



The mission of the Health Care for all Colorado Foundation is research and education regarding a single-payer universal health care system for all Coloradans.

Health Care for All Colorado Foundation - Board Meeting Minutes

Monday June 16, 2014, 4PM – 5PM

789 Sherman Street, #300, Denver, CO 80203

Present -- Tom, Vince, Elinor (by phone) and Donna.

1. Minutes from April 21 approved
2. Financial reports approved -- great concern about finances expressed by all. Tom says six months or so remaining financial resources for HCACF.
3. ED report -- working on HCAC annual meeting; messaging issues. Also working independent of HCACF/HCAC on OPS/LCSP/HCN conference in August in Oakland, CA. Encouraging attendance. Donna will be presenting with Lyn from Co-Operate Colorado on the stresses and challenges in states like Colorado that have more than one state innovation effort going on.
4. Communication committee will be HCACF at this time. Elinor is chairing. Tom, Chris, Donna and Michele Swenson also participating. Chris on vacation right now, but meeting will be set for early July after HCAC annual meeting. Committee will look to the strategic plan for direction on work.
5. PNHP -- Tom reports he will meet again with the student helping with the student chapter for PNHP-Colorado. PNHP members have expressed interest in speaking in their own communities about single-payer. We will encourage and support those who have said they wish to speak and move to identify more PNHP speakers in more communities to broaden the speakers' bureau.
6. Strategic plan and priorities -- Discussion of priorities identified fundraising, education/research, and communication (stressed having a functional website) as the main priorities. Within these main areas, we discussed doing research and drafting criteria for a new single-payer bill that could then be advanced by HCAC through identifying a House sponsor and other House champions to carry the bill. Elinor and Donna both express strong support for this portion of our work as both an educating and organizing tool. HCACF will encourage chapters to host a visiting lecture offered by PNHPspeakers and/or others who support single-payer to educate, energize and reinforce the energy that was present for the Mercy Killers tour. Vince stresses that we should ask chapters what they need and want for such an event. We can also use these events to raise funds through suggested donations. Tom reinforces the frustration with the website and all agree that we just move forward to create what HCACF needs, as the website is hampering our work. Donna has met with her daughter to help and identify what we can and cannot do with NationBuilder and make plans to move forward with the help of someone here in Denver. Elinor mentions that this long-standing issue was addressed five or six years ago when a consultant from NY was hired to design a new website. Tom has access to that design, and he will forward that information to

Donna to determine if we can simple use that design going forward. On the fundraising front, Tom reinforces that we need a volunteer or volunteers to make calls to our donor to update them on our work and encourage giving. Shelley also sent in comments to Tom that centered on building grassroots support for single-payer. Chris expressed strong support for either a bill or another ballot initiative to help engage more people.

7. Chris sent comments in to Tom that included mention of the internal "cultural problems" he feels are hampering our work. Discussion focuses on whether there is a divide between HCACF and HCAC. Tom feels there is, and Elinor wonders if meeting with Chris to discuss more might be helpful. Donna thinks that much of the problem centers on leadership issues for HCAC and a lack of direction that has developed. All agree that we need to help heal the situation and perhaps suggest changes in leadership for HCAC, but as this was an HCACF board meeting, that option was not up to this group to decide. Steve Bailey had expressed similar concerns about internal cultural issues that seemed more focused on the Denver chapter and that both Tom and Anne C. responded to directly.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Submitted: Donna Smith