



HCAC-F Board Meeting: 2017.09.18

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.

CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER—(605) 468 8012 (Conference code—941668)

Present: Tom Gottlieb, Donna Smith, Elinor Christiansen, Michele Swenson, Robert Messman
Call in; none

Absent: Vince Markovchick, Eldon Van Der Wege, Shelley Cohen

Guest: Susan Gilbert

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chair, Tom Gottlieb and called to order at 4:15 PM

1. **Minutes from last meeting** – not available
2. **Board Action on new employee:** Susan Gilbert is introduced as an Office Administrator. Refer to attachment including Employee Contract and Job Description (both sent to BOD prior to meeting). Her bio is reviewed. After discussion, the BOD approved Susan Gilbert as Office Administrator.
3. **Treasurers report** – See attachments that were sent to BOD members prior to meeting. The Balance sheet, MTD, and YTD reports are reviewed. Note (added to minutes after the BOD meeting):
 - ✓ July 1, 2016 balance: \$96,732.83
 - ✓ June 30, 2017 balance: \$88,789.05
 - ✓ Net loss FY 2016 \$ 7,943.78
4. **Center for the Study of a Public National Health Insurance (PNHI)** – See attachment. Report was sent to board members prior to meeting. Several areas will need further discussion;
 - ✓ Progressive (utilizing general fund for making up premiums for the indigent) vs. Regressive taxation (adding a payroll tax and/or a state tax to make up premiums for the indigent).
 - ✓ Assuring that all that benefit are taxed fairly
 - ✓ These items have been debated without resolution in the PNHI meetings for 6-8 weeks. The debate revolves around the marketing plan vs. academic issues.
5. **Research committee report** – See attachment. Report was sent to BOD members prior to meeting. Discussion includes:
 - ✓ Website development – see above. The HCACF R&E Committee will participate in assuring that content will be managed. More specifics and discussion will follow in future BOD meetings.
 - ✓ A recommendation is made that a separation of material for website publication include:
 - Column 1: HCACF mission material including health delivery political, social, etc. issues.
 - Column 2: PNHI academic material
 - Column 3: index
 - Recommendation will be made to the BOD with the help of the work done by SG.

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6. Update on website development –

- ✓ Susan Gilbert, office administrator, is introduced as website content manager. She already has a knowledge of NationBuilder and has a relationship with our website developer, Bryan Buchan. The continued development and website management is expected to be managed by this new position.
- ✓ Coordination of previous work done by Robert M will occur. The next steps will be outlined by SG.

7. Educational activities report – Major educational activities continue with the work of DS and VM.

8. PDA national activities report – DS shares her work done as ED or PDA. The national work in support of Sanders Medicare for All senate bill is discussed. This appears to be a well-crafted bill. It includes several important items;

- ✓ National health insurance (not state run insurance)
- ✓ Public, not private (after 4 years) – with private delivery
- ✓ Single insurer (after 4 years)
- ✓ Supports individual insurance with actuarial determined premiums (age, family size, income) directed by the CMS Office of the Actuary
- ✓ Basic health benefits (including dental, eye, ear)

The major components for financial success are included in the bill with an implementation period of four years. Criticism of the bill comes from several sides, both progressive (it's not HR 676) and conservative (it doesn't conform to a free market).

9. New business – none

10. The meeting is adjourned at 5:10PM

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