**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda, November 29, 2017**

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1. Introductions
2. Minutes from October 25, 2017
3. Annual Meeting of National PNHP
4. Medical Student Summer Internship, collaborating with Vermont - Ken
5. Speakers Bureau – Camilla
   1. Past month - ?any
   2. Future
      1. Libraries, with help of Giovanna Lepore, Vermont
         1. Text of letter
         2. Licenses for films
      2. Bow Rotary Clubs
      3. Chambers of Commerce
6. National Scene
   1. Can we influence Hassan, and Kuster to co-sponsor the national bills
7. 2018 bill(s) for NH – Don
   1. Rep. McNamara – “our” bill
      1. Senate version submitted by Sen. Martha Hennessey
   2. Rep. Schmidt’s 3 bills
   3. Strategy - ?coordinator
8. Treasurer’s Report – Don
9. New Business
10. Next meeting – December 27

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Camilla Jones

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Fred Portnoy

Gary Sobelson

1. Don: at the Annual Meeting there was a generally positive tone
   1. Tom Clairmont is a business-champion
   2. Monograph by Steffie and David very useful
   3. State Chapters
      1. *Don: I will look into getting a data-base for membership*
2. Student internship – Ken
   1. Objective: Help Develop Thought Leaders
   2. Components
      1. Meet with thought leaders
      2. Readings/viewings
      3. Project – give a
   3. Finances
      1. $1250 from National
      2. Ken: we should try to raise an additional $1250
         1. Don: we can ask each of the core activists for $100
   4. The chapter agrees to endorse/support the internship
   5. This is different from the advocacy project developed by Reza Hessani
      1. Rob’s work with NEW FUTURES is also dealing with advocacy
   6. Camilla: please include the PATIENT’s perspective – the challenges of cost, understanding, logistics
   7. Rob: get copies of the Bi-Annual PNHP Newsletter for the interns
   8. Rob: get student memberships in PNHP for the interns
3. Speakers Bureau
   1. Gary: I was on a panel at UNH Law School “Is Health Care a Right or a Privilege”, with Paul Hodes, as well
      1. The panel came to the conclusion that Single-Payer
   2. Rob: I will be on the Exchange (with Laura Knoy) on either 12/7 or 12/12 to discuss Single-Payer
   3. PNHP-Vermont reaches out to libraries, being solicited by their member Giovanna Lepore. She has offered to reach out to NH Libraries on our behalf
      1. Camilla: let’s do it!
   4. Camilla: pending talks are:
      1. UU Church in Manchester, possibly in February
      2. Rotary in Bow
   5. Ken: let’s reach out to Hospital Medical staffs to give Grand Rounds
      1. *Camilla: I have a list of the CME organizers*
      2. *Ken: send me a list, I will reach out to them if you*
4. National Delegation
   1. Gary: with Shea-Porter retiring, it would be nice if we could have an impact on the campaign
      1. Rob: I can reach out to Lucas Meyer (?)
      2. Gary: if Chris Pappas – a moderate Democrat from Manchester - gets the nomination, he could be a strong candidate. Perhaps we could meet with him.
      3. Fred: I think that there are probably legitimate family reasons for her to be stepping down
      4. Ken: if Shea-Porter comes out in favor of Single-Payer, that may put some pressure on Annie Kuster to become a sponsor
   2. We can reach out to Colin van Ostern
   3. Gary: why isn’t Hassan signing on to Bernie’s Bill? Let’s keep talking with her, but not right now. Let’s wait until the situation changes, e.g. the individual mandate is voted out. Or Bernie’s bill comes up for a vote. Then we approach Hassan, Kuster, and Shea-Porter
5. NH Bills
   1. Dick McNamara: Commerce Chair John Hunt doesn’t like Commissions. So he will likely not like our HB1241 as submitted. I would consider rejecting any attempt to combine this with other bills, and ask for a presentation on the floor. The Chair cannot refuse to hear it
      1. Don: because Sen. Martha Hennessey has submitted a matching bill in the Senate – LSR 2018-2879
      2. Dick: if they are identical – and if they both pass – then there will be no cross-over. I think that the deed is done!!
      3. Ken: does a Commission require funding? Dick: minimal costs
      4. Dick: if it goes to the whole House, then it can be by a voice vote, or – if requested by 10 members – a roll-call vote. Members can address the bill and ask questions.
      5. Gary: I hope that a HB1241 Commission could be modified to include the essence of HB1516, i.e. to also discuss a New England compact. Dick: yes
      6. Gary/Rob: let’s mobilize other groups, e.g. Bernie’s supporters, to come out to support us!
      7. Gary: I will make sure that the Medical Society supports this
   2. Peter Schmidt’s bills
      1. HB 1516: Commission to examine feasibility of the New England states enterining into a compact for a single payor health care program
      2. SLR: Establish a NH Health Access Corporation, based on Healthy Kids
      3. SLR: Establish A NH Single-Payer Health Care System
      4. Peter Schmidt will meet with us on Friday, 12/1 from 1-3pm
   3. Who will organize us:
      1. Ken (away 1st 2 weeks in February)
      2. Susan
   4. *Gary: we can ask Valerie - the NHMS lobbyist - to set up a meeting with the Committee Chair (John Hunt) and Vice-Chair (Barbara Biggie) in advance of the hearing to let them know of our interest and approach*
   5. Ken: do we want to meet with Tyler Brannen from the Insurance Department in advance? Probably not.
   6. *Ken: do we want to meet in advance with the representative of the BIA? Gary: Sure!*
   7. *Gary: we can also ask someone from the* ***Council of Churches, NH Hospital Association*** *and the* ***Medical Society*** *to speak in favor*
   8. *Fred: I can find someone from* ***Organized******Labor***
   9. Dick: we can ask organizations’ lobbyists to sign-in in favor, and anticipate testifying at the Sub-Committee hearing.
6. Treasurer’s Report: $1464.07
7. Next Meeting: December 27, 2017