**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**May 24, 2023 – Zoom only**

Attending:

Jim Fieseher

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Thomas Lane

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from April 26
3. Chapter activities
   1. NH Legislature – status of our two bills - updates
      1. Compact bill – no change “Retained in Committee”
      2. All-Payor Bill – also “retained in Committee” - ?Dartmouth Policy Shop study?
         1. *Ken: can this be amended to become a Cost/Price Control Commission*
   2. Public education events
      1. “American Hospitals” movie screening May 17 – debrief
         1. Outcomes, including collaborating with other organizations
         2. Cost: $280 + $70 for food
         3. Follow-up
            1. Other screenings?

*Ahmed: the Community Theater in Peterborough wants to show it!*

*Perhaps will get support of a local rep and/or the Peterborough Dems*

*Cost would be $70/hr*

*Ken: Katie LaJoie and Tom Tuthill from Valley Regional would like to show it*

*Jim: I would like to show it on the Seacoast, all of which have been affected by hospital mergers*

* + - * 1. Cost Control Project?
    1. Rotary – Let’s review and each of us choose a town to solicit
       1. Don has reached out to Newport, NH
       2. *Don: I will send out Rotary contact info*
    2. House Parties
       1. *Don: I want to do an Upper Valley event. Help! Film/event?*
          1. Ken: perhaps focus on the “selling” of health care – Don Berwick’s Salve Lucrum
          2. Ken: invite residents!!
    3. Letters to the Editor

1. Northern New England Student Internship update - June 19 – July 21, 2023
2. National Issues
   1. Senate and House “Medicare-for-All” bills reintroduced in a joint press conference
   2. Ahmed/Ken: too much else going on
3. New Business
   1. Ken: do hospital mergers (e.g. Valley Regional with DHMC) get analyzed? Is New Hampshire the only New England state without an oversight mechanism (beyond anti-trust issues)?
      1. Don/Ken: would Lucy Hodder be interested? Citizens Health Initiative
      2. Ahmed: merger of Monadnock with CMC had detrimental impact
      3. Jim: acquisition of Frisbee by Portsmouth/HCA has had detrimental impact, most immediately Maternal
   2. Ahmed: how about a Price/Cost Commission?
   3. *Don: what would be a mechanism? I can ask Lucy Hodder and/or Jeanne Ryer (NH* ***Citizens Health Initiative****) about this and about ?showing* ***American Hospitals*** *at UNH*
   4. *Thomas: I will ask about the Policy Research Shop’s interest*
4. Treasurer’s Report - $291.93
5. Next meeting June 28 – Zoom