**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**June 28, 2023 – Zoom only**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart (with Joaquin)

Jim Fieseher

Kay Hillinger

Betty Keller

Don Kollisch

Angelika Kurpan, Intern, Texas A&M

Thomas Lane

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from May 24 - accepted
3. Chapter activities
   1. NH Legislature – status of our two bills – updates (if any)
      1. Compact bill – no change “Retained in Committee”
      2. All-Payor Bill – also “retained in Committee” –
         1. Ken: Anita Burroughs, Democrat lead, says it can be amended to include Cost/Price Control or Hospital Merger issues
         2. Ken: the Maryland “all payor” model has now spread to 8 states
         3. Don: I contacted Paula Minnehan, from NHHA, “not interested”
         4. *Don: I will reach out to Scott Colby, CEO of Weeks to interest him in the Pennsylvania Rural Hospital All-Payor*
         5. Ken: would rural hospital Boards be interested
         6. Thomas: physician testimony **can** be effective
         7. ?Dartmouth College Policy Research Shop study?
            1. Thomas: submit if we can “get” a legislator after it is amended
         8. *Ken: I will e-mail Meryl Gibbs, to learn where things stand*
   2. Public education events
      1. Kay: at a local OSHER class “Why the USA will never adopt MC4A”, which showed the film
      2. “American Hospitals” movie screening Friday, 6/30 Peterborough
         1. Ken: Dr. Ahmed was interviewed about the Monadnock-DHMC merger
         2. *Jim: hoping to get Dover and Portsmouth to host*
         3. *Don: I will follow up with OSHER, who may show it at the Nugget.*
      3. Rotary – Let’s review and each of us choose a town to solicit
         1. Don presented at Newport, NH
         2. ?Don has reached out to Charlestown and Claremont, but no anwer yet; *I will reach out again*
         3. *Don: I can reach out to White Mountain (Berlin) and Lancaster*
      4. House Parties
         1. Don: I want to do an Upper Valley event.
         2. *Kay and Don: we will reach out to UV doctors*
      5. Letters to the Editor (LTE’s)
         1. Kay: I wrote one to the Valley News about gun control, objecting to a previous writer’s reference to the “Idiot Gene” in the US South
         2. Thomas: I have written for The Dartmouth and will do so in the future. **Send topics my way!**
         3. Jim: I was published in the **Union-Leader** about Republicans’ attacks on the DOJ. Another coming out in the Seacoast papers about gun control and some misconceptions about health care
   3. Speakers for future meetings
      1. Lucy Hodder, UNH; Morissa Henn, NH Dept of Health
      2. Any others?
   4. Annual meeting in September
      1. ?Someone volunteer to host, perhaps Ken in Grantham
      2. Nominations for Steering Committee
         1. Kay Hillinger is nominated
         2. *Don: I will ask Rob and Ahmed.*
         3. *Don: I will ask on the List-Serv*
4. Introductions of Northern New England Summer Interns June 19 – July 21, 2023
   1. Betty: 11 interns (a few had to drop out)
      1. Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, New Jersey, Florida
   2. Goals and activities
      1. Help students consider SNaHP Chapters or work with existing organizations
      2. Each student will make a presentation about Single-Payer
      3. Each student will summarize another nation’s system
      4. A group of students are working on a survey
   3. Angelika Kurpan, TX, is an intern
      1. Hearing and learning so much; hard to absorb all of the facts!
      2. I am “new to the SP concept”, but really liking it.
5. National Issues – National PNHP Campaign against Medicare Advantage and Privatization of both VA and Medicare
6. New Business
   1. Betty: consider attending Internship sessions
   2. Betty: Dr. Phil Lederer, a PNHP physician from the Boston area, plans to run a marathon in every state, to raise visibility for Medicare for All. He will run in the Mad Marathon in the Mad River Valley on Sunday, July 9, and will meet with members of VT and Granite State PNPH chapters at the St. Barnabas Church in Norwich on Saturday, July 8, from noon to 2:00 p.m.
7. Treasurer’s Report - $291.93
8. Best wishes to the Summer Interns!!
9. Next meeting July 26 – Zoom