**NH-PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes**

**September 23, 2020**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Camilla Jones

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

1. Introductions: just us chickens
2. Minutes: passed as written
3. Town Meeting Articles and City Council Resolutions
   1. Ahmed: regarding **Keene**: Jim Murphy says perhaps address Keene **after** the election. Has not yet reached Carl DeMatteo
   2. Ken: regarding **Dover:** there was a retired radiologist from Dover at the recent Ken Lightly talk;
      1. *Ahmed will track him down and reach out*
   3. Rob: Regarding **Concord**, three City Councilors say “no” to any Resolutions that do not link to specific state legislation. Health Care costs ~12.5 million, out of $6*0 million* budget*.* We should still try. Be relentless and “annoying”. Concord Hospital is “against” Single-Payer, and supports NHHA and Partnership for America’s Health Care Future.
      1. Don: is there a mechanism for a citizens’ petition for a City Resolution in Concord. Perhaps ask for one
      2. **Rob: I will coordinate with Susan and Gary**
   4. Ken: consider avoiding the phrases “MC4A” or “Single Payer” in a Resolution or Article. Use “universal access”
   5. *Don: I will send around the Membership list, to see if we can encourage others to work for a Town Meeting.*
4. NH Legislation
   1. Ahmed: Not much rationale for a single-state resolution
   2. Ken: Maine’s structure allows for Referenda to seek popular vote
   3. Rob: We could/should still work again towards a Commission to explore/study Universal Access to Care
   4. Don: Rep. Jerry Knirk agrees to Sponsor a Commission Bill.
   5. Rob: Assuming that Tom Sherman is re-elected, we should ask him to Co-Sponsor. Or should it be separately proposed in the Senate? [ask Mike Padmore]
   6. Ken: Can we gain any momentum from the loss of employer-sponsored insurance coverage due to COVID? Those arguments could be interesting to a Commission.
   7. Rob: In NH, those who lose employer-based insurance are (usually) eligible for Expanded Medicaid
   8. Ahmed: Sununu’s draconian approach to PPE in the State could also factor in
   9. Don: should we write a letter to all Democratic Senators/Reps about GS-PNHP’s willingness to support healthcare access reform?
      1. Ken/Gary/Rob: No. But we **can** send a letter to Dem Senators/Reps just to tell them about GS-PNHP and our interests. We can invite them to a meeting.
5. Adam Gaffney coming to DHMC
   1. Schedule: Tues eve SNaHP dinner

Wed 8-9 Peds GR

Wed 9:30-11 VT and GS PNHP “coffee hour”

* 1. Don: resend Peds GR note to Rob

1. Ken: Internship report: it was a success. 2 of the Interns gave a talk to One=Payer states. All four are remaining active. Not sure whether next summer will be in-person or if will be forced to use Zoom again.
2. Election of Steering Committee members:

Unanimous Vote yes for the slate: Those attending

1. New Business: *Ken: I will send out yesterday’s debate between someone from Cato Institute and Ed Weisbart*.
2. Treasurers Report: unchanged at $2,136.93
3. Next meeting: October 28 (by zoom)