

Granite State PNHP Agenda, July 10, 2014

1. Review of minutes, especially action steps
2. Around the state: what is new?
3. NH Single Payer legislation
 - a. Drafting
4. Educational efforts
 - a. Speakers Bureau
 - b. Powerpoints
 - c. Movie
5. Membership
 - a. List-serv
 - b. Recruiting
6. Collaboration
 - a. Students
 - b. Maine colleagues

David Ecklein, Engineer

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Gary Sobelson

Rob Kiefner

John Swartz, Engineer

Camilla Jones

Marc Patnaude, Engineer

Cosy Santiago

Johann "Hans" Rothwangl, retired Gastroenterologist, Candia

Sieglinde Rothwangl, nurse

1. Review of Minutes
 - a. Writing Group: Ahmed*, Cosy*, Marc, Rob, (Gary) - *organizers
 - i. Meeting
 - ii. Resources
 - iii. Timeline for committee work
 - iv. Gary reviewed the legislative timeline
 - v. Gary: ask Janet Monahan for a copy of a brochure about the legislative process

- b. Don: will find out if we can post attachments on the PNHP topic?
 - c. Cosy: will post a note on the List-serv about bringing colleagues in
2. Around the state
- a. Don: Don Berwick - candidate for Mass governor is a Single-Payer fan
 - b. Camilla: the “Hobby Lobby” win can be useful for single-payer, by getting employers and their biases out of health care
 - c. Dave/Ahmed: post WW2, employer-based health care was a carrot for employment
 - d. Johann: The American Health Care Paradox is a book that links health care to other social spending (housing, education, employment, gun violence, nutrition). **Johann will post this on the list-serv**
 - e. Camilla: 64% of Maine physicians are in favor of single-payer, per PNHP report
 - f. Marc: students and their parents can be allies for Single-Payer, because of educational costs
 - g. Rob: spoke to rising seniors at St. Paul’s about health-care policy
 - h. Johann: family in Austria facing health problems received terrific medical care, including 90min from cardiac arrest to angioplasty
 - i. Gary: roll-out of expanded Medicaid is going very well; expecting to enroll 80-100,000 new people. They will be enrolled in managed Medicaid
 - j. Gary: NH’s % increase of enrolled patients d/t ACA was the largest in the nation. In 2016, when the federal gov’t funds only 90%, there may be changes.
 - k. Ahmed: honor Arnold “Bud” Relman, who recently died. Relman was a believer in both Single-Payer AND a staff-physician model (to get away from fee-for-service)
3. NH Single-Payer Legislation Drafting
- a. Mark: Google Docs, Skype
 - b. **Don to send NH Bill to Committee members**
 - c. Gary: we may seek support from other organizations, e.g. NHAFP and NH ACP chapter
 - d. Gary: we may need to get individuals to be supporters
 - e. Camilla/Ahmed: we may need to encourage folk to sign petitions
4. Educational efforts
- a. John: most talks in the past have come by invitation (college groups, Cheshire Cty Democrats, Medical Managers)
 - b. Johann: Rotary in Raymond would like to have a presentation in September.
 - c. John: orientation of talks should be primarily towards State-wide efforts more than 676
 - d. Ahmed: we need a brochure – after the Bill is drafted – to present
 - e. Gary: from October to March we’re going to want to get letters-to-editors and other resources
 - f. Gary: can we hire a student/staff to develop a PR campaign, e.g. data-bases (churches, Rotaries, etc) to be focus of our educational efforts?

Don will contact PNHP to find out. (Dean Spiliotes, PNHP grants, Granite State Progress,). Camilla might reach out to a contact at Plymouth State and Springfield College (Kate McGovern). This could be a “decent” internship.

- g. Gary may volunteer to be the GS-PNHP liaison for a staff
 - h. Camilla may volunteer to be the Training coordinator
 - i. Rob: UNH may be a good contact for students
5. Membership
- a. Camilla/Gary: we need to slowly build a Bureau of capable Speakers
 - b. The energy will come from the Bill showing up
 - c. Gary: it is likely that we won't really garner attention until after Election Day
6. Collaboration:
- a. Don will reach out to Maine, Vermont, and Mass leadership