**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda, June 24, 2015**

1. Review May minutes
2. Mina Ghobrial, Intern for the summer
	1. Goals
		1. Develop a deep knowledge of Single Payer efforts in the nation and state, including history, rationale, and strategies.
		2. Improve the ability of the Chapter to reach out to the NH Community to promote Single-Payer solutions
	2. Activities
		1. Read avidly the past and current literature about Single-Payer Health schemes
		2. Interview local and regional experts and activists
		3. Organize speakers bureau
			1. Data-base of speakers
			2. data-base of potential audiences
			3. Drop box for .ppt’s
		4. Write a “blog” every 1-2 weeks for the List-serv about what he is learning about
		5. Others: Reach out to other NH organizations interested in health reform; Facilitate meetings of PNHP members with state and national legislators interested in health reform; Develop a Calendar of events for 2015-2016, including Presidential Primary events; Help write the NH Study Commission Bill
	3. Accountability – phone call each week with Don and Gary
	4. Work load: 6 wk, @20 hours – Stipend from National PNHP
3. TWO events this Saturday, June 27
	1. Hillsborough Dems’ picnic (“Blue BBQ”)
	2. NH Progressive summit
4. Strategy for the summer and fall
5. Review of Action Items
6. Next meeting July 22, 2015

Attending:

Gary Sobelson

Rob Kiefner

Camilla Jones

Richard McNamara (by phone)

Don Kollisch

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. Richard: what new ideas came out at our last meeting? Suggestion to link up with Bernie on the Presidential campaign trail, as well as “bird-dogging” all candidates.
	1. Richard: NH Coordinator Kurt kurt@berniesanders.com 603 854-4885 Don will contact him.
2. Richard: Blue BBQ on Saturday in Hillsborough 12-4 pm – fund-raiser for the Antrim and Hillsborough Democratic Committee. Lincoln Chafee will attend.
3. Rob: I will be meeting next week with Howard Dean, who – regarding Single-Payer – has said “don’t we wish!” Howard Dean is supporting Hilary Clinton, who is an ACA supporter. ACO’s are
4. All: when a politician says “Don’t we wish”, what do we say?
	1. Susan: “There are still XXX million people without health insurance; what do you suggest we do to help them?”
	2. Don: “So **why aren’t** you working for it? What can you do to promote it?”
	3. Rob: “How about supporting a Public Option, e.g. buying into Medicare?”
	4. Susan: “Since Single-Payer has been shown to be a job-creator, why don’t you support it?”
	5. Camilla: Rick Perry (and others) say that the millions without insurance “is not a problem”
5. Susan: there is a NEJM article this week “Is Health Care a Right” that might be useful.
6. Don: reviewed Mina’s goals and objectives
	1. Weekly call-in should be available for all: Tues or Wed at 7pm
7. This weekend’s events: Henniker and Hillsborough
	1. Camilla: available in the afternoon
	2. Camilla: have a slide-show on a laptop on the table
	3. Camilla: there are two banners; don’t know if Cosy brought both to Ahmed
8. Don: Study Commission Bill for the fall
	1. Richard: it would be useful to partner with groups IN ADDITION to doctors who can speak to the bill
		1. Granite State Progress
		2. Unions – AFL-CIO
	2. Richard: we need more sponsors (Senators and Reps)
	3. Richard: I spoke with John Hunt, Chair of Commerce, who favors an “Ad Hoc Committee” (which means going in to speak with John Hunt!)
	4. Gary: the point is to keep the Conversation going
	5. Richard will find out what the difference is between a Study Committee and a Study Commission
	6. Rob: are there other states that have had Study Commissions?
	7. Gary: If there is resistance to a Study Commission, perhaps we can propose an amendment asking the Insurance Department to do a study/analysis of a Single-Payer program
		1. Camilla remembers that Tyler Brannen spoke sympathetically about Single-Payer based on his experience in Australia, so his analysis might be even-handed
	8. Rob, Gary, and Susan might be able to put together a first draft of the Study Commission Bill
9. Camilla: Commissioner Nick Toumpas (per his Assistant) would be willing to speak with us, and will continue to solicit his interest
10. Susan: “The Health Care Movie” can be shown at Red River, but the cost is high at $500
	1. Gary: Temple or UU could show it for free as a social justice issue
	2. Don: I’ll ask Dartmouth Hillel/Roth Jewish Center
11. Gary: How are we going to reach out to the Internists, Pediatricians, and Psychiatrist?
	1. Find out the leadership
	2. Give them a call, and – at a leadership meeting - pitch the idea of addressing a general meeting
	3. The Survey data can be sorted by specialist
	4. Gary will get those names and distribute them
12. Rob: can we get multiple copies of the bi-annual newsletter to distribute? Rob will ask National
13. Gary: at a recent national ACLU leadership meeting, he learned that the organization anticipates that it is, in the future - going to be interested in Health Care, as a key feature of Social Justice. The key issue is: Are there discriminatory systems which grant rights in an inherently discriminatory fashion?