**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**December 21, 2022 – Zoom/In-person Hybrid**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart (Zoom)

Jim Fieseher (Zoom)

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty (Zoom)

Thomas Lane (Zoom)

Gary Sobelson

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from last meeting on October 26, 2022
   1. Approved as submitted
3. Report on the National meeting in Boston in November
   1. Jim: “impressed” with quality of participants and speakers, especially with Wendel Potter’s description of the influence of the Insurance industry
   2. Thomas: “so many cool people from all over the country, esp. Med Students”
   3. Ahmed: emphasis seems to be more on emotional realm more than on academic/data.
      1. Older generation of doctors – us! – have perhaps been complicit in letting the insurance industry take over
      2. Rob: some doctors I helped to train are now complicit, with ACO’s
      3. Gary: doctors went from having middle-class aspirations to desiring to become wealthy
      4. Ahmed: …and the language of medicine has changed. Patients are “consumers” and medical care is a “product”.
   4. *Don: I will re-introduce Thomas to Constance, the Geisel SNaHP leader*
4. Chapter activities
   1. NH Legislature
      1. Political issues
         1. Split House, Republican Senate
         2. Doctors Out and Doctors In
      2. Bills
         1. Interstate Compact for Single-Payer
         2. All-Payor Committee
            1. Ken and Ahmed: “Maryland is to Medicare-for-All as Saskatchewan was to the development of Canadian Medicare”
         3. and....can we propose a bill banning Insurance Companies from using the word "Medicare" in advertising?
            1. Rob: Tyler Brannen thinks that the state probably does not have “standing”
            2. *Thomas: can state regulate advertising?*
         4. Don: Jim Murphy might be interested in being a co-sponsor
         5. *Don: Dave Nagel (R-Gilmanton) is interested in learning more and is meeting with me on Friday*
         6. *Gary: once the bills are assigned to a Committee, perhaps PNHP members could call Democratic Committee members to lobby for their support.*
         7. Rob: Kent Street Coalition would probably not push for these bills
         8. *Jim: We should get out one-pager fact sheets about these bills, e.g. these are bills to eliminate unnecessary and costly middle-men.*
            1. *Jim: I will work with Ken on the All-Payer*
            2. *Thomas and Ahmed: we will work on the Multi-State Compact*
         9. *Don: I will reach out to Heather Stockwell to let her know that these are coming. “Can you bring patients’ stories”*
5. National issues - Privatization of Medicare - Medicare Disadvantage and ACO-REACH
   1. Rob: this is a federal issue, and cannot be addressed at the State level. I have been in contact with NH-AARP who referred me to national AARP. In a phone call today I addressed linkage of AARP with United Health Care and their MA plans.
   2. Rob: our congressional delegation seems to be supporting Medicare Advantage
      1. Gary: are there federal bills that we can promote?
         1. Thomas: Ro Khanna’s bill limiting Insurance industry using the word “Medicare” in their advertising
      2. *Jim and Rob: We will work on a one-pager on privatization of Medicare*
      3. Gary: perhaps we should focus on Jeanne Shaheen, as she may be less risk-averse in coming years
   3. Ken: the revolving door between CMS leadership and Insurance company leadership is corruption, and should be limited.
6. New Business
7. Treasurer's Report - $521.93
8. Next meeting - January 25