**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**March 27, 2024**

Attending:

Jim Fieseher

Kay Hillinger

Don Kollisch

Thomas Lane

Janet Perkins-Howland

Gary Sobelson

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from February 28 accepted as submitted
3. Chapter activities
	1. NH Legislation follow-up
		1. HR23 (Resolution to instruct congressional delegation to support Universal Health Insurance) - Jim Fieseher
			1. There were 13 articulate speakers at the Committee Hearing
			2. Committee voted 9-9 along party lines 🡪House Vote “with no recommendation”
			3. Kay: March 14, House vote was close, but HR23 was voted down. Rep. LaMontagne was very articulate
			4. Jim: if the House flips to majority Democratic, we can/should target individual committee members for education
			5. Janet: what is the plan for this resolution for next year?
				1. *Jim: I will speak about it with Rep. Lamontagne.*
		2. Other bills? - No
		3. Don: NH Legislative health Care Caucus is still a possibility
	2. Public education events
		1. NH Chapter of National Association of Social Workers - March 8 – Don/Kay
			1. Thomas/Gary: the SW should organize within their organization
			2. *Don: I will f/u with NH-NASW to share that message*
		2. Pot Luck dinner for Gordon Schiff (PNHP past-president) – March 29
		3. Hope to schedule an Upper Valley screening of "**American Hospitals**" movie
		4. Jim: we are working with the Strand Theater in Dover to arrange a screening. Alternatively to have a screening at a UU Church
			1. Jim: we may try to find co-sponsors
	3. Letters to the Editor (LTE’s)
		1. Jim: my next letter will be on Health Care
		2. Thomas: submitted an LTE in Minneapolis re: Public Option
		3. Don: Travis and I had a NHMS Members’ Column on Single-Payer
	4. Speakers at future monthly meetings
		1. Deborah Fournier, UNH - "Affordability and equitability in NH healthcare”
	5. Northern NE Student Internship this summer – No report
4. Geisel SNaHP (Students for a National Health Program) – Thomas
	1. Planning a session for Med Students
	2. Gary: I have spoken with GSM1 Hunter Hobson from California, who is now a SHaHP member. He is an enthusiastic SP supporter.
5. New Business
	1. Jim: are we making progress?
		1. Jim: I met with an insurance broker, who agreed that Medicare Advantage “closes doors for Medicare recipients”
	2. Annie Kuster not running for Congress 2024
		1. Don/Gary: this may be an opportunity! Let’s get MC4A into the discussion!
		2. Gary: the 4-month process will be very intense
6. Treasurer’s Report - $941.03 - not much more available since we are funding a student for the Internship
7. Next meeting – skip April, regroup in May
	1. Don: please post on the List-serv if there are opportunities to speak about MC4A at forums related to candidates for the District 2 House seat