**NH-PNHP**

**Agenda**

**August 11, 2021**

Attending:

Ken Dolkart (Zoom)

Camilla Jones (in person)

Rob Kiefner (in person)

Donald Kollisch (in person)

Ahmed Kutty (Zoom)

Elizabeth Ropp – Acupuncturist, Manchester (in person)

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from **June 23,** **2021**
3. Student Issues:  2021 summer internship updates – Ken
   1. Ken: 14 rising 2nd year med students (including some from HBCU’s) were very engaged and active.
      1. One meeting was with Joanne Conroy
      2. Most sessions were recorded, and are available. Ken will consider making them widely available.
   2. 2 of them gave presentations at One-Payer States. They are posted on Facebook
   3. 3 of them are planning to start SNaHP chapters
   4. NB: there ARE people who look at our GS-PNHP Facebook page
   5. Ken: next year’s might be hybrid (2 weeks in Upper Valley and 3 weeks Zoom)
   6. Don: please send a note to National PNHP with thanks.
4. National Scene –
   1. Amazing report from the Commonwealth Fund (see below)
   2. Rob: the “Protect our Care (ACA)” program had a rally in Concord today, focusing largely on controlling prescription drug costs. Should I write an Op-Ed?
      1. Everyone: Rob, go ahead and write an Op-Ed.
      2. Ken: make Medicare-for-All as a non-political issue.
      3. Ken: I tried to enroll for insurance on the Exchange; it was difficult
      4. Don: how about having a letter with multiple authors representing GS-PNHP.
         1. Rob*: I’ll consider it*
5. NH State Affairs
   1. Efforts to work with NH Medical Society to survey NH doctors, to update the 2007 data – Don reported
   2. Rob: Kent Street not active
   3. Ken: will we want to work to get a bill in this year?
      1. Are there Reps? Yes.
      2. Ahmed: I can rreaach out to a Keene rep
      3. Elizabeth: I know a Concord rep
      4. Don: Jerry Knirk will likely say “yes”.  *I will ask him if he thinks it is worthwhile during this biennium.*
   4. Don: wouldn’t it be good for there to be a **Health Care Caucus** at the House
      1. Ken: we should consider highlighting this.
      2. *Don: I’ll ask Mike Padmore*
      3. Ken: perhaps think of ways to activate patients and clinicians towards this end
6. Chapter activities
   1. Medicare-for-All Rally sponsored by **Rights and Democracy** in Manchester July 24th - Ken Dolkart and Delaney Taylor
      1. Ken: there were about 50 participants, including a NH State Rep from Henniker
      2. Ken: march to Anthem/BC/BS building was dramatic
   2. Don spoke with Ken Snyder, new PNHP Exec Director
      1. Don suggested activities to activate Members, such as letter-writing
      2. Elizabeth: it is important for PNHP members to continue to speak
   3. Town Meeting Articles and City Council Resolutions
      1. Keene
         1. Ahmed/Ken: City Council and Mayor voted in favor. Letters have perhaps gone out.
      2. Dover: Jim reported by e-mail that the project has paused
      3. Concord
         1. Rob: the Council “won’t consider anything that is not going to the NH legislature”
      4. *Ken: would the legislature ever accept a state-wide “referendum” . I will look into it.*
7. **Dr. Trini Tellez spoke about the intersection of Health Equity and Universal Access to Care**
   1. Reviewed report to Governor Sununu. [https://www.governor.nh.gov//sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/20200825-health-equity.pdf](https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/20200825-health-equity.pdf)
   2. Focus on graphic on Page 18 re: upstream/downstream
   3. Medical Care accounts for only ~20% of health care outcomes (and inequities)
   4. The farther upstream we look, social inequities underlie all health disparities
   5. Downstream contributors (e.g. behaviors) are, dramatically, a function of social issues
   6. Medicaid expansion (under ACA) helped
   7. IHI has a white paper: you can only have quality if you have equity
   8. Important to have adequate data standards, (2011, rather than 1997) to include race, ethnicity, language in national (and other) data sets
   9. http://equitynh.org/culturally-effective-organizations
   10. Ken: my daughter works for Vermont DOH on data issues, with focus on BIPOC. This emphasis “from the top” has helped Vermont make strides in equity data collection.
   11. Ken: could disadvantaged communities be automatically enrolled in insurance? [Note from Don: I am not sure I captured the essence of this query]
   12. 3 recommended resources (all with **hyper-links**):
       1. NH Governor’s COVID-19 Equity Response Team [**Initial Report & Recommendations**, July 2020](1.%09https:/www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/equity-response-team.pdf)
       2. [**Culturally Effective Organizations Framework**](8.%09http:/equitynh.org/culturally-effective-organizations)
       3. [Anchor Institutions](1.%09https:/democracycollaborative.org/learn/collections/leveraging-anchor-institutions)
8. Treasurer’s Report - $521.93
9. New business
   1. PNHP Board Elections - Candidate Forum on August 19 at 9pm – *Don to promote on the List-Serv*
10. Next meeting: September 22 (probably hybrid again, depending on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic)