**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, February 28, 2018**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from January 24, 2018
3. Reflections on lost members and friends
4. Legislative Affairs – Ken
   1. HB 1241 and SB383 – establishing a commission to assess benefits and costs of a “health care for all” program for NH
   2. HB 1793 – establishing a NH single-payer health care system
   3. HB 1516 – establishing a commission to examine the feasibility of the New England states entering into a compact for a single-payor health care program
5. Speakers Bureau - Camilla
   1. Warner Book Store
   2. Libraries, with help of Giovanna Lepore, Vermont PNHP
   3. Rotary Clubs
   4. Chambers of Commerce
   5. Monadnock Progressive Alliance
6. Medical Students
   1. Summer Internship update – Ken
   2. Geisel/Dartmouth chapter leaders attending the SNaHP summit in New Orleans - Don
7. Consider planning a meeting with other NH organizations interested in Progressive Health Care reform – e.g R&D, Monadnock Alliance, Health Care Now, Our Revolution, Kent St. Coalition. What would be the benefits and what would be the costs?
8. Treasurer’s Report
9. Next meeting – March 28 (Don will be absent)

**Attending**:

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Camilla Jones

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Richard McNamara (by phone)

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. All: member John Swartz has recently died of Lung Ca. We all reflected on this very sad loss of our friend.
2. Ken/Dick Legislative Affairs:
   1. HB1241 (Commission for Health Care for All) was ITL’d by House Commerce (not a surprise)
      1. *Dick: I will find out on which day next week the bill will come up to a full session*. I will speak to it, and hope to recruit Rep. Jerry Knirk to also speak to it. I am planning to call for a Roll-Call vote, in an attempt to over-ride the ITL
      2. Jim: This bill INCREASES choices, rather than limiting choice. It also provides a mechanism for providing treatment for the Opioid Crisis
      3. Dick: the hearing can be viewed live from the General Court web-site <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/media/default.htm> I will let the group know when the hearing is.
   2. HB1793 (Establishing a NH Single-Payer program) was ITL’d (not a surprise) by House Commerce
   3. Unexpectedly, HB1516 (Commission for a NE States Compact) was ITL’d by House Commerce
   4. SB383 has not yet been voted on in the Senate Commerce Committee
3. Rob: I’ve been following the Medicaid Expansion debate closely. There are many challenges, and it is not a sure thing.
   1. The State’s share of funding, $45 million, may come from Alcohol revenues
   2. There will be new features, including a work-requirement
4. Speaker’s Bureau – Camilla
   1. No further contact with Giovanna
   2. Canterbury Library presentation went well (~20 attended)– Camilla
   3. Dunbar Free Library (Grantham) presentation went well (~25-30 attended) – Ken
   4. *Cosy has volunteered to do Rumney*
   5. *Don has volunteered to do Woodsville (Dawn Langley 747-3483)*
   6. *Ken has volunteered to do Jaffrey*
   7. *Camilla has volunteered to do New Durham*
   8. UU Church in Manchester hasn’t come through
   9. Canaan librarian is “on the fence”
   10. Warren library – would Cosy be able/willing?
   11. Ken: I am presenting at the April 4 meeting of the Monadnock Progressive Alliance
   12. Susan: Warner Book Store this weekend
5. *Don*: *I need to get a good data-base so that we can “enroll” interested people who attend our meetings (events, articles, meetings)*
   1. Don: I will ask PNHP to advise us on a data-base
6. Jim: where are Letters and Op-Eds posted?
   1. Don and Ken: submit them to PNHP [Dixon@pnhp.org](mailto:Dixon@pnhp.org)
7. *Susan: I will design a card that we can give out at presentations, including Facebook, e-mail, web-site*
   1. *Don: I will send a picture of our existing card*
   2. *Camilla: I will send the e-mail address*
   3. Jim: we should have a good “catch-phrase”, e.g. “Because everyone needs health care” or “Health Care access for all”
8. Ken: our Chapter has gotten a $1250 grant from PNHP to sponsor a summer internship for Geisel Medical Students
   1. Ken: we are collaborating with the Vermont Chapter in the organization
   2. Don: if we get a second student, we’ll need to raise funds for them
   3. Ken: we haven’t gotten any applications yet
9. Don: 3 students from the Geisel SNaHP (PNHP) chapter are attending the SnaHP Summit in New Orleans
10. Ken: should we have a meeting with NH activists from other organizations interested in Health Care (Rights and Democracy; Kent St coalition; Health Care Now; Monadnock Progressive Alliance; Granite State Progress; New Futures)?
    1. Ken: perhaps simply invite 1 or 2 people from a single organization at a time.
       1. *Susan: I will track down* ***Health Care Now*** *to make contact*
    2. Camilla: How about a Health Care summit?
    3. Rob: with all of the Dems lining up to run for District 1 Congressional seat, perhaps that would be an opportunity to have a summit and share data-bases
11. Treasurer’s Report: $1369.32. No expenses or income this month.
12. Next meeting: March 28; Ken was volunteered to lead