**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**June 26, 2024**

**Attending:**

**Chris Leavey, Tulane MS2**

**Ken Dolkart**

**Jim Fieseher**

**Don Kollisch**

**Ahmed Kutty**

**Thomas Lane**

**Resmiye Oral**

**Sam Lowe, Baylor MS2**

**Guests: Julie Schwartzberg**

**Sarah Shapiro**

**Mandy Strenz**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from March 27 – Accepted as written. Jim says that Jess LaMontagne’s resolution for this year has not yet been presented
3. Northern NE Student Internship this summer - Ken and guests
4. National Issues - Heal Medicare (i.e. fighting Medicare Advantage)
   1. New PNHP Report
   2. Guests: Julie Schwartzberg and Sarah Shapiro from the  New York City "Cross-union Retirees Organizing Committee"
      1. 3 year fight to keep access to Traditional Medicare
      2. Lots of work with unions, city council
   3. Ken: NH State retirees are enrolled automatically in an Anthem MA plan
   4. Ken and Sarah: NY is one of only 4 states with “guaranteed issue” of Medigap Supplemental plans for MA enrollees who want to switch
   5. Julie: new organization “National Coalition for Retiree Health Care”
   6. Jim: can PNHP publish something to help people switch out of Medicare Advantage into Traditional Medicare with a Supplemental
5. Chapter activities
   1. NH Democratic Party resolution for Universal Health Insurance
   2. NH Legislature
      1. Follow up of HR23 (Resolution to instruct congressional delegation to support Universal Health Insurance)
      2. Consumer Protection for purchasing Medicare Supplemental for seniors who return to Traditional Medicare from Medicare Advantage "Guaranteed Issue" – Ken
         1. Ken: Per Jenn Coffey, there are six words to change in the Statute that would permit Guaranteed Issue.
         2. Ken: we could reach out to legislators about changing this statute.
         3. *Ken: I will forward the information.*
         4. *Ken: I will reach out to Jenn Coffey about this*
         5. *Jim: I will reach out to Jess LaMontagne about this*
      3. Bills for 2025?
      4. Promote a Health Care Caucus
         1. Ahmed: Jonah Wheeler not providing any leadership.
         2. *Don: David Nagel will follow up with the other interested Reps. I will f/u with David*
   3. Meetings with Candidates
      1. NH District 2 Congressional Candidates
         1. Colin van Ostern
         2. Maggie Goodlander
            1. *Don: I will invite her to July meeting*
            2. *Ahmed: I will meet her at an event*
         3. Becky Whitley
      2. NH Governor
         1. Cinde Warmington
            1. Ken: she is knowledgeable and sympathetic, but has been non-commital in the past
            2. *Don: I will reach out to invite her to meet with us.*
         2. Joyce Craig
            1. *Ken or Jim may reach out to invite her*
         3. Kelly Ayotte
            1. Ahmed: she was rude in the past
   4. Public education events
      1. Eastman/Grantham Adult Education (affiliated with Colby-Sawyer) on Health Care Policy - Ken Dolkart
         1. Ken: ~20 seniors participated. Perhaps too condensed. A number spoke about difficulty of getting off of MA
      2. Don: Screening "American Hospitals" movie in Lebanon this fall
      3. Jim: 2 upcoming screenings of the movie in Dover, one at a church, and one at the “Strand” movie theater*. Jim: I will publicize.*
      4. Don: I am reaching out to NH-AARP for gatherings of senior at which we can present
      5. Resmiye: I will reach out to see if UNH would like a screening of the film
   5. Letters to the Editor (LTE’s)?
      1. Ken in the Valley News: 250word summary of problems with Medicare Advantage. It is now posted on the PNHP web-site
6. Geisel SNaHP (Students for a National Health Program) -no update
7. New Business  - Steering Committee
   1. Thomas leaving.
      1. Karolinska Institute for grad school in Health Policy
      2. We all express our gratitude for his service.
   2. Samy has not been able to participate fully. *Don will reach out to assess his interest in continuing on the Steering Committee*
   3. Ken, Jim, Ahmed would like to continue
   4. *Don will reach out to Kay to assess her interest in continuing n the Steering Committee*
   5. Resmiye will remain as a “learner” for now.
8. Treasurer’s Report - $941.03
9. Next meeting - July 24