**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, May 25, 2016**

1. Introductions
2. National Politics – impact on Single-Payer
3. What is next for HB1310?
4. Spreading the word this spring: giving talks
   1. Resources: cards, hand-outs, outlines
   2. Movies: FIXIT, Healthcare Movie
5. Membership – how increase?
6. Next meeting

Attending:

Camilla Jones

Rob Kiefner

Donald Kollisch

Gary Sobelson

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

Lauren Hallahan (on phone)

1. Don will send out link to get on Don McCanne’s daily blast
2. Rob: we will have to adjust our efforts vis. HB1310 based on national politics
   1. Gary: the Colorado referendum on Single-Payer is encouraging
   2. Lauren: the national political scene may distract people’s attention from Single-Payer issues
   3. Gary: promoting Single-Payer is VERY hard when we are trying to be sure that the Republicans do not abolish the ACA
   4. Don/Gary: Medicare Advantage is the canary in the coal-mine
   5. Don/Gary: fee-for-service may be gone in the near future!
   6. Lauren: what about Hillary Clinton’s “Medicare Expansion to be a Public Option from age 55-65”?
      1. Gary: Devil is in the details, and hard to predict; but…
3. Missing ACTION ITEMS from April 2016: Pursue connections at Plymouth State (Camilla/Mandy), UNH/NHI (Ahmed)
4. HB1310: per Rep. McNamara, an interim study group may examine HB1310, but the Legislature is gone as of June 1, 2016
   1. Who/when is the Interim Study Group?
   2. Camilla: introducing a Study Commission remains more attractive than a full-blown Single-Payer bill
   3. Gary: we should keep our eye on Colorado and other states to see if we can promote a more aggressive program
5. Coalition-building
   1. Putting a project forward needs a lot of expertise, energy, and money
   2. Other organizations to consider connecting with:
      1. Don: Granite State Progress
      2. Lauren: how about Consumer Groups?
      3. Gary: NH *Citizens* Health Initiative (Jeanne Ryer)
      4. Gary: how about Bernie’s activist groups?
      5. Camilla: Plymouth Area Democrats are VERY interested, and want to spread information around. Single Payer is on their agenda for February 2017
         1. PNHP cannot endorse Democrats, but we CAN speak at their meetings
6. Community Meetings
   1. Camilla: Mandy Gennaro and I had a dialogue in front of the Plymouth Rotary, attended by ~20
      1. The head of the Rotary will electronically share SP material
      2. Good Discussion of HB1310
   2. Don: Ahmed presented at the local UU Church
   3. Don and Chip at the Lebanon Rotary tomorrow, May 26.
   4. Camilla: we should have a web-site with our materials
   5. Don: I will ask PNHP communications director if we can do it there
   6. Susan: a lot of resistance from the Concord Synagogue (partially resistance about healthcare issues).
      1. Gary: lets just set a date for showing of one of the Movies!
   7. Rob: there are a lot of Colleges in the region
      1. Camilla: there is a Manchester branch of Springfield College
      2. Gary: Mass College of Pharmacy
      3. Don: perhaps Keene State
      4. Rob: perhaps St. Paul’s
   8. Gary: we did a Single-Payer shout-out at the Medical Society meeting!
   9. Don: we each should find a group to present to!
7. Membership
   1. Rob: it is increasingly difficult to engage doctors, especially since doctors are increasingly employed.
   2. Gary: Political energy around health care reform has been so dramatically affected by payment models.
   3. Don: how about medical staff meetings or hospital grand rounds?
      1. Don: I will reach out to the Cottage Hospital medical staff
   4. Gary: put columns into the Medical Society newsletter (electronic or paper). Or write Letters to the Editor.
8. Lauren: I put the NYTimes article on the Facebook pages, and they got a lot of views
9. Next Meeting: June 22, 2016