Granite State PNHP

Agenda/Minutes

December 15, 2021

Attending

Ken Dolkart (zoom)

Jim Fieseher (zoom)

Rob Kiefner

Ahmed Kutty

Don Kollisch

Thomas Lane (zoom)

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from October 27, 2021 approved as amended by Ahmed to have postcards to NH doctors after the survey results
3. Chapter activities
	1. Town meeting and city council resolutions
		1. Ahmed: the **Keene** city clerk failed to prepare and send the MC4A resolution to the Mayor. The clerk has agreed to proceed. Unfortunately, the definitive meeting has – at last minute – rescheduled to January, 2022.
		2. Jim: the **Dover** city council make-up has shifted somewhat to the left, so he will raise it again
	2. Survey
		1. Don reported, in general terms, the results of the survey, with an N=260
			1. Ahmed: the 10% response rate might be a PR problem
				1. *Don: I will ask Gary, again, about the 2007 response rate*
				2. *Thomas: it is probably important to simply say that the responders are representative*
		2. Gary is going to make a presentation and resolution to the NHMS Council
		3. Other post-survey activities
			1. Ken: take out an ad in the Union-Leader, asking readers to push our congressional representatives
			2. Ahmed: send postcards to NH doctors
			3. Jim: use the survey results as a recruiting tool for PNHP
				1. Annie Kuster’s newly Gerry-mandered district may (eventually) be more solidly Democratic, and therefore less at risk
			4. Don: consider a press release
			5. Don: consider the timing of any of these, in relationship to the 2023 legislative session, assuming that we have a MC4A Bill
		4. Don: one lesson of the survey is that a successful project depends on the commitment and focus of an individual or smaller dedicated group.
	3. Speakers Bureau
		1. NH Rotary and libraries – on hold
		2. Rural Hospitals, esp regarding Global Budgeting
			1. Ken: a Zoom presentation by a national figure might be of interest to rural hospitals.
			2. Don: we would have to work hard to structure such a conference well
			3. Ken: all small hospitals might be interested.
			4. Don: perhaps Lucy Hodder and UNH Center for Health Policy might help with a conference
			5. Ahmed: Global budgeting can be complex
				1. Critical Access
				2. Rural
	4. Membership
		1. Lapsed members initiative
			1. *Don: can I send you a list of lapsed members?*
				1. *Everyone: yes!*
		2. Don: not much headway on a reduced membership fee
	5. Dartmouth College intern – late March to early June
		1. Activities to be determined
		2. Housing: Thomas trying to decide between Concord and Hanover
	6. Meeting speakers
		1. *Ken: I will try, again to get someone (?from National) to speak about Global Budget*
		2. *Rob: I may invite a Canadian Fam Med resident(s) from the Concord program to speak with us about the Canadian health care system*
		3. Ken: consider inviting the Primary Care Track Medicine residents from DHMC to a talk
4. Medicare and DCE’s
	1. Ken: perhaps MC4A may have more traction nationally if the feds stop insuring COVID, thus putting pressure on the insurance companies
	2. Ken: I will send you details of an interesting book about struggling rural hospital in Ohio
	3. Ahmed: there was a recent book about the “hidden” history of American health care, which related to the racist basis of fighting Medicare for all (“let the black people get sick and die”)
	4. *Rob: I gave an interview to the NH Business Review about DCE’s and Medicare Advantage. Will try to send it out.*
	5. Rob: I am contacting Doug McNutt and others about the NH AARP about their stance re: DCE’s. Will also contact the NHHA.
	6. Ahmed: Javier Baccerra is paying attention
	7. Rob: my **op-ed** has been forwarded to the NH Congressional Delegation
5. Treasurer’s Report - $521.93
6. New Business – none
7. Next meeting: January 26 – hybrid or Zoom (if weather bad)