**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**April 27, 2022 – Zoom**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Thomas Lane

Heather Stockwell

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from March 23 approved
3. Chapter Activities
	1. City/Town Resolutions – Can we encourage new efforts?
		1. *Don: I will work with Thomas to reach out to all NH members of PNHP to encourage Town warrant articles*
		2. *Ahmed: I will send to Thomas my list of lapsed members*
	2. NH Medical Society Resolution – follow-up
		1. Don presented to PNHP Activist Group
		2. Gary presented to AAFP Single-Payer interest Group – National Survey will be sent out
			1. Rob: the National AAFP has, in the past, been surprisingly negative
		3. Don to present 15min at NH Academy of Family Physician meeting
		4. Don posted a report in the National PNHP Newsletter
		5. Other activities?
			1. *Ahmed: I will contact Tom Sherman, likely NH democratic gubernatorial candidate*
				1. Rob: Gary Hirschberg is no longer a candidate
			2. *Don: Gary might post a report in the NHMS Newsletter*
	3. Letters to Editor
		1. Jim Fieseher
		2. Rob Kiefner – LTE accepted at Union Leader because it focused on local affairs in Derry
	4. Out-reach to Federal legislators
		1. Rob: I’ve written letters to Shaheen and Hassan
		2. Heather/Ahmed/Thomas: met with Shaheen’s staff
			1. Senior Staffer said that they will look closely at the updated Sanders bill
			2. Ken: did they support lowering age eligibility? Not specifically
			3. Ahmed: they do support Insulin drug pricing control and other sections of Build Back Better
	5. Speakers bureau
		1. ?Working Group
		2. Ken: gave a talk to “Eastman Cares” on Pharmaceutical pricing and “the myth of the ‘grand bargain’”
			1. A former Merck employee thought it was accurate
			2. *Ken: I will send to Dixon to post on our web-site*
		3. *Ahmed: I will bring to Thomas our paper files of past talks to put into Excel*
	6. Membership services
		1. Don/Thomas: revise our database and ?new e-mail software
	7. NNE PNHP Medical Student Summer Internship – Ken
		1. There are 12 interns
		2. Funding so far for 11 interns
		3. Ken: trying to get “home” schools and home PNHP chapter to donate
		4. Ken: can/should we solicit donations from GS-PNHP members?
			1. Pro: engage members
			2. Con: should we be asking for $$ on our list-serv
			3. *Don: Ken will draft an ask and any of us (on the call) can veto*
4. Thomas Lane – Dartmouth College undergrad (Health Policy) to intern - March 28 – June 10
	1. *Rob suggests that Thomas spend some time with Dr. Marie Ramas and will connect them*
	2. ?Health Care Commission bill
		1. *Don: may get sponsorship from Russell Muirhead*
		2. Ahmed: “Unified Funding” described in a recent report from California Commission, shows savings
5. Privatization of Medicare: Direct Contracting 🡪 ACO-Reach program
	1. *Thomas/Heather: Rights and Democracy Forum on Privatization of Medicare – May 11, 7-8:30pm*
		1. *Thomas: 2 slide shows*
			1. Privatization doesn’t work in health care, but is more like a public good (e.g. fire-fighters)
			2. What is ACO-REACH
	2. Rob: re: “**Value-based Care**” VillageMD is an ACO-REACH in NH that is attracting many Family Physicians, sadly!
	3. Ken: in the mind of much of the public, Medicare now means Medicare Advantage. This is obscuring and fouling the benefits of Medicare
	4. Ahmed: people from Health Care Now are talking about using a different phrase, e.g. **National Health Plan**, instead of “**Medicare-for-All**”
		1. Heather: call it **Patriot Care**
	5. Ken and Rob: we should/could focus on **avoiding waste/fraud** to bring in the Conservatives
6. Treasurer’s Report - $521.93
	1. Donation of $1250 being transferred directly for NNE Student Summer Internship
7. New Business
	1. Speakers at meetings
		1. *Rob: I will continue to solicit Concord Fam Med Residents*
	2. *Ahmed: we should discuss the up-coming National Health Care Census at next meeting*
8. Next meeting: May 25, hybrid!!
	1. *Don: I will find out about screen sharing and recording*