



**The Mission of the Healthcare for All Colorado Foundation is research and education regarding a single-payer universal healthcare system for all Coloradoans**

**Conference Call: 605.468.8012 Conference Code: 941668**

## **HCACF Board Meeting August 20, 2018**

**Present:** Elinor Christiansen, Shelley Cohen, Tom Gottlieb, Vince Markovchick, Robert Messman, Michele Swenson, Eldon Van Der Wege (Susan Gilbert, Office Assistant)

**Absent:** Donna Smith

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by co-president Tom Gottlieb

### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

Vince motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Michele, then approved by the Board.

### **2. Financial Report**

- a. Robert discussed the benefits of HCACF investing in Vanguard versus Treasury Bills with respect to maximizing our finances, since the current rates are comparable. After some discussion, Vince made a motion to give Robert the authority to move funds from the current Treasury Bills over to Vanguard as he deems appropriate. Elinor seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- b. Robert reviewed the financial reports he sent to the Board prior to the meeting.

### **3. Communication & Marketing**

Susan reported that the August 2018 newsletter had been posted on the website. It was suggested by the Board that it also be emailed to supporters, which will be done later this week. Susan also shared July's statistics regarding the website; how it is being used and how people are finding the site. It was noted that each month is indicating an increase in visitors to our website. She will email the reports to the Board this week.

### **4. Coalition Building**

- a. As a follow-up from the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, HCACF Board is still in agreement in the value of working together with other health organizations but had not received any further information until today's meeting. Elinor shared the **Coalition for Common Sense Health Care Partner** agreement with everyone. Everyone concurred it was important for HCACF to join this partnership and the motion passed. The agreement was signed by co-presidents Vince Markovchick and Tom Gottlieb.
- b. Tom shared a PowerPoint he received at the July 21, 2018 CFUHC annual meeting, called ***Improved Medicare for All: Business Perspective Marketing***.
- c. Flyers were handed out for CCLP's event on September 28<sup>th</sup> called ***2018 Pathways from Poverty***.

### **5. Strategic Plan**

The section on coalition building and donations is still in progress. Tom proposed donating to four other health organizations to show support and solidarity. The Board agreed to donate to the following groups: HealthcareNow, PNHP, HCAC Advocacy and the Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care.



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**6. Meetings/Presentations**

- a. There is a Coalition meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Kirk of Bonnie Brae from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
- b. PNHP Colorado is meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- c. Vince is giving a talk on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the CU Medical School

**7. Research & Education**

- a. Eldon communicated information from his researching for his new report on financing drug benefits. A lengthy discussed ensued.

**8. New Business**

- a. Next meeting will be held on September 17, 2018 in the CCLP conference room at 3:00 pm
- b. Discussion before the meeting will be held in the small CCLP conference room at 2:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Gilbert