**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, April 25, 2018**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from March 28, 2018
3. Legislative Affairs
	1. SB 383 - Title: (New Title) “establishing a commission to recommend policies that will enhance access to affordable health care for all New Hampshire residents.” **just ITL’d*–***Ken (and perhaps Rep Richard McNamara)
	2. Medicaid Expansion status – Rob and Fred
4. Speakers Bureau - Camilla
	1. Monadnock Progressive Alliance Panel - 4/4 - Ken
	2. Libraries
	3. Rotary Clubs
5. Medical Students
	1. Summer Internship update – Ken
	2. Geisel/Dartmouth chapter leaders attended the SNaHP summit in New Orleans in early March
6. Materials - new Informational card – Susan
7. Affiliations – Susan
8. New business
	1. NH Business Review
	2. Seddon Savage planning to reach out to Annie Kuster
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Next meeting May  23, 2018

**Attending**:

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Camilla Jones

Rob Kiefner

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Fred Portnoy

Gary Sobelson

1. Jim: My recent Letter to the Editor was answered by someone with a strong “individual rights” perspective.
	1. Ken: Medical Care is a necessity, not a “right”
	2. Jim: I am trying to decide whether to engage further.
	3. Rob: there are trolls out there who write anti-SP comments online
2. Introductions: Ahmed is welcomed home after 8 months absence
3. Minutes
	1. Gary Woods was an enthusiastic guest
4. Camilla: There is Federal legislation being proposed “Medicare Part E”, permitting citizens to “buy into” Medicare. In essence a Public Option
5. Legislative affairs
	1. Ken – SB383 has been ITL’d in the House Commerce Committee
		1. Dick McNamara will extract it for a House floor vote
		2. Ken: Ed Butler suggests “Why don’t you guys do this OUTSIDE of legislation”? By which he means do a study with UNH.
			1. Rob: I discussed this with UNH Health Policy group, Lucy Hodder: They would be interested in pursuing this, but we would have to raise the needed funding
			2. Gary: this means that the legislature is saying: “we do not represent the people, so the people have to organize themselves”
			3. Gary: what we need is a convener. Could JEANNE SHAHEEN convene a Senatorial Commission
				1. Gary/Ken: we **can** have a non-governmental Commission
		3. Ken: If we need to fund a Commission, how about posting an open letter in many daily newspapers “The State has decided to not fund a commission to explore health care”. Tom Clairmont reports that all Democratic candidates for the District 1 seat are pro-Single-Payer
			1. Camilla: how about funding it through GOFUNDME?
			2. Camilla: as we’ve discussed before, we could have a good TV Commercial
	2. Fred: Medicaid expansion SB313 was OTP in the House Finance Committee, going to the full house on May 2
		1. The “Commission to Evaluate” rules have been changed in bizarre ways
		2. Big rally on Wednesday, May 2, at 8am, at the State House
	3. Camilla: we’ve batted our heads against the wall for 3 years trying to get a Commission. It is time for other ideas.
		1. Don: we have gotten attention – which we’ve sought – by having legislation. Let’s keep it going.
6. Other ways to influence Democratic candidates
	1. Primary for the House Seat in District 1
		1. Tom Clairmont has spoken with one candidate. Could we reach out to the 7 or 8 candidates, all of whom state that they support Single-Payer
	2. Gary: we can think about reaching out to candidates for the State House.
7. Fred: Single-Payer is not yet a front-burner topic for Kent Street and other progressive organizations
	1. Rob: they are on-board, but this is not their top issues.
	2. Ahmed: Monadnock Progressive Alliance is committed
	3. Ken: Rights and Democracy is committed
8. Speakers Bureau – Camilla
	1. Ahmed: I will cheerily resume managing the Speakers Bureau
	2. Camilla: Chris Blair of Canterbury has offered to help with the Power Point slides for the Speakers Bureau, and POSSIBLY the Membership DataBase
		1. Don: have him focus on the NH data, rather than the national
		2. Camilla: I will have a DataBase person get in touch with Don
	3. Ken: Monadnock Progressive Alliance panel, organized by Jim Murphy
		1. Presenters
			1. Carl DiMatteo
			2. Marvin Malek and Betty Keller
			3. Ken Dolkart
		2. Well-attended, ~100 people, with good questions
	4. Woodsville and Canaan libraries – **Don** to contact
	5. Warren Library – **Cosy** to contact
	6. New Durham Library – **Camilla** to contact
	7. Peterborough and Keene libraries – **Ahmed** to contact
	8. Cosy hit a barrier with the Rumney library
9. Medical Students
	1. Don: the Geisel SNaHP chapter will continue next year with new leadership
	2. Ken: we are still recruiting students for the summer internship
10. Informational card – Susan seeking input
	1. Camilla: On back they can check off areas that they’re interested in.
	2. Jim: Would the card be KEPT by the public, or would they return it to us?
		1. Camilla: either
	3. Camilla: let’s wait until Susan is at the meeting
11. Ken: Susan has found Healthcare-Now affiliates in NH
	1. Ahmed: I will touch base with Susan about Healthcare-Now connections
12. New Business
	1. Liisa Rajala, Assoc Editor of NH Business Review writing an article about Single-Payer for their April issue
	2. Jeff Woodburn, the Democratic Leader in the Senate, is enthusiastic about Single-Payer
	3. Gary: Molly Kelly and Steve Marchand are running for the Democratic nomination for Governor
		1. Ken: I will reach out to Steve
		2. Ahmed: I will reach out to Molly
	4. Rob: I have sent out to everyone a copy of a proposal for the NH Democratic Party health Care policy, which might be endorsed by the Kent Street Coalition
	5. Don: One-Payer States organization can help us understand more about options
		1. Don: I will invite Phil Caper to phone into one of our next meetings to let us know the range of what states are doing
	6. Gary: we should be prepared to Bird-dog during this political season
		1. Collaborate with other organizations
	7. Rob: Would UNH invite Gerald Friedman to speak? I will try to corner Lucy Hodder to suggest it
	8. Rob/Gary: NHAFP is supporting initiatives at National AFP about Single Payer
13. Treasurer’s Report: our account now has $1294
14. Next meeting: May 23, 2018
	1. Agenda item: can we launch a Citizens Commission on Health Care for All