



**Healthcare for All Colorado Foundation provides research and education regarding a national single-payer, comprehensive healthcare system for all.**

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

## **HCACF Board Meeting October 15, 2018**

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

**Absent:** Shelley Cohen, Donna Smith, Vince Markovchick

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by co-president Tom Gottlieb.

**Approval of Minutes:** Robert motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Eldon; then approved by the Board.

### **1. Financial Report**

- a. Robert sent all financial reports to the Board prior to the meeting.
- b. Robert reviewed that donations were made to the five organizations previously approved by the Board: Healthcare-Now, PNHP, HCAC Advocacy, Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care and PDA Colorado.
- c. Robert shared information regarding the Treasury Bills.

### **2. New Proposal**

- a. Tom proposed the idea for HCACF to have quarterly business meetings (January, April, July and October) and educational meetings the other months (February, March, May, June, August, September, November and December). The Board discussed and approved this proposal.

### **3. Communications and Marketing**

- a. Susan shared September statistics regarding the website. There was another decrease in visitors this past month, although visitors are staying longer and viewing more articles on the site.
- b. All supporters' emails have been added to the website's database and an email blast is scheduled for later this week.
- c. Susan has been in contact with Claire Levy and our status with CCLP is unchanged, although no final lease has been drafted yet. Conditions of the lease will include the same monthly fee, a month-to-month lease, a 90-day notice in case of eviction and use of the conference room.
- d. Shelley, Susan and Donna created a draft End-of Year letter. Once it is finished, it will be sent to the Board for final approval. The plan is to have it mailed to supporters before Thanksgiving.
- e. Michele shared the criteria for posting articles on the HCACF website.

### **4. Coalition Building**

- a. Minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup> conference call were submitted by Elinor. (Coalition Building for Universal Healthcare)
  - i. PNHP-CO and HCACF agree on universal healthcare, however do not support a Colorado plan. They will not be against the Colorado plan if the other groups pursue it.
  - ii. Other groups are still considering a merger
  - iii. Leadership roles are yet to be defined
  - iv. A conflict still exists between a state versus a national plan
- b. No one from HCACF attended the October 2<sup>nd</sup> conference call.
- c. Communication is still essential moving forward with the partnership
- d. Jeanne Nicholson is actively visiting groups and education them on single-payer, universal healthcare.



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**5. Research and Education Committee**

- a. Communications with Ralph Ogden, Attorney for Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, were shared with the Board. A lengthy discussion ensued. Both sides of the issues were embraced and covered in detail. This conversation will be revisited at a future meeting.
- b. A suggested curriculum (draft) was viewed and discussed: Who We Are and What We Do are proposed themes or categories. More discussion is needed and will be continued at the next meeting.

**6. New Business**

- a. Next meeting will be held on November 19, 2018 in the CCLP conference room at 3:00 pm (Education Meeting)
- b. Discussion before the meeting will be held in the small CCLP conference room at 2:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Gilbert