**Granite State PNHP**

**Minutes, July 25, 2018**

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2. Minutes from June 27, 2018
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Democratic Primary for the NH District 1 Congressional seat
   2. Preparing for the 2019 Legislative season
4. Speakers Bureau – Ahmed
   1. Reports of recent events
   2. Upcoming
5. Potential collaboration with the NH-ACLU - Gary
6. Materials
   1. New information card – Susan
   2. “Standard” array of materials
7. Old business
8. Treasurer's Report
9. New Business
10. Next meeting August 22, 2018 - this will be our "Annual" meeting and will be hosted by Susan Zlotnick-Hale at her house in Concord
    1. Planning for 2019 Annual Meeting - ?Cosy/David’s house

**Attending:**

Camilla Jones

Donald Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

Fred Portnoy

Gary Sobelson

Susan Zlotnick-Hale

1. Introductions: not necessary
2. Minutes: accepted
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Gary: in the Democratic Primary for NH District 1, Maura Sullivan (who recently moved here from Illinois) is the money-raising front runner. There is nothing new about Health Care.
   2. Camilla and Ahmed: in local House races, there are no new progressive voices.
   3. Fred: there is a district 7 Senate candidate named Mason Donovan who is reputable and without any competition He supports Medicaid expansion but doesn’t mention universal access to care
   4. *Don: I will reach out, again, to Martha Hennessey and Dick McNamara for their guidance*
   5. Governor’s race: Marchand (progressive) vs. Kelly (mainstream)
4. Speaker’s Bureau
   1. This past month:
      1. Ahmed: Antrum (4 guests), Peterborough (10-12 guests)
   2. Pending:
      1. Ken: September 11 – Eastman Community in Grantham “Ailing Health Systems”
5. Materials
   1. Susan: I will get the card printed!
   2. Susan: the “data” expert, Mr. Brown, referred by Ahmed, cannot help with materials
   3. *Don will reach out to Dave Brown* [*dave.brown@samepagetech.com*](mailto:dave.brown@samepagetech.com) *for help setting up Excel*
   4. Camilla/Don: Should there be a standard set of materials?
      1. Susan: let’s use our regular meeting as a working meeting to review materials.
6. Gary regarding ACLU: I got involved after a Medical Society initiative regarding Prison Health, resulting in being on the Board of NH-ACLU for 5 years. ACLU founded in 1920 by luminaries, primarily regarding Workers’ rights to organize; there was fear about the influence of Communist immigrant workers. [See NYTimes July 8 Magazine section]. Grew dramatically during the Civil Rights and Anti-Vietnam years. A major tactic is to litigate key questions. Since Trump election, the organization tripled in finance ($100 million to $300 million) and memberships. NH-ACLU just celebrated its 50th anniversary.
   1. Current focus: death penalty, LGBT issues, abortion rights (since closure of the NH-NARAL office), voting rights, immigrant defense,
   2. Substantial resources: 3,000 🡪 9,000 ACLU members in NH
   3. Recent staff expansion
   4. Interest in ECONOMIC JUSTICE (“not being treated badly just because being poor”) may lead to health advocacy. President-elect of NH-ACLU is a Seacoast Pediatrician, Dr. Skip Small.
      1. Major concern: Is access to health care truly a constitutionally-protected civil right?
      2. Can we participate in a forum on Economic Justice, e.g. a citizens commission
   5. The national ACLU is not working on Health-Care access
   6. Camilla: it could be the job of our organization to find people with stories of health care denied or postposed due to cost.
   7. Susan: the degradation of the ACA might yield cases of unfairness
   8. Gary: can members of GS-PNHP partner with the NH-ACLU’s Economic Justice – Health Sub-Committee to discuss strategies
      1. ?Health Care Forum
      2. ?finance staff for GS-PNHP to find cases?
   9. *Gary: I will bring to the Sub-Committee our interests*
7. Old Business:
   1. Don: Betty Keller from Vermont would like NH to more actively recruit students
      1. Fred: if we start earlier to recruit, we may be more successful
      2. We nominate Ken or Don to spearhead the effort
8. Treasurer’s Report: $1,194.32
9. New Business:
   1. Ahmed: we should sponsor a Citizen’s Forum on Health Care for September
      1. Susan: that would be Herculean!!
      2. *Don: I can reach out to Dean Spiliotes (SNHU) to ask if they’d be interested*
      3. *Ahmed: I can reach out to DSA and NNU to see if they’d be interested in being a co-sponsor*
      4. *Don: I can ask Rob Kiefner to get back in touch with his contact at UNH*
      5. Camilla/Ahmed: we are trying to educate people – voters! – to influence them towards Medicare-for-All
   2. Fred: at true Citizen’s Commission can aim to influence those who have been elected, rather than trying to influence voting
   3. Gary: the NHAFP is now very engaged with Single-Payer resolutions
10. Next meeting – Annual Meeting – at Susan Zlotnick-Hale’s house. 25 Auburn Street, Concord. They will provide beverage, main dish and dessert. Pot-luck side-dishes. August 22,2018. RSVP requested. Part of the meeting to be a working meeting for materials.
    1. Next year’s annual meeting perhaps to be at Cosy’s house in Rumney