**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**May 25, 2022 – In person and Zoom**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher (Zoom)

Camilla Jones (Zoom)

Betty Keller (Zoom)

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Thomas Lane

Gary Sobelson

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of April 27 approved
3. Chapter Activities
   1. NHMS Resolution
      1. Gary may put a note into the newsletter
      2. Jim: there is a link on the NHMS Web-site
   2. Bill for NH Legislature 2023 Session
      1. Don and Thomas spoke with Russ Muirhead, 1st-term legislator
      2. Don: Should we work with Muirhead, Peter Schmidt, Jim Murphy, or Jerry Knirk
      3. Betty: does the waiver from the ACA permit state-based programs?
         1. Rob/Ken: yes!
      4. Rob: the ARP (Pandemic funding) support for Medicaid and Plans on the exchange will expire. Without an extension, there will be many in NH who will lose insurance.
      5. Don: a federal bill (sponsored by Ro Khanna) enables pooling of funds via a waiver
      6. Betty: there is an amendment to a bill in Vermont asking VT to approach other states about Single-Payer. Instead, the Committee approached other states about Multi-Payer systems. The inter-state issues would be formidable.
      7. Betty: the states of CA, WA, and OR have spoken about banding together
      8. Gary: if we support a New England Compact bill, we should reach out to Peter Schmidt
      9. Gary: consider a “Joint legislative resolution” bill that the NH Legislature supports Single-Payer and directs our Congressional Delegation to pursue SP
      10. Thomas: perhaps have a commission looking at having the State administer Medicaid, rather than a (non-profit) MCO.
      11. *Gary: I will find out details (from Cosy) of our 2006 (?) joint legislative resolution bill supporting Bernie Sanders’ MC4A Bill.*
          1. *Thomas: I will help.*
      12. Thomas: consider an amendment to permit Ballot Initiatives.
      13. Gary/Jim/Ken: we should have a bill “ready to go” if Pandemic funding expires.
          1. Don: Which bill?
             1. Jim: Study how a SP would work!
      14. Gary: consider non-legislative mechanisms, e.g. having UNH study SP
   3. Letters to the Editor:
      1. Rob: about ivermectin
      2. Jim: about guns
   4. Speakers Bureau:
      1. Gary: spoke to the AAFP SPIG; they may develop a member survey
      2. Don: spoke at NHAFP. 5 people added to the List-serv
   5. Don: do we want to maintain our list-serv, in order to stimulate discussions
      1. Rob: can we link from our Facebook page or our Web-site to an “information only” mailing list at National PNHP
      2. AT the conclusion of a talk, ask how an interested person would like to be connected: have a person (one of us) call them. Or refer them to PNHP.
   6. NNE PNHP Medical Student Summer Internship – Ken
      1. 12-13 slots are fully funded, Including donations from Kentucky and Missouri
      2. There are nice testimonials on our Web-page from previous interns
      3. All talks will be recorded (and hopefully edited) and uploaded to the National PNHP YouTube Channel
      4. Ken: we can publicize these to the list-serv, to the NHMS
      5. 13 interns: Florida, Virginia, Kentucky, NJ, NY, 2 from Texas are “Archer” Fellows (sponsored to go to DC to meet with experts and legislators)
      6. Ken: I will invite core PNHP members to participate
      7. Schedule is ~65% complete, and hopefully will come together.
         1. New Futures
         2. PNHP experts including Susan Rogers, David Himmelstein, Adam Gaffney, Ed Weisbart (5 talks!)
4. Comparison of US and Canada systems of health Care financing – Residents from the Concord Family Medicine residency – unfortunately the residents did not come.
5. Treasurer’s Report: $521.93
6. New Business:
   1. Camilla: At the time of recent Rural Hospitals closing, we missed an opportunity to write Letters to the Editor. We should have a library of templates of LTE.
      1. Jim: Instead of letters, have a folder of “talking points” and references on a variety of topics.
      2. Jim: we could include all of these on our web-page
      3. Jim: another option would be to have a “writing group” ready to go, and prepared to coordinate (e.g. timing and sub-topics)
      4. Rob: Kent Street Coalition uses a similar strategy
   2. Thomas: I finish internship June 7, but will continue to attend meetings.
7. Next meeting: June 22, hybrid