**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**July 27, 2022 – In person and Zoom**

Attending:

Jim Fieseher (Zoom)

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty (Zoom)

Thomas Lane (Zoom)

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of the June 22 meeting - approved
3. Chapter Governance issues
   1. By-laws amendments were moved to increase Steering Committee membership from 5 to 7. As all 4 participants are PNHP or SNaHP members, this was a quorum. The motion passed unanimously.
   2. It was moved that Jim and Thomas be appointed Interim Steering Committee members, pending being voted full members at the Annual meeting in September. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Chapter activities
   1. Membership services – Don reported that he received no response at all to his outreach to former NH PNHP members whose membership has lapsed in the last few years
      1. Hope to reach out to them again in the fall to encourage MC4A Town Articles and City Council Resolutions
   2. Bill for the 2023 NH Legislative session – Thomas
      1. Don: I have spoken with Peter Schmidt, the primary sponsor of the 2018 bill proposing a multi-state compact.
      2. Jim: I am in Dover and can work with Peter Schmidt
         1. Jim: Dover Dems’ “Health Care Access” group can also connect
      3. Ahmed: previously, we looked at Maine, NH, and Vermont – and perhaps Massachusetts – and got hung up on getting all states to pass bills. Then each state would have to get a waiver
      4. Thomas: it is possible that we may not need Congress to offer the waiver, but it can go by executive action. And states do not need to be contiguous.
      5. Ahmed: has there been any experiment with non-contiguous states?
         1. Thomas: no, only contiguous state models have been tried so far.
         2. Thomas: states can accumulate as being committed to the model, and be triggered if there are enough states and if a Medicaid/Medicare waiver is granted
      6. Ahmed: would Congress need to approve a compact, i.e. is this a constitutional issue?
         1. Thomas: there are no multiple-state compacts for Health Care extant; but there are multiple state
      7. Ahmed: I think that this is more likely to get traction than other projects
      8. Don: I propose that Thomas, Ahmed, and Jim form a working group for this bill. They accept the assignment and will meet.
      9. Don: my responsibility will be to recruit PNHP chapters in other states to participate
         1. Don: I will contact Lori Clark about scheduling a Caucus time at the annual meeting – perhaps during the cocktail time, ~5-7pm
      10. Don: what are next steps for a Multi-state Compact Bill
          1. Ahmed: can we find a model bill? I will look for them, including contacting Public Citizen.
          2. Don: Peter Schmidt can be the primary sponsor.
          3. Thomas: I think we should get an article published describing the process. Don: I will work on this with you.
          4. Jim: I will contact Peter Schmidt when we have something in hand. And I can work with some Dover Dems to get something written.
   3. Med Student Internship – final report from Ken (pasted at the end of the minutes)
5. National Issues
   1. New PNHP National Organizer, Lori Clark (Maine!)
      1. Don: Can invite her to a meeting, perhaps to the Annual meeting?
   2. Annual meeting November 4-5 – possible New England Caucus
   3. Medicare privatization
      1. Thomas’ article in **The Dartmouth** last week was well-received
      2. Jim article in the Concord Monitor about 2 weeks ago – he will post on list-serv
6. Treasurer’s report - $521.93
7. New business
   1. Jim: overall health care costs will go up due to Abortion bans; single payer will help. Recent op-ed in Seacoast On-line. Will send it to the List-serv.
8. Next meeting: perhaps **not** meet in August?

Annual meeting September 28. ?something special?

Don: I will ask Gary or Rob or Susan if they would like to host a picnic.

Perhaps time it earlier, e.g. 4:30-6:30

2022 NNE Student Internship Report:

The 2022 Northern New England PNHP internship had 13 students from 9 different states, including Fla, LA, AZ, MI, TX, KY & MO,  and 10 different med schools. Ted Cody & Betty Keller did a fine job recruiting and interviewing the applicants and Marvin & colleagues, and national PNHP, were instrumental in obtaining funding. Two students from Texas were spending the summer in Washington DC as Archer Fellows and combining our Internship with their projects while there.

  The students participated by zoom in 5 wks of didactics, advocacy training & individual support for projects with faculty from NNEPNHP, that included Marvin Mallek, Ed Weisbart, Ken Dolkart, Betty Keller, Ted Cody, Don Kollisch and others. Advocacy training was provided by Ed & Claudia Fagan, New Futures from Concord, NH and Gillian Mason from Healthcare Now. There were numerous national guest speakers from around the country, that partially included, in no particular order: Dave Himmelstein & Steffie Woolhandler, Eliz Fowler from CMS, William Hsiao, Wendell Potter, Susan Rogers & Walter Tsou, Adam Gaffney, Steve Kimble, Gerald Friedman, John Abramson, Phil Verhoef and Joanne Conroy.

  Two of our former students from prior Internship years gave presentations as did Thomas Lane from Dartmouth. All the students gave presentations on the structure of international health systems in the last week. We anticipate that, like many of our former students, they will be starting SNaHP Chapters in their respective medical schools and continuing to hone and give presentations on needed health policy reform and single payer in years to come.