**NH-PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**April 28, 2021**

Attending:

Trish Brown, NP, Vermont Guest

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Kent Hackmann

Camilla Jones

Betty Keller, MD, Vermont Guest

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Marvin Malek, MD, Vermont Guest

Cosy Santiago

Gary Sobelson

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from March 24, 2021 approved
3. National Scene
   1. Ahmed: New HR1976 has ~120 co-sponsors, ~10 more than the last bill
      1. “Executive Branch not touch MC4A with a 10-ft pole”
      2. American Families Bill has strong (+) health care provisions, including more support for indigent Americans
   2. National PNHP “Leadership Training” last week
   3. ACP-ASIM is in favor of Single-Payer, but not aggressive in this field
4. **Marvin Malek: presentation on Cost-Control was comprehensive and well-received**
5. New Hampshire Scene
   1. Rights and Democracy Event: How COVID-19 Shows We Need MC4A
      1. *Ken: I’ll find a way to post it on the List-serv*
   2. Ken may connect with NH Chapter of the ACP [new Governor of the Chapter is Kenton Powell (DHMC)]
   3. Ahmed: perhaps we can influence Annie Kuster by doggedly appearing at every event
   4. Gary: think about distributing buttons “***What do you think of Medicare for All***” for NH residents to wear to their doctor visits
   5. NH Medical Society: can there be a Resolution supporting MC4A?
      1. Gary: there is a vocal negative minority, and a quiet positive majority
      2. Gary: we will play our cards carefully to not alienate important players. The NHMS will likely not, for instance, come out against the ACA. And the NHMS is focused on maintaining Medicaid Expansion
      3. Gary: what do we really want? - ?Pressure on our congressional delegation?
      4. Camilla: Is it time for another survey of the Physicians of NH?
         1. Ken: ask about incremental elements of MC4A, e.g. age of eligibility for MC
         2. Jim: can we incorporate issues related to C-19
         3. Kent: can we incorporate issues related to maintaining reimbursement for Telehealth
      5. Gary: the 2007 survey was driven by the then-President, Seddon Savage. The current President is likely not avid; the next might be more
      6. *Gary: I suggest that Don and Gary gather 3-4 NHMS Past-Presidents (Seddon, Oge, etc) to propose this to the next President and Jim Potter.*
         1. Camilla: can we involve UNH
            1. Don: Lucy Hodder.
      7. Gary: the purpose of a survey should lead to action
6. Town Meetings and City Council
   1. Cosy: Rumney did not pass
   2. Kent (Andover): COVID limited reaching out to groups, only individuals, for support
   3. Jim: (Dover) Dover Dems are in favor; Republicans are mum
      1. Gary: MC4A is not part of the Democratic platform
   4. Ahmed (Keene): City Council will consider at May 20 meeting
      1. Lining up a Council member to be the sponsor
      2. More than 100 e-mails have been filed in favor
      3. RaD and Public Citizen both working towards it
      4. Don: can Keene State College be involved?
         1. *Ahmed: I’ll look into it*
      5. Gary: are there Racial Justice groups who would also support MC4A
7. Student Issues – Ken and Betty
   1. Ken: please join us June 🡪July
   2. Betty: there will be 13-19 students
      1. Susan Rogers donated 2 stipends
      2. Georgia (Morehouse), Louisiana (LSU), NJ, Indiana, NY
8. Speakers at Rotaries
9. Speakers at Meetings
   1. Ahmed: No one yet for May or June
   2. Pending: Keith Loud, Trini Tellez
   3. *Ken: I’ll reach out to Jeanne Shaheen staff*
      1. Gary: Mike Padmore would have other ideas
   4. Don: I’ll reach out to Lucy Hodder
   5. Ahmed: I’ll be in India in May and June
      1. COVID in Karala not as bad as the mega-cities
10. Treasurer’s Report - $521.93
11. New business -  none
12. Next virtual meeting: May 26, 2021