**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**February 23, 2022 – Zoom**

Attending:

Jim Fieseher

Luchy Hidalgo

Rob Kiefner (briefly)

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Thomas Lane

Farzon Nahvi (new member, Concord Emergency Medicine)

Gary Sobelson

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from January 26, 2022 approved as submitted
3. Chapter activities
   1. City/Town Resolutions
      1. Ahmed: Keene resolution has been completed, signed and sent to congressional delegation as well as NH Governor and Senators
         1. Meeting tomorrow with Annie Kuster’s senior health staffer Marcy and Concord office coordinator Erin – [Ahmed, Carl, Jim, Heather]. (focus on MC4A, Rx costs, Mental Health). Will also ask her to support House oversight of DCE.
         2. Ahmed: Note: HR1976 now has 131 sponsors
      2. Jim: still working on developing a Dover resolution
   2. NH Medical Society
      1. Gary presented the .ppt with Survey data and analysis
      2. The NH Medical Society passed a Single-Payer Resolution
      3. Discussion about the meaning and use of these projects
         1. Don: consider using the data in community presentations.
         2. Gary: the New England delegation to the AMA may present this to the AMA
         3. All: many thanks to Gary Sobelson for shepherding this from beginning to end
         4. *Don: I will post the PPT on our NH-PNHP web-page*
   3. Speakers bureau
      1. Ahmed: I can try to re-energize the library effort
      2. Don: I have spoken to two Rotaries during COVID
      3. Thomas: soon after I begin internship I will convene a working group meeting
         1. Specialty groups’ conferences (psychiatrists, hospitalists, nurses, etc)
         2. Hospitals
         3. Libraries
         4. Rotaries
      4. *Luchy: I will send a list of up-coming medical conferences that might be interested in a MC4A presentation.*
   4. Membership services
      1. *Don will try to reach out again to lapsed members*
   5. Thomas Lane – Dartmouth College undergrad (Health Policy) to intern with us
      1. March 28 – June 10
      2. Will be living in Concord
      3. Some possible activities
         1. Speakers bureau organization
         2. Draft bill, for the 2023 session, ?for Rep Jerry Knirk
            1. *Don: I will notify Rep Knirk that Thomas will work with us*
            2. *Don: I will reach out to Russ Muirhead*
         3. Assist with summer med student internship program
         4. Collaborate with Rights-and-Democracy on a public forum about Medicare Advantage
         5. Consider a regular newsletter
            1. Jim: nice idea. Perhaps distribute more widely, e.g. NHMS or Dover Democrats. Perhaps the active chapter members can each “take a month” of writing
            2. Gary: can post items of interest in the weekly NHMS e-newsletter or the occasional written NHMS newsletter
         6. Luchy: Develop a social media strategy! (e.g. have Twitter group).
            1. *Luchy: I can assist Thomas*
   6. Medical Student Internship
      1. *Don: I will connect Fabzon, Luchy, and Thomas with Ken Dolkart to assist with (i.e. potentially serve as faculty) in the Summer Med Student Internship*
4. Treasurer’s Report - $521.93
   1. Don: I will requisition more money from National, so that we will have money to donate to the Summer Internship
5. New business
   1. Ahmed: at National PNHP, Privatization of Medicare (DCE and MA) is being highlighted as a pressing issue.
      1. Ahmed: Contact President Biden, Sec. Xavier Becerra, and our Congressional Delegation to demand a Moratorium on expansion of DCE.
      2. *Ahmed: I will put a link into the List-serv.*
6. Next meeting: March 23, either hybrid or Zoom (to be decided)