**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda, December 26, 2018**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from November 28, 2018
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Preparing for the 2019 Legislative season
      1. Letter to legislators
      2. Sponsors of our bills
      3. What to expect in January and February

4.    Meeting with Rep-elect Chris Pappas

5. Meeting with Rep Peter Welch

6.   Speakers Bureau

* 1. Reports of recent events
     1. f/u of "Upper Valley Mandela" statement
     2. Other

2. Upcoming

7. Students

8.  Treasurer's Report

9. New business

10.  Next meeting, January 23

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**Minutes, December 26, 2018**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart (by phone)

Camilla Jones

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Fred Portnoy

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. Introductions – none
2. Minutes from last meeting - accepted
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Sponsors
      * 1. Tom Sherman will be head of HHS in the Senate, and will sponsor our bill, likely at HHS
        2. Jerry Knirk will be sponsor in the House. ?which committee
   2. Ask Knirk if it makes sense to **not** promote the Commission in the House, and instead to focus on the Straight-up SP bill; then they can “down-shift” to the Commission bill
   3. Ahmed: I was just at the MPA meeting; they will be available to attend hearings. Kathy Staub is at MPA and Rights and Democracy
   4. Availability on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
      * 1. Ken: yes Tuesdays (away 1/3-1/15)
        2. Fred: yes Tuesdays
        3. Ahmed: yes, Tuesdays/Wednesdays
        4. Susan: widely available
        5. Camilla: busy one Tuesday of each month
        6. Don: widely available
   5. Coordinate our topics:
      * 1. Either send our synopsis around to the other team members in advance
        2. *Ahmed can be in touch with Sherman*
        3. *Susan can be in touch with Knirk*
        4. *Don can be in touch with Schmidt*
4. Meeting with Chris Pappas (staff: Kari Thurman)
   1. Attended by the Steering Committee and organized by Tom Clairmont
   2. He said that he is not going to take the Health Insurance offered to House members
   3. Pappas was interested in “Medicare Buy In”, and we shared with him some of the problems
   4. He was non-committal about sponsoring HR676
   5. Ahmed: can/should we reach out to Hassan, Kuster, and Shaheen to similarly be available as a resource (Shaheen is a supporter of SB1804)
      * 1. Camilla: those using Katie Beckett – such as Maggie Hassan’s child - may be opposed to Single-Payer because there seemed to be worse coverage of adaptive equipment, ST/PT with the ACA. “Although I worked with him when he was younger, I cannot adequately address Hassan’s concerns now.”
        2. Don: we need to have someone who is very knowledgeable about ACA coverage to reassure Hassan
           1. Ahmed: I can research the relevant coverage of HR676
           2. Camilla: I can address adaptive equipment with Maggie Hassan
5. Meeting with Peter Welch by the VT-PNHP
6. Speakers Bureau
   1. Ahmed: Future events.
      * 1. Manchester to be rescheduled sometime in January
        2. Wilton on February 6
        3. Some place in February
   2. Camilla: I will present SP at the February meeting of the NH Citizens’ Corps (also called the Medical Reserve Corps) - (by Public Health Region)
   3. Don: Ken and I spoke with the Upper Valley “Mandela” Group of Elders.
      * 1. The bottleneck for a ½ page ad in the Valley News may be the cost of ~$1300.
        2. If the Elders come up short, perhaps the GS-PNHP can help
   4. Ken: I will speak about SP at the Annual meeting of the Grafton County Medical Society, January 31 at Jessies’ Restaurant in Lebanon
7. Students
   1. Tarun Julla is going to develop NH- specific data on excess mortality, bankruptcies.
      * 1. Camilla: can he do a survey of public interest in SP?
        2. *Susan Zlotnick-Hale: I’d be happy to correspond with him about his plans*
8. Treasurer’s report: $883.82
9. New business: none
10. Next meeting: January 23, 2019