**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**August 28, 2024**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Kay Hillinger

Rob Keifner

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from July 24 - accepted
3. National Issues - Heal Medicare (i.e. fighting Medicare Advantage)
	1. New PNHP Report - <https://pnhp.org/taking-advantage/>
	2. Call for a September 30 “Action”
		1. *Don showed and will share the materials developed by PNHP*
		2. Ken: can we have NH-PNHP members write letters or phone to their congressperson, including the winner of the CD2 Democratic primary
		3. Ken: ask members to encourage others to do
		4. *: Ken, Ahmed, Jim volunteer to be on Working Group*
			1. *Product will be 2 documents*
				1. *Memo to List-serv asking members to write/call their Congressperson, including “talking points”*
				2. *Template of such a memo*
			2. First meeting next Tuesday, 9/3 evening 6:30-7:30.
				1. *Jim: I will send out a zoom link.*
			3. *Ken will be the coordinator*
		5. *Ken: consider a newspaper ad*
		6. *Don will let PNHP know what we’re doing*
4. Chapter activities
	1. NH Legislature
		1. Follow up of HR23 (Resolution to instruct congressional delegation to support Universal Health Insurance)
		2. "Guaranteed Issue"
			1. Jim: Peter Schmidt is drafting a bill and is reaching out to Ken Dolkart for guidance
				1. *Ken: I will f/u with Peter*
			2. Ahmed and Ken: there must be community rating and no underwriting
			3. Don: I have asked Deb Fournier for her opinion about how to legislate changes
			4. *Ken: I can draft a letter to* ***Jason Aziz***(Health Economist with the NH Insurance Dept) for guidance regarding how Seniors who drop MA (or switch Medicare Supplemental) can have **guaranteed issue** with **community rating** and **no underwriting** (as is perhaps done in NY, Maine, CT, Mass). Loop in Rob Kiefner, who knows Jason.
		3. ?New bills for 2025
			1. Jim: Rep. LaMontagne working on “something new” (but no details yet)
		4. Promote a Health Care Caucus – Don
			1. *Don: I will reach out to Dave Nagel offering our support*
			2. Ahmed: Jonah remains interested, esp if House flips Democrat
		5. Rob: Dave Nagel has gotten passed a modest (but nonetheless impressive) bill dealing with Prior Auths
	2. Meetings with Candidates with potential to be partners
		1. NH District 2 Congressional Candidates
			1. Colin van Ostern – *Don will try to reschedule to before the primary*
			2. Maggie Goodlander met with some of us last week
				1. Ken: She comported herself well, was well-informed, articulate, friendly
				2. Don, Rob, Jim concur
		2. NH Governor
			1. Jim: at a gubernatorial forum, the 3 candidates did not address healthcare questions
			2. *Ken: there is a Sept. 4 debate at Dartmouth that I hope to attend*
			3. Rob: Cinde Warmington’s legal efforts on behalf of Purdue Pharma long preceded public knowledge of the dangers of Oxycontin
	3. Public education events
		1. Screening film “American Hospitals”
			1. Dover – Jim
				1. Film and panel went well
				2. 15 people attended, including group from Assisted Living facility
			2. UNH – Resmiye – no report
			3. Upper Valley screening
				1. Don: I’ve sent out a memo
				2. Kay: best to select a date in late October or early November
				3. Ken: I am now a DH doctor, so I can possible reserve a room
				4. *Don: I will connect Adam and Ken for reserving a room. Need to find out what is the best room for showing a film.*
				5. Kay: we need to publicize better at DHMC
				6. Kay: perhaps hold at Geisel rather than DH
				7. Ken: promote this via OSHER and “Adventures in Learning”
		2. Ken: I will be interviewed on the AARP channel on Community Access TV
	4. Letters to the Editor (LTE’s) or other postings - none
5. Northern NE Student Internship – Ken
6. Geisel SNaHP (Students for a National Health Program) – no report
7. GS-PNHP leadership for 24-25
	1. Samy not available
	2. Don: Steering Committee nominees will therefore be: Ken, Jim, Kay, Don, Ahmed
	3. Don: I will schedule a time for Steering Committee to meet to discuss sharing roles
8. New Business
	1. *a. Rob: Oct 17 Health Law Symposium. I will post on the List-serv*
		1. We can hand out 1-pagers
		2. *Don: I will ask Deb Fournier if we can table about MA*
9. Treasurer’s Report - $935.03
10. Next meeting - September 25 – Annual
	1. *Don: I will ask the NHMS if they have a conference room*
	2. *Rob: I will be back up if NHMS not available*