**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