**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, December 28, 2016**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from November 30
3. HB1310 – next steps – Ahmed
	1. Patients to testify
	2. Doctors to testify
	3. Rapid response when we get dates
	4. Promoting the Bill
	5. Study Commission structure/logistics
4. National and state politics and implications for Medicare-for-all

 (discussion strictly limited to 15minutes!!)

1. NH Med Society Letter - Gary
2. Discussion on how our Chapter is organized. Should we have more designated duties (e.g. Ahmed picking up some of the Treasurer’s duties)? Should we substitute Conference Calls, especially in winter?
3. Presentations
	1. Dec. 6, Tuesday, Temple Beth Jacob, Concord
	2. Finding other opportunities
4. New business
5. Next meeting: ?January 25

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

Camilla Jones (by phone)

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty (by phone)

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. Minutes
	1. Don: the next Med Society Newsletter is going to include a Single-payer insert
	2. Susan: it might be good to have WHO/CDC data on preventable illnesses
		1. Ken: there is a recent NEJM article on changes in ER utilization as a function of insurance
	3. Don: I think this kind of data is useful for presentations to Medical groups
	4. Camilla: there is a slide on that topic in our slide deck, referencing the CDC and the US Census Bureau, extrapolating from the total deaths and ascribing 13% to non-insurance, as 13% were uninsured
2. HB1310 – which’ll get a new number this session
	1. Ahmed: I’ll be seeing Dick McNamara on New Year’s Day and will hopefully learn about the hearing
	2. Ahmed: patient cases of costs of delayed care
		1. Ahmed: I will bring a patient with a case of Atrial Fibrillation.
		2. Ahmed: the former gubernatorial candidate Steve Marchand may be able to come to describe the case of his father’s
	3. Ahmed: I am waiting to hear from former Representative Dr. Tom Sherman regarding his availability to testify
	4. Ahmed: our former Rep. Susan Emerson, a Republican, may be convinced to testify
	5. Ahmed: it would be great if Dr. Daley could come to testify to describe his cases; I will ask him
	6. Camilla: I will try to come. I know a person – resident of New Hampshire, and now wintering in Florida – who has a story to tell and could be videotaped. I will contact Ed Helm
	7. Ken: I will try to come. I have sent out e-mails to ER doctors at Dartmouth, and will contact internists at Dartmouth to gather stories. I do have a story of delayed care (cardiac dz and carpal tunnel syndrome).
	8. Ken: I will tell a colleague who is a NH Rep to contact Dick McNamara, to express an interest in being a co-sponsor
	9. Ahmed: when I learn the date I will send a note to the List-Serv.
	10. Don: it might be useful for PNHP attendees to meet in the LOB lobby before the hearing
3. National politics
	1. We all discussed the response of our specialty groups to the appointment of Tom Price
	2. Ahmed: have we heard if PNHP has any formal response to appointments of Tom Price or Sheena Verma.
		1. Don: I will ask Ida Hellender at PNHP if there is a national office response to the appointments?
		2. Susan: there is a STUDENT blog at PNHP
	3. Ken: there are a lot of comments and op-eds from non-physicians at the NYTimes that are pro-single-payer. Where do these people affiliate? Can we connect and form coalitions?
		1. Ahmed: Public Citizen, Health Care Now, PNHP, National Nurses Union,
		2. Camilla: Progressive Democrats of America.
	4. Ahmed: there is a Health Care Now Summit in NYC, January 13-15; I will be attending this
		1. Susan: we need to be vocal and patient
	5. Don: our state Chapter can be supportive of Chapters in states such as West Virginia (Mountain State PNHP), if those chapters fight the local dismantling of ACA
4. Camilla: how about hosting a Health Care Summit for New Hampshire
	1. Don: the Study Commission – if it passes! - could sponsor it
5. Don: do we want to evolve some of the organizational chores of the Chapter
	1. Camilla: put the Convenor’s Duties into the Minutes and ask for people to share the duties
	2. Ken: consider posting a draft agenda 2 weeks in advance and ask for input
	3. Camilla: I could post the minutes to the membership and list-serv
	4. Ahmed: I can continue to manage the Hearing Task Force
	5. Susan: let’s have a trial of a Conference Call for the January meeting.
		1. Don: I can set up a FreeConferenceCall.com for January, with a warning to not multi-task
		2. Ahmed: we should aim to have in-person meetings when possible
		3. Susan/Ken: let’s evaluate the conference call as a modality
		4. Don: I will likely be absent in March
			1. Ahmed: let’s get someone else to run the meeting, e.g. Susan (minutes) and Ahmed
6. Presentations/Outreach
	1. Susan: 35-40 people attended the Temple Beth Jacob presentation of the FIXIT short version and follow-up panel. There were some good discussions. A number of people later said “I had NO idea that the problems were so broad and deep”
		1. Ken: the discussions and format were excellent
		2. Susan: it would be good to have a list of references for f/u; I may try to put
	2. Susan: I will propose to the InterFaith Council that other faith-based organizations have a panel
	3. Ken: I could organize something at Eastman in Grantham
	4. Don/Camilla/Ahmed: we have all made presentations to Rotaries
	5. Don: the Dartmouth Med Students had an elective that I sponsored called “Equal Distribution of Health Care”; as an out growth, the students will start a SNaPH chapter.
7. January 25th will be the next meeting, as a conference call. The **dial-in number** will be **866-939-8416**and the passcode is **1075916**#.

**Addendum: Don’s Activities as “Convener”**

Secretarial

 Record Minutes during meetings

 E-mail minutes to the participants within the next week

 E-mail Minutes to National PNHP for posting on web-site

Post announcement of up-coming meetings on list-serv, preferably ~1week in advance

 Post Agenda on list-serv for up-coming meetings

Organizational

Draft Agenda – This needs to be sent out to core people early so that it can be amended and broadened to include others’ ideas, not just Don’s

 Maintain list-serv

Financial

 Write checks

 Ask National PNHP for money