has begun for the 2021 Northern New England “Zoom” summer internship
   1. More than 20 applications for 10 slots (5 from National, 4 from Vermont, 1 from NH)
   2. Last year’s Interns have been engaged nationally and locally working for substantive reform
   3. They each produce a final project
   4. There are great lecturers from all around the country
   5. Ken: I propose that NH spend $1500 to support 1 student stipend
      1. 6 “yes” 0 “no”
      2. *Ken: I’ll let Don know where to send the money*
   6. Nikki: I think that 10 would be a reasonable maximum number of participants
   7. Ken: GS-PNHP members are welcome to participate and/or present. Does anyone have a patient who can speak?
9. Treasurer’s Report - $2,021.93
10. New business
    1. PNHP “Activists” phone call tomorrow evening 1/28/21
    2. Don: let’s talk about Leadership of GS-PNHP at our next meeting
       1. Ken: if we engage more of the NHMS, we may get more participation
11. Next virtual meeting: February 24, 20