**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, June 27, 2018**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from May 23, 2018
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Democratic Primary for the NH District 1 Congressional seat
   2. Preparing for the 2019 Legislative season - ?anyone
4. 7PM - GUEST SPEAKER (by phone): Phil Caper, MD, Maine All-Care
   1. What’s going on in Maine
   2. Collaboration between “One-Payer” states, pending a national solution
   3. Potential of a Northern NE Collaborative, or an All-NE collaborative
5. Speakers Bureau – Ahmed
   1. Reports of recent events
      1. Libraries/Rotaries – Camilla, Ken
      2. Health Care Now “strategy summit”
      3. Democratic Socialists of America “Town Hall
   2. Upcoming
6. Materials - New information card – Susan
7. Old business
   1. Memorial gathering for John Swarz - Camilla
   2. Hosting a “Citizens Commission on Health Care for All”
      1. ? UNH
      2. ? focus on New England States Consortium
      3. ? invite Gerald Friedman
   3. NH Academy of Family Physicians update – Gary or Rob
8. Treasurer's Report
9. New Business
10. Next meeting July 25, 2018

**Attending**:

Phil Caper (guest from Maine) – by phone

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Camilla Jones

Rob Kiefner

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Fred Portnoy

Gary Sobelson

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. Introductions: Phil Caper, Maine
2. Ken: I will ask Sarah, the SNaHP leader to put all members of the Executive Committee on as Facebook administrators. And perhaps find and distribute a link describing how to post
3. Phil Caper
   1. Maine All-Care founded in 2010 – Mission is “public education about the merits of Single-Payer” – we favor calling it “Medicare-for-All”
      1. Maine is the oldest and whitest state in the country
      2. Building the base
         1. 10 chapters throughout the state and hundreds of members
         2. 25,000 supporters
         3. Growth can be (somewhat) attributed to the public’s fear of losing ACA coverage
      3. Talks to Rotary, using films (Fix It, Health Care Movie, etc)
         1. NOT a government take-over of Medicine
         2. Decreasing administrative costs will not mean job loss
         3. Universality and fairness
      4. Consider giving talks at churches, including the UU Social responsibility network and the Council of Churches
      5. Having tables at rural Fairs
      6. Having tables at elections
      7. Raise money by donations; few grants (e.g. the Stephen King foundation)
      8. A State referendum gives an organizing focus
      9. Annual budget: $80,000/yr
         1. 3 full-time staff
            1. ED
            2. 2 organizing staff
            3. Social Media
         2. Retail politics
      10. Social Media can be very important
      11. Maine All-Care has a new revised Mission statement, with 10 principles (outlining what we support and vision) and an FAQ
   2. Progressive change in Maine sometimes is via referendum
      1. This year, universal home care for the elderly
      2. Medicaid expansion was passed 60-40, but governor blocked by requiring the Legislature to fund it.
   3. Legislative issues
      1. 7 of 9 Democratic Gubernatorial candidates in Maine favor Medicare-for-all. [Current governor is out this year]
      2. State bills
         1. There are progressive health initiatives almost every year
         2. Most recent bill established a **legislative task force** for Health Care for all Mainers, funded by MAINE ALL-CARE
            1. It has met 5 times, but they’ve avoided talking about the role of private insurance
            2. Charged with describing 3 models of care
   4. Phil’s opinion: the legislature will only move when the people demand it. People are hurting because of cost or lack of access; this energy can be moved towards advocacy.
   5. Politicians say “Politics is the art of the possible. Our job is to change what is possible”
   6. How about multi-state collaboratives?
      1. Great idea, but getting 3 legislatures to agree to a compact would be difficult
      2. Next steps: work with Jeff XXXX, a Maine All-Care Board member and Maine legislator
   7. “One-Payer States” organization
      1. Monthly conference call
      2. Annual meeting, associated with NNU
      3. Don: I will nominate all of us to be members of the OPS
4. Legislative affairs
   1. District 1 congressional seat: 6 of 8 candidates favor Single Payer
      1. Ken: if there is a candidate forum on Saturday 6/30, can we have a table?
   2. Don: I will reach out to Dick McNamara and Martha Hennessey to say we are still interested and we seek their guidance.
      1. We would, once again, seek a Commission, or Study Group
      2. We would also like a Multi-State Compact
      3. Could GS-PNHP help fund a Commission? Sure, why not.
      4. Could there be a piece of the puzzle that would pass, e.g. Universal Primary Care or Universal Home care for the Elderly
   3. Gary: the NH House will likely flip to be Democratic
      1. Ken: if the house DOESN’T flip, we will have problems
      2. Ken: if the house DOES flip there will likely be MULTIPLE related bills: Jerry Knirk, Peter Schmidt, Gary Woods
      3. Rob: can the Party be engaged to try to organize related bills?
      4. Jim: can we craft a bill that has appeal to the Republicans?
         1. Jim: I will begin to develop a legislative approach that appeals to the Business community. It will have to appeal to both CEO’s and workers who already have insurance that they like.
         2. Ken: Great. Think about focusing on “VALUE”
         3. Don/Camilla: build on the John/Camilla/Cosy brochure on the Business Case for Universal Health Care
   4. Susan: it is worth having bills, even if the Republicans stay in power, because we can still get a lot of attention in the hearings!
5. Speakers Bureau
   1. Major events:
      1. DSA at the UU church
      2. Health Care Now
      3. Progressive Summit
   2. Library presentations: Antrum (Ahmed), Peterborough (Ahmed), New Durham (Camilla)
   3. Rotaries
      1. Susan: Goffstown Rotary is interested
      2. Ken: I’m interested in presenting to the Nashua Rotary
      3. Camilla: the New Durham Rotary might be interested
   4. Fred: I have been approached by Concord “Adult Learning” to give a single class on Single-Payer for next spring
   5. Ken: I may reach out to the New London “Adult Learning”
   6. Ken: I have been solicited by Hanover OSHER “Adult Learning” to give a talk
6. New Information Card – Susan
   1. Camilla: Think about using UPS Store
   2. Susan: I will send it around, again, to the Executive Committee, to have content
   3. Ahmed: At the “Progressive Summit” I met a gentleman who offered help with Tech issues – David Brown. I can/will forward Susan’s “Information Card” to him
7. Old Business
   1. Camilla: on Saturday, 6/24, there was a moving gathering in Wilmot to remember our colleague and friend John Swartz
8. Treasurer’s Report: $1,280
9. New Business
   1. Gary: NH Americans for Prosperity (sponsored by the Koch Brothers) is being investigated by the New Hampshire AG for violating their 501(c) status
   2. Gary: NH-ACLU is interested in Health Care issues, e.g. as related to economic justice. I can give a 5-10minute presentation at the July meeting.
      1. Camilla: how about the fairness of Deductibles and Co-pays for low-income people
      2. Gary: can the ACLU be a strong partner with a GS-PNHP?
10. Next meeting: July 25 (will be announced by Ken), including Gary giving a brief presentation about the ACLU’s interest in Health Equity
11. Annual Meeting: August 22 at the home of Susan Zlotnick-Hale