**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, October 25, 2017**

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from September 27, 2017, including re-cap of By-laws changes and elections
3. Speakers Bureau – Camilla
   1. Past month - ?any
   2. Future
      1. Bow Rotary Clubs
      2. Chambers of Commerce
4. National Scene
   1. ?can we influence Hassan, Kuster, and Shea-Porter to co-sponsor the national bills
5. 2018 bill(s) for NH –
   1. Rep. McNamara and Rep. Schmidt
   2. Strategy - ?coordinator
6. Collaboration with other groups
   1. VT PNHP Student Summer Internship
7. Treasurer’s Report – Don
8. New Business
   1. NH Business Review article
9. Next meeting – November 22 or November 29 (more likely)

Attending:

Arnie Arnesen

Camilla Jones

Betty Keller (guest from St. Johnsbury, VT, by phone)

Don Kollisch

David Lakomy (student)

Rep. Richard McNamara (by phone)

Fred Portnoy

Gary Sobelson

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. Introductions
   1. Gary and Fred: concerns that Medicaid expansion may not be extended
2. Minutes accepted
3. Speakers Bureau
   1. Camilla: I have developed a protocol for answering queries about speakers
   2. Potential venues
      1. Manchester Unitarian Church
      2. Bow Rotary
   3. Arnie: is there a YouTube of a potential presentation?
      1. Gary: that would be a good idea!
      2. Don: we need a Media person
      3. *Don: perhaps the SNaHP chapter can help us produce a good 10minute video*
   4. Camilla: We have a range of brochures
      1. *Camilla: I will make a list*
      2. Susan: perhaps we should put the best ones on-line
   5. *Don: perhaps SNaHP will develop a Chamber of Commerce data-base*
   6. Arnie: get a speaker on every Public Access TV station in the state, including Bob Bachus in Manchester
   7. Gary: do any of our slide sets cover Bernie Sanders’ Senate bill?
      1. Camilla: yes, Ken Dolkart’s latest set does
      2. Don: perhaps we should devote 15minutes of our next meeting to talk about Bernie’s bill
         1. *Don: I will ask at the annual PNHP meeting*
         2. *David: I will look for and post links to the text of the bill and any commentary/synopsis I can find*
4. National Scene: Carol Shea-Porter has announced that she is not running for re-election
   1. Arnie: perhaps GS-PNHP can offer their services to all candidates for Carol Shea-Porter’s seat. *I can get a list of current possible 5-7 Democratic candidates.*
5. 2018 Bills for NH
   1. Gary: Rep. Peter Schmidt (D-Dover) has presented 3 single-payer-related LSR’s. It was drafted by (?) someone in Legislative Services.
   2. Dick McNamara: I presented LSR 2018-2240, the same bill as was originally presented last year: To Establish a Commission to Study Benefits and Costs of a “Health Care for All” program for New Hampshire. I have been told that it can be re-introduced because it had been changed dramatically.
      1. Dick: This year I want to insist that this bill stand-alone, and not be melded with other health-related bills
      2. Dick: perhaps a Committee, e.g. Commerce, might approve a Commission instead of voting for a full-on Single-Payer
      3. Don: congrats on getting Jerry Knirk as a co-sponsor
      4. Arnie: perhaps get a Senator to sponsor a similar bill (Dan Feltus, Martha Fuller-Clarke, Martha Hennessey?)
         1. Dick: I will look into it
         2. *Don: I will send Dick copies of Rep. Schmidt’s LSR’s*
   3. Dick: this is the main bill that I am sponsoring, and am going to give this a lot of energy.
   4. Gary: we will need to figure out how we can support Peter Schmidt’s bills. Who else is he working with?
      1. Susan: the funding for the full-on Single-Payer bill is vague.
   5. Don: I think we need a coordinator for our Chapter’s work on the bill(s). Any ideas?
      1. *Ken or Rob might be interested. By copy to them, we’ll ask!*
      2. *Susan: I can assist, but will be out of town in December.*
   6. Don: it would be great to have students testify at the Bills’ hearings
      1. David: great idea
6. Collaborating with Vermont
   1. Betty: the Vermont Chapter has been sponsoring a summer student internship in 2015 and 2016. [National funds the first student and the state chapter funds the second student.]
   2. Betty: Components of the internship: Readings; site visits; individual projects
   3. Betty: Would anyone in the Granite State Chapter want to interact with the Vermont students as they learn about Single-Payer (precepting)?
   4. Betty: Would the Granite State Chapter want to sponsor students? If so, then perhaps the two cohorts would work together.
   5. Betty: the stipend is $1250 for 5 weeks
   6. Gary: are there any political races in Vermont where Single-Payer will come up? Could the interns be involved with issue advocacy during the political season?
      1. Betty: good idea!
   7. *Betty: I can post something on the List-Serv to solicit Granite State members’ interest*
   8. Gary: we can, perhaps apply for money to sponsor students. Would Vermont be willing to “host” New Hampshire interns?
7. Treasurer’s report: $1464.07
8. New business
   1. Don: NH Business Review (Jeff Feingold) will be doing an article on Single-Payer. We put him in touch with business people Steve Rand (Rand Hardware -Plymouth) and Barbara Couch (Hypertherm - Lebanon)
   2. Fred: There is an interesting article in The Brattleboro Commons by Peter Shumlin discussing the failure of Vermont’s effort.  *I will post the hotlink to the List-serv*
   3. Don: I and Tom Clairmont are going to the PNHP annual meeting in Atlanta. No one else, apparently.
   4. Camilla: **Health Care Now** has a street-based petition drive to support Bernie Sanders SB1804.
      1. Gary: do petition drives work? Do they help?
9. Next meeting: November 29, rather than November 22