**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes, August 19, 2015**

1. Introductions
2. Review July minutes
3. Review Agenda
4. What has gone on since last meeting
5. Political opportunities during the Presidential primary campaign
   1. Democratic candidates’ events
   2. Republican candidates’ events
6. Mina’s report (if he is able to attend)
   1. Organizing the speakers bureau
   2. Blog
   3. Weekly “check-in”
7. Strategy for the fall
8. Review of Action Items
9. Next meeting September 23, 2015

Attending:

Camilla Jones (by phone)

Don Kollisch

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

John Swartz

Gary Sobelson

Cosy Santiago

David Ecklein - Engineer

Ed Helm – Barton, VT (and NH Public Access Television)

Introduced by Gary

Patrick Berry – Wilmot, NH (Engineer, experience in France)

Introduced by John

Ahmed Kutty

Duncan Nevers – Attorney from Whitefield

Introduced by Cosy/David

1. Introductions
2. Review July minutes
   1. John: What follow-up with Commissioner Toumpas?
      1. John Williams, HHS Dir of Legislative Affairs, to help craft our next bill.
      2. “STATE INNOVATION MODEL” - ?with funding? - for new delivery system models.
3. Activities around the state
   1. Cosy/David: We staffed a “Bernie” booth at Rumney “Old-home day” celebration
      1. Duncan Nevers has been reading Jim Fieseher articles and would like to be involved
      2. John: how did you happen to have a Bernie Sanders booth?
         1. Dave: Alex Ray, who owns Common Man and Flying Monkey, offered his restaurant for a Bernie meeting.
         2. Ed: Common Man restaurants are interested in Bernie Sanders
   2. John: Organizing for Bernie Sanders, and promoting Single-Payer
   3. Ed: In January, 2008 we had a NH Health Forum meeting, which was a powerful means – through Community Access TV – to reach a broad audience. Consider doing this again.
4. Ed: Is “Medicare for All” equivalent to “Single-Payer”?
   1. Gary and John: Yes!
   2. Ahmed: National Nurses United: “Medicare: Protect, Improve and Expand (PIE)”
   3. Matthew Petty (National PNHP): as a 501c3, we cannot support a candidate
5. Ed: consider adding a Single-Payer question to the NH Polling surveys, which can help keep SP on a front-burner
   1. Ed will look into how to do this
6. Ahmed: PNHP can be a resource for ANY candidate, but cannot directly endorse a candidate. If Donald Trump is serious in his support of Single-Payer, we can say that we think it is good!!
7. Susan: can we emulate the AFSC “bird-dogging” campaign in order to get our questions on-camera?
8. Gary: how can we permit Single-Payer-supporting candidates to leverage the support of PNHP? YES, WE CAN PUBLICIZE BERNIE SANDERS’ APPEARANCES IN NH!
9. Susan: The Jewish synagogue in Concord may host a screening of “The Health Care” movie
10. Camilla: can we get permission to screen Health Care Movie or TR Reid’s Frontline on COMMUNITY ACCESS TV. Ed will pursue this.
    1. Moved and passed: Granite State – PNHP endorses the Health Care Movies for public education
    2. Camilla proposes that we also create a short introductory video.
       1. Camilla will write a script; Ed will see about producing a video!
    3. Ed: consider having a “Medicare-for-all” movie week all around the state
11. Each of us should write a question for politician bird-dogging
12. We will try to post the Candidates’ NH appearances on the List-serv, to encourage debate. “We will post on this web-site the appearances of any candidate who support Single-Payer.”
13. Gary: carry an “End ObamaCare” poster at a Republican’s appearance in order to get called for a question!
14. Don: I met Bob Friedlander who is organizing “Healthcare Workers for Sanders”
    1. Gary: we can offer Sanders’campaign to organize an educational presentation regarding Single-Payer
    2. Ahmed will contact Bob to propose this
15. Duncan: would it be useful for citizens - patients/doctors - of Canada or UK come to the US and flood Primary states to talk about their systems? Ed challenges
16. Don will ask National for more $$ to hire a staffer to organize our speakers’ bureau.
    1. Ahmed/John: we can solicit organizations locally
    2. Gary: let’s get a couple of talks going, and THEN hire a staffer
    3. Don will ask for National $$ for SP survey questions for the UNH/MUR polls
    4. John will flesh out a list of organizations
17. Ed: presented a list of CATV members
18. To develop our next NH bill, for a Study Commission, we can approach John Williams (HHS) and Tyler Brannen (Insurance Dept). Gary will send to Don a model Study Commission bill to mock-up for a Single-Payer bill.
19. Next meeting SEPTEMBER 30, the 5th Wednesday