

HCACF Board Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2019

Present: Vince Markovchick, Tom Gottlieb, Donna Smith, Robert Messman, Michele Swenson, Shelley Dworkin Cohen, Elinor Christiansen

Absent: Eldon Van Der Wege

Meeting convened: 2:27pm

January Minutes – approved

HCACF wrote check to HCAC Advocacy for \$660 from end-of-year receipts. Report on three grants received from end of year letter (Tom to write thank you letters):

- Guttman Family Foundation/Morgan Stanley \$2000;
- Marney Logan \$2000;
- St. Louis Community Foundation \$2000.

Proposed Engagement with Donna Smith – Communications Consultant – Pilot Project for total 6 months

R&E Committee drafted Donna Smith's job description – "Consultant & provider of communication material"

- Effective use of website
- Communications materials for NPHI
- Connections with Washington legislation – focus serving HCACF
- DS & VM: have phone call scheduled this Wednesday with Public Citizen and (based on VM's Waste, Fraud & Abuse) – Public Citizen currently does research, education, compiles materials; will consider how HCACF can possibly work with Public Citizen.
- Maintain connection with HC Allies nationally to advance HCACF mission- e.g., UHCAN – United HealthCare Action Network (monthly phone conferences)
- Two national bills – formerly HB676 & SB804 – funding mechanism will be added in Conference Committee – based on CBO report. Probably will be a call for submission of financing ideas. HB 676 rewritten – now Medicare-for-All Act of 2019
- Proposal for Pod Casts – work with R&E Committee

Question SDC: How to educate congress people re: SP bills. Need to condense info. re: bills.

DS: Perlmutter is the only CO delegation member not on SP Caucus. Need to call him, ask him to be original cosponsor for P. Jayapal's bill.

Motion to engage with Donna re: 6-month plan – unanimous "Aye"

TG: Jeff Cain – Formerly on \$400,000 commission to study affordable HC in CO (Irene Aguilar appointed)

Sent note to Lydia G. & Ivan M. - re: *Health Care Revolt* by Michael Fine, Rhode Island. JC asking to have event in CO in May. Cost? Book: calls for grassroots movement with goal of every community of 10,000 providing a primary health center. Mixes up HC delivery with Community Health (TG). VM: Lydia says that Cain & the Medical School will pay for visit?

Will HCAC host on their dime(?) Jeff Cain past president of CO Family Physicians.

VM: need to ask for more information. Cost? Support mission of HCACF?

Comments:

EC: As a foundation for universal health care reform we need to advance community health care & primary health care.

RM: Working on liability insurance for HCACF (canceled in the fall due to lack of payment). HCAC wants Robert to negotiate for both groups – joint policy. Possibly seeking different carrier, to cover nonprofit, not medical, group.

VM: Sending out an abbreviated version of his presentation, inviting comments.

MS: Consideration of possible underwriting to Denver Open Media for podcasts. Will send out information with process of creation of podcasts. MS will consider paying underwriting fee for one year to HCACF to send to DOM.

TG: Articles, references sent out with January Agenda. re: Universal Access

What do patients want – contrast with what politicians want. Population favors SP – 55 to 75%. Want freedom of choice, justice, fair access; access to additional supplemental insurance.

HB676 – references. All individuals residing in U.S. have guarantee (right by law) to coverage – to individual - universal, best quality care.

DS (reading): Medicare for All Act of 2019 – everyone to have access with comprehensive benefits...(Donna will forward 2-page description).

TG: Medicare For All Act of 2019 includes – Includes Women's Health, Long Term Care, etc. Should LTC be state-based, decentralized for social insurance? Dissolve CO department for social insurance? Should it be combination of state & federal money.

VM: Under SP, states would save their portion of Medicaid, could be put toward LTC.

RM: If states save on the medical portion of Medicaid under SP, they could then fund a significant portion of LTC.

SDC: People pay more taxes to go toward funding?

VM: Need link on HCACF website to link with CO Legislative website with HC bills on Legislative schedule – compiled by Judith Burke.

Meeting adjourned: 4:05pm.

Submitted by: Michele Swenson