**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, September 27, 2017**

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from August 23, 2017
3. By-Laws revision – review and vote
4. Election of the Steering Committee
   1. Nominations received so far:

Ken Dolkart

Camilla Jones

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

b. Nominations and self-nominations from the floor

1. Public presentations – Speakers Bureau – Ken and Camilla
   1. Past month
      1. Sept 23 Progressive Group
   2. Future
      1. Bow Rotary Clubs
      2. Chambers of Commerce
2. National Scene -   
            National bills  
             Kuster/Welch "fix the ACA"  
             Encouraging Hassan, Shea-Porter, and Kuster to sign on as co-sponsors
3. Next bill for NH - Rep McNamara
4. Collaboration with other groups
5. Treasurer’s Report – Don
6. New Business
7. Next meeting – October 25

Attending:

Ken Dolkart

David Ecklein

Camilla Jones

Don Kollisch

Cosy Santiago

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

Carter Hale

Fred Portnoy

Chris Degange

1. Introductions
2. David: to make the *RED stand out, add italics*
3. David: does anyone have a transcript of the recent Sanders debate?
   1. No one has seen anything
   2. Ken: at least Sanders has introduced a good bill, which is limited because it lacks long-term care and includes a medication co-pay.
4. By-laws
   1. Passed 7-0
5. Steering Committee
   1. Susan has been nominated in addition to Rob, Don, Ken, and Camilla
   2. Slate passed 7-0 as nominated
   3. Cosy: I remain deeply committed and involved, even if I am not on the Steering Committee
6. David: consider having a meeting at our house in Rumney
7. Speakers’ Bureau - Camilla
   1. This past month
      1. Ken/Camilla – Plymouth Area Democrats – good meeting
      2. Ken/Susan – NH Coalition for Change – poorly organized and Single-Payer discussion was cancelled
      3. Don – I spoke to the Dartmouth student chapter
   2. Future
      1. Susan: let’s pursue more of the BOOK-ENDS type presentations
      2. Bow Rotary has solicited us to provide a speaker
      3. Don: Lebanon and Hanover Chambers of Commerce have expressed interest in having a speaker
      4. Don: *I will ask students, again, to develop a data-base of Chambers of Commerce*
      5. Cosy: think about speaking with SAU superintendents. *Perhaps if no one else has moved on this by next January, I might reach out to our local SAU leadership*
      6. *Ken: I can ask Tom Clairmont about Teachers’ Union issues*
8. Fred: Arnie Arnesen had Carol Paris, MD on her show recently
9. Don: next bill in NH.
   1. Rep Dick McNamara reports that he has filed **LSR 18-2204** is, basically, our old HB250
   2. Questions
      1. Do we want to recruit more sponsors, both representatives and senators?
      2. To which Committee will it be assigned?
   3. Ken: now that we know that the ACA will remain the law, the situation really is different
   4. Don: I will pass along the URL of the bill when it is posted
   5. Cosy: I think a Study Commission paralyzes the system. I think we should have a **real** Medicare-for-All bill.
   6. Ken: can we have a NH program that seeks waivers to have citizens 55 and above to sign on to Medicare? Wave the “States Rights” flag!
      1. Perhaps we can make common-cause with Annie Kuster
      2. Perhaps NH, VT and Maine could simultaneously move towards this
   7. Camilla: can we call this a FEASIBILITY Study?
   8. Fred: we have to keep our eye on the Medicaid Expansion controversy
10. Treasurer report: we have $1464.07
11. New Business
    1. Ken: I have improved the illumination power of the LCD projector
    2. Don: the PNHP Annual meeting is Nov. 3-4
12. *Next meeting: October 25*