**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, October 28, 2015**

1. Introductions
2. Review September minutes – Don
3. Single Payer/Health Care for All – Core GS-PNHP members
4. Legislation in NH
   1. 2007 Study Commission – Cosy
   2. 2015 Single-Payer bill – Dick McNamara or Gary Sobelson
   3. 2016 Study Commission
      1. Primary Sponsor – Rep Leishman
      2. Strategy issues
         1. Charge to Commission
         2. Membership of Commission
         3. Co-sponsors
5. Bird-dogging/Connecting with political campaigns – John, Don
6. Health Care Teach-in – Ed Helm
7. Review of Action Items

10. Next meeting – to be Scheduled

Attending:

John Swartz

Camilla Jones

Rob Kiefner

Ahmed Kutty

Gary Sobelson

Don Kollisch

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

John Williams, HHS Dir of Legislative Affairs

**MINUTES:**

1. John Williams: I am here to assist you; it is important to know that I will always need to bring issues back to the leadership of HHS
2. Gary has reached out to NH-Psychiatric and NH-ACP, and PNHP will be invited to leadership meetings
3. Susan spoke at NH-ACP – they are interested in having a presentation at their annual meeting.
4. Ahmed: Ed Helm will be in touch regarding a Health Care Teach-in, which may be in January, before the primaries.
5. Ahmed: I am going to meeting of Health-Care-Now this weekend
6. Camilla: I have written an introduction to the Health Care Movie
7. Susan: Concord Jewish congregation may be hosting a screening of the Health Care Movie in December/January
8. Susan: the FRONTLINE “Sick Around the World” by TR Reid is great
9. Rob: “To Escape Fire” film – screening recently at Red River – is also excellent.
10. John Williams, HHS
    1. Everything works through your sponsor(s)
    2. Be concerned about “building a track record of failure”
       1. HB686 was a gutsy attempt and received a good hearing from Rep Hunt and the Commerce Committee, which has heavy representation from Tea Party representatives
    3. PhARMA and Insurance industries will lobby heavily against this
       1. Odds of success of a Single-Payer bill in any guise are remote
    4. We need to personally engage specific representatives, looking for “Heavy Hitters” and Republicans
       1. Get a meeting – via Rep Leishman - with Terry Path, the House Speakers’ Office
       2. Try to meet with John Hunt, Chair of Commerce
       3. Try to meet with Frank Kotowski, Chair of HHS
       4. Try to meet with Steven Schmidt, Depty Whip
       5. Try to meet with Rep Charlie McMann (R - HHS and Elderly Affairs) re: people with disabilities – John Williams is a strong supporter
          1. Get Ed Butler as a Sponsor
          2. Try to get Nancy Stiles, R, as a co-sponsor
          3. Consider John Fothergill, MD (R, Colebrook)
    5. High points of the project
       1. Reduce costs for small business
    6. Try to get in front of Committee of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
    7. We need to engage Insurance Department
    8. Develop a number of “high-level” people
    9. Regarding co-sponsors, try to have a balance of D’s and R’s. And they should be KEY people, from Commerce Committee and leadership
    10. Consider going for a SENATE bill, rather than a HOUSE bill
    11. The CHARGE to the COMMISSION should include themes, e.g. affordability, as well as specifics
        1. Ask John Hunt what HE thinks should be the charge
11. Ahmed and John Williams to facilitate a meeting with Rep Leishman
12. Don to circulate another draft of the bill
13. Ahmed to reach Rep Leishman to let him know
    1. Submission deadline is Friday 10/30/2015 by 4pm
    2. Can you line up Ed Butler and Nancy Stiles
14. Don to ask Rep. Leishman to add Senator David Pierce
15. Ahmed: spoke last week with Peterborough Rotary, using “Business Case” slide set. Well received, and good questions. Per employee premium cost would drop from $15,000/year to $5,000/year
16. John: set up a GS-PNHP table at Bernie Sanders campaign events, well-attended. 45 brochures distributed.
17. Next meeting: Thursday, December 3