**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**March 22, 2023 – Zoom**

**Present:**

Ken Dolkart

Mary Kay Hillinger – retired DH Allergy

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Thomas Lane

Heather Stockwell

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from March 22, 2023 - approved
3. Chapter activities
   1. NH Legislature – Bills
      1. HB353 - Interstate Compact for Single-Payer – Retained in Committee (RIC)
         1. Thomas described the bill
         2. Ken: RIC” is hard to interpret. The ranking Democrat on the Commerce Committee, Anita Burroughs will speak with him
         3. Ahmed: a Democrat, Rep Spiers, was opposed because of the absence of a national waiver
         4. Ahmed: Both Houses of Legislature have passed “Maine All-Care” and are awaiting a national waiver for Medicare, which can come from HHS and/or CMS
      2. HB319 - All-Payor Committee – Retained in Committee
         1. Ken described the bill (and the Maryland model)
         2. Don: Peter Schmidt will speak with the Commerce Committee about the rationale for the “RIC”
         3. Ken: the biggest challenge in NH might be the need for the State to have an agency to manage the negotiations
         4. Ken: I have gotten some data from the NH Insurance Department. Overall state costs should decrease
            1. *Heather: I would love to see the State data.*
            2. *Ken: I will share it with you!*
         5. Don: the new film by Richard Masters “[American Hospitals](https://fixithealthcare.com/)” might be a strong resource for educating Legislators (and others)
            1. *Don: we should share it with our Chapter activists*
            2. Heather: It would be great to have a panel discussion and a NH Premiere at Red River!

*Don: I will reach out to Laura, from American Hospitals*

* + - * 1. *Thomas: we might arrange for a Premiere at Dartmouth*
  1. Public education events - Rotaries, Libraries, Businesses, Rural Hospitals, League of Women Voters
     1. Attendance
        1. Susan: my experience is that attendance is generally low
        2. Ahmed: arranging to give talks is easier said than done
        3. Heather: one of the perils of organizing is getting people together. Outreach to people who do not agree with us is important
     2. Ken: how about speaking to Republican Clubs?
     3. Heather: I was recently on a radio show, “Matt XXX unleashed” and Matt spoke about being supportive
     4. Rotaries – Thomas: status of our spread-sheet
        1. *Heather: I have a contact at Milford*
           1. *Ahmed: I can join you*
        2. *Ahmed: I will try Peterborough/Monadnock*
        3. *Ken: I will try New London*
        4. *Don: I will try Littleton*
        5. Kay: I would like to join Ken in New London or with others to learn how it is done!
        6. *Don/Ken/Ahmed agree to work on a .ppt template, hopefully to include NH data. This can be customizable.*
     5. Heather: I might have an event at Exeter and/or Portsmouth
     6. Hospital Staff meetings and Rounds
     7. Grass-roots “house parties”
  2. Northern New England Student Internship – update
     1. Ken: It would be useful for Chapter members to see Internship presentations, especially Ed Weisbart’s talk on how to give presentations.
     2. Ken: there are currently 13 signed up
     3. Thomas: how about working with Maine
        1. Ken: perhaps bring someone on as Faculty
        2. *Ahmed: I can ask my contact, Dr. Julia Pease, if she would like to be involved*
     4. *Don: I will share information about UNECOM students with Ken*

1. National Issues
   1. PNHP 35th Anniversary
   2. Chapter member Book Launch “Code Grey” Dr. Farzon Nahvi, March 23
   3. Status of REACH and fighting Medicare Advantage
      1. Ahmed: the new group “National Single-Payer” is promoting 3 changes to the Pramila Jayapal bill that would strengthen Medicare.
         1. *Don: I will ask Ahmed to speak on these changes at our next meeting*
2. New Business - none
3. Treasurer's Report - $521.93
4. Next meeting - April 26