**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*