**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**March 23, 2022 – Zoom**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Rob Kiefner

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Thomas Lane

Gary Sobelson

Heather Stockwell

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from February 23 approved
3. Chapter Activities
   1. City/Town Resolutions
      1. Ahmed: Keene activists met with Annie Kuster staffers Marci and Erin.
         1. No sense of movement towards co-sponsoring HR1976.
         2. She would support lowering MC eligibility to 60.
         3. Supports pharmaceutical price control.
         4. Supports capping out-of-pocket costs for Medicare
      2. Jim: Dover might be developing a health-care group, possibly involving Unions
      3. Ken: do we work directly with National Nurses United?
         1. Heather: Health Action and Health Care Now are areas of overlap with other activist groups
   2. NH Medical Society Resolution – follow-up
      1. Don to present to PNHP Activist Group
      2. Gary to present to AAFP Single-Payer interest Group
      3. How will we publicize this?
         1. *Gary: there will not be a NHMS Press Release, but I will write a report for the NHMS Newsletter, working with Thomas*
         2. *All: Consider writing LTE to Newspapers around the state (Heather endorses this!) to let the public know*
            1. Jim: I suggest that we frame Single-Payer as a conservative “value” (save money and preserve choice) rather than as a Government program
         3. Ken: has anyone spoken with Tom Sherman about this? Or Gary Hirschberg, another person running for Democratic nominee for Governor? Do we want to get Single-Payer discussed in the Gubernatorial race?
         4. Rob: I have spoken with NH-AARP representatives. They are “impressed” by the NHMS resolution, but National AARP is **not**
   3. Speakers bureau
      1. *Thomas will organize a “working group”: Don, Ahmed, Ken*
         1. Adult education series (Osher, OLLI)
         2. Rotaries
         3. Libraries
      2. Don/Heather: Rights and Democracy (RaD) can collect and provide Patient stories
      3. Ken: I am giving a talk to “Eastman Cares” in April about Pharmaceutical costs
   4. Membership services
      1. Don/Thomas: consider a Survey
   5. NNE PNHP Medical Student Summer Internship – Ken
      1. 8 applicants so far (2-3 from Rowan Osteopathic)
      2. Funding
         1. National will provide some funding
         2. *Jim moves that we allocate $1250 to sponsor a student. Voted 6-0 in favor.*
      3. Curriculum will be by Zoom
         1. Faculty: Ed Weisbart, Stephanie Woolhandler, Adam Gaffney, Susan Rogers, some patients
         2. Structure will be similar to last year
      4. PNHP members are welcome to sit in
4. Thomas Lane – Dartmouth College undergrad (Health Policy) to intern with us March 28 – June 10
   1. Will be living in Concord
   2. Possible desk space at NHMS
   3. Some possible activities
      1. Speakers bureau organization
      2. Draft bill, for the 2023 session, ?for Rep Jerry Knirk
         1. *Don: I will f/u with Jerry by phone*
      3. Assist with summer med student internship program
      4. Collaborate with Rights-and-Democracy on a public forum about Medicare Advantage
      5. Format/plan a regular newsletter
5. Privatization of Medicare: Direct Contracting 🡪 ACO-Reach program
   1. Recent DHMC Medicine Grand Rounds about Medicare Advantage and Complex Elder
   2. *Ahmed: I can draft a letter to her which may have influence on her future talks*
   3. Ken: I am not sure that we would have influence, as she is on a Research pathway
6. Treasurer’s Report - $521.93
   1. *Don: I will contact PNHP to ask for money*
7. New Business
   1. Ken: do we want more Speakers at meetings? Yes!
      1. *Rob: There are a number of Concord residents who are from Canada*
      2. *Rob: There is a DCE in Derry. Doug Dreffer and Doug Phalen are both working with it.*
   2. Gary: do we want to have a PNHP meeting at the AAFP meeting
      1. *Don: I will reach to Katrina and Joann to ask if there is a slot*
8. Next meeting: April 27, hybrid!!