**NH-PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**May 27, 2020**

**By Zoom**

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Camilla Jones

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from April, 2020 accepted
3. Public Citizen “Town Meeting Warrant Article” project   
            1. Towns with Meetings pending – Peterborough 7/15, Hanover 6/23, Don and Ahmed
   1. Public Citizen and Rights-and-Democracy can help mobilize their members in those towns
      1. Perhaps get Public Citizen “cards”
   2. Consider putting up road signs: Vote “Yes”
   3. Engage medical students
4. National Scene
   1. Ahmed: of the 37 million who lost employment, 21-24 million lost health insurance. In NH 140,000 have lost employment, and 30% lost insurance
   2. Bills in Congress
      1. Choices
         1. Sanders/Jayapal Bill (HR6906) is the best
         2. Jayapal/Kennedy Bill (HR6674) will help
         3. Scott/Dingell Bill (HR6514) – paying COBRA – isn’t worth supporting
      2. Democrats, including Biden are risk-averse
         1. Camilla and Jim: we need a Democrat in the White House and in Congress, before we can press for Medicare-for-All
         2. Ahmed: push Biden’s proposal to lower Medicare-eligible age from 65 to 60. And there is a move by Sanders/Warrant to push for Children to be Medicare-eligible.
      3. Perhaps think of the Jayapal bills as “Public Option”
      4. Ahmed: I’ll send out a link for an article in NEW REPUBLIC by Dean Baker
   3. Letters to the Editor
      1. We all should write them!!
   4. Ken: 50% of Americans are deferring medical care, per Kaiser
5. Legislative Affairs
   1. State
      1. There are no relevant state bills
      2. Ken: Jenn Ford-Teister might be a support
      3. Ahmed/Ken: is Andy Volinsky a SP supporter
         1. Jim: I’ll ask him!
6. Speakers Bureau - On-hold for now
   1. No opportunities at this time
7. Membership
   1. Calling members who have lapsed
      1. Ahmed: one call, not returned
      2. Susan: one successful call
      3. Ken/Camilla/Don: none yet
      4. Don: I’ll send the list to Jim
   2. Don: send to Jim the contact info for Dr. Kim Whitesell, who lives in Dover

         4. Student Issues –

1. Update on Summer Internship – Ken
   1. June 15 – July 17
   2. 7 students will receive stipends
      1. Tulane, Georgia, Indiana, California
   3. All on Zoom
      1. How to keep them engaged with Didactics
      2. Ed Weisbart will participate
      3. SNaHP - members nationwide? - will be invited
   4. Ken: schedule is getting filled in – I’ll send it around
   5. Ken: should/could we invite PNHP members to listen into the seminars?
   6. Jim: consider recording a session, and offer it all around
   7. Ken: fund-raising went well, with stipends for all seven
2. Geisel SNaHP chapter –
   1. Don and Ken met with old leaders Chelsea and Ryan
   2. new leader GSM2 Nikki Allen

         5. Treasurer’s Report - $2,136.82  
         6.  New business - none

1. Next meeting: **June 24** - probably still virtual
   1. Ahmed: let’s hope that we can have a face-to-face in July