**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda, October 26, 2016**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from September 28
3. HB1310
   1. Status
   2. Preparations
      1. ?changes to the bill?
      2. Patients to testify
      3. Doctors to testify
   3. Promoting the Bill
   4. Study Commission structure/logistics
4. NH Med Society Letter
5. Giving talks/showing movies
   1. Oct. 2, Upper Valley Humanists, Hanover
   2. Dec. 6, Tuesday, Temple Beth Jacob, Concord
6. Vermont PNHP meeting – Sunday, November 13 - Chester
7. New business
8. Next meeting: ?November 30

Attending:

Ed Helm

Camilla Jones

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Kern Wisner (phone)

Chip Deming (phone)

Lauren Hallahan (phone)

1. Minutes accepted
2. Ed: Al Gobeille hasn’t yet seen FIXIT
3. Ahmed: the correct HB1310 bill WILL be submitted
   1. Ahmed: I think that McNamara can be the Sponsor of the 2017 bill, with Peter Leishman as a co-Sponsor. I will speak with both of them about this.
   2. Ed: Lauren Hallahan has done research, and is assured that the new one will be submitted
   3. Lauren: per Ann and Susan, the amended bill HAS been accepted. The Web-site will be updated soon. I will ask for a copy of the bill as accepted.
4. Don: let’s talk about what changes we would want on the bill.
   1. We can send out to a few people the list of proposed Commission members
   2. Ahmed: next meeting should be focused on amending the Bill
   3. Don: we need to be canny about proposing a well-balanced commission
      1. Ahmed: be sure to invite someone from Nurses.
         1. Don: perhaps Barbara Powers
   4. Don: all of us should feel free to reach out to “experts” – e.g. Susan Almy - for advice about how to determine the members of the Commission
   5. Ed: the key is to find the “right” Chair of the Commission
5. Lauren:
   1. Members of the Commission should be “PRO” single-payer; people who are opposed should not be on the Commission
      1. Ed: at the hearing there were 3 “well-dressed” people at the sub-committee meeting, who likely were “ANTI” single-payer
   2. Susan Emerson was very excited about HB1310, albeit sad about her electoral defeat. She said “I want to be part of moving this Bill along.”
      1. Camilla: can she be invited to attend GS-PNHP meetings?
      2. Ed: probably hold off, as other legislators might be spooked
   3. I have submitted to Ed a comprehensive report, including reviews of other countries’ experiences with Single-Payer, and a discussion of the need for a financial analysis.
   4. Ken Roos, a leader of SCIU, is interested in HB1310 and can help, including with promotional materials
6. Ahmed: we need to bring out as many patients - or families - with preventable death stories.
   1. The former Gubernatorial candidate, Steven Marchand, has a story
   2. Camilla: my contact is now down in Florida
      1. Ed: I can videotape her! Find out where she is
   3. Ed: November and December we will beat the bushes to get stories
   4. Don: Rob Kiefner has offered to ask the NHAFP to put a query on the NH-AFP list-serv for patients’ stories
   5. Camilla: we can also ask for doctors’ office office managers about the trouble and expense of sumitting insurance claims (Rob: this should be on the NHAFP query)
   6. Ed/Camilla: we both know Dr. Mike M, (Hooksett?) who couldn’t financially maintain his practice because of the disjointed insurance system
   7. Ed: the SEIU can find stories amongst its members
   8. Don: perhaps Camilla/Ahmed/Rob can put a memo on our list-serv pushing our members to present a patient’s “story” of financial or clinical hardship due to inadequate insurance.
   9. Ed: show people the video of Dr. Sherman saying “this bill will pass if you bring in passionate doctors and patients”
   10. Ahmed: hospital-based social workers might have stories of medically-indigent people being hurt by under-insurance or no insurance.
       1. Don: we each – Don, Camilla, Ahmed – should reach out to our nearby hospitals’ social workers
       2. Don: I can reach out to our local free clinic, Good Neighbor, for stories. And, perhaps, to ask if NH has the equivalent of VCCU
       3. Lauren: are there organizations, like urban ministries, that can contribute stories
   11. Ahmed: the estimated 165 “preventable” deaths is a derived number, not a measured number
       1. Ed: we need to find at least one NH story of a preventable death
7. NH Med Society letter is in process
8. Talks/movies
   1. Don: I spoke at Upper Valley Humanists and have a good slide-set (which can be posted)
   2. Ed: can the movie/panel at Temple Beth Jacob 12/6/16 be an opportunity for some modest fund-raising
9. Vermont PNHP meeting at the home of Sarah Kemble in Chester, VT, 11/13/16; Don will post this on the NH list serv soon
10. New business
    1. Ed: I will distribute DVD of the Interim Study Sub-Committee meeting
    2. Ed: please donate $ to support this! We need $$ to staff our work, i.e. Lauren Hallahan and the video producers.
    3. Ed: I propose that the “Single-Payer Interest Group” change its name to “Medicare-for-All Interest Group”
       1. Ahmed: many groups have made the shift; and we (Camilla and I) identified ourselves as “Medicare for All” at the last hearings.
       2. Camilla: the concept of Medicare is not as comprehensive as Single-Payer
       3. Ahmed: what we really want is “Improved Medicare for All”
       4. Motion: We approve this change, pending input about the Medical Society from Gary
    4. Ed: can we have a separate treasurer and checking account for the Task Force, who can be more responsive than Don
       1. Don: I will ask Ledyard Bank if Ahmed Kutty can be added on our GS-PNHP checking account
11. Next meeting: November 30