**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**July 26, 2023 – Zoom only**

Attending:

Ken

Kay

Ahmed

Thomas

Jim

Don

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from June 28 - approved
3. Chapter activities
   1. NH Legislature – status of our two bills – updates (if any)
      1. HB353 Multi-State Compact
         1. No action
         2. Thomas: do not bother reaching out to the Legislator
         3. Thomas: consider reaching out to activists in other states
            1. Don: perhaps raise at NE Caucus at Annual PNHP meeting
         4. Ahmed: consider amendment for a Price/Control Commission
         5. Jim: as long as this bill relates to health care, rather than insurance, it will fail in the Commerce Committee
      2. HB319 All-Payor Bill – Global Budgeting for each Hospital, with uniform pricing for all insurers for each service
         1. Ken: Maryland is now using “Total Cost of Care”, including out-patient as well as in-patient services
         2. Ken: Pennsylvania Rural Hospital Global budgeting may address Obstetric deserts
         3. *Ken: I will continue to work with Rep. Meryl Gibbs and Prof. Lucy Hodder (consultant)*
         4. Thomas: and the Dartmouth Policy Research Shop can respond to a Legislator’s request for research
      3. Ahmed: if an amended HB319 is not passed, let us propose a Price Control Commission for “Total Cost of Care”
      4. Ahmed: I will set up a meeting with Jonah Wheeler with a working group (Ken, Thomas, Jim) for him to make a request to the Policy Research Shop to do background work on a Price Control commission
         1. *Jim/Ken: we can/should reach out to all 5 potential gubernatorial candidates (R and D) to interest them in this as a fiscally sound*
         2. *Jim: NH has plummeted as “business friendly”*
   2. Public education events
      1. “American Hospitals” movie screening
         1. Ahmed: Peterborough screening for 23 audience, well-received
            1. Rep. Jonah Wheeler attended
            2. Ahmed: 4 people will watch the film privately
         2. Lebanon - ?OSHER
            1. Kay: film was screened in OSHER class, and OSHER may sponsor a screening at a theater in Hanover
            2. Kay: if it is shown at the Nugget, invite VT-PNHP
         3. Jim: trying to get a screening on the Seacoast (Dover/Portsmouth)
      2. Rotary Meetings
         1. Don: I have reached out to Lancaster and Claremont Rotaries
         2. Ahmed: Peterborough will be interested in the Fall
      3. *Don: Kay and I will be working towards a gathering for Doctors in the Upper Valley*
   3. Annual meeting in September – Ken Dolkart in Grantham
      1. *Ken: Let’s invite 2-3 SNaHP members*
   4. Letters to the Editors
      1. Jim: the US ranks 58th in life expectancy, which rebuts the assertion of a local letter-writer that the US is “#1 in the world”
4. Northern New England Summer Medical Student Internship - Report
   1. Ken: successful in that students have gained new knowledge and skills. They each gave good presentations
   2. Total 8 students (TX, LA, FL,NJ). 2 had to drop out
   3. *Ken: a student Sydney has the talks recorded; I will reach out to them to get access for our members (including the Wendell Potter and Ed Weisbart talks)*
5. National Meeting is in Atlanta Nov 10-12
6. National Issues – National PNHP Campaign against Medicare Advantage and Privatization of both VA and Medicare
   1. *Don I will post it on the List-Serv*
   2. *Don I will ask RaD and Granite State Progress*
   3. *Ken: I will ask Rob Kiefner to ask Kent Street Coalition*
   4. *Ken/Jim: we will reach out to our local Democratic Clubs*
7. New Business
   1. Kay: the book “People’s Hospital” by Ricardo Nuila about Ben Taub Hospital in Houston is great
   2. Medical Society resolution
      1. Ken/Jim: We did not know that the NHMS passed a resolution
      2. *Don: I will ask Mike Padmore to publicize*
8. Treasurer’s Report - $1406.93
9. Next meeting – skip August
   1. Next Meeting will be annual meeting at Dr. Dolkart’s home in Grantham, Sept. 27