

Health Care for All Colorado Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2019

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Present: Shelley Cohen, Michele Swenson, Tom Gottlieb, Elinor Christiansen, Administrator Susan Gilbert
Present via Conference Call-in: Donna Smith, Vincent Markovchick
Absent: Robert Messman, Eldon VanDerWege

Meeting called to order by co-president Tom Gottlieb at 3:06 p.m.

October 28, 2019 Minutes approved unanimously.

Future Event/Fundraiser

TG: Question to Donna – What is the status of an end-of-year fundraiser?

DS: Donna spoke with Elinor, who will update about the proposed event. There is still no congressional calendar available for Rep. Pramila Jayapal. Suggested date for an event - the end of July - Medicare anniversary, Friday, July 31 or Saturday, August 1, pending Rep. Jayapal's schedule, who is eager to attend. Ro Khanna, who in November introduced the State-Based Universal Care Act of 2019, possibly would be an "honored guest"?

DS: Jeannie & Donna have been in discussion with Kaiser Family Foundation & One-payer States group regarding finding support and funding for values-based communication around health policy and reform.

EC: Elinor is hosting an event planning meeting Thursday afternoon 2pm. Some members of planning committee want to make it strictly an educational event, instead of a fundraiser.

DS: It is more expensive to hold an event at a hotel; possibly, it could be held at Ben Nighthorse Campbell auditorium at the Medical School campus.

DS: Donna spoke with Lydia, who suggests having a private reception with the guest speaker ahead of the event, e.g. \$100 a head to be donated to the organization.

HCACF/HCAC

TG: At the retreat in October, the result of a conversation between Donna S. & Jeannie N., there was an agreement that representatives of HCAC & HCACF would come together monthly to facilitate collaboration between the boards. Lydia met with Donna this month, and Michele met with Lydia via telephone. Michele & Donna have volunteered to represent HCACF, Lydia and Jeannie to represent HCAC for this purpose.

Agreement of Understanding between HCACF & HCAC Re: Office Lease & Sub-Lease

TG: Draft by Robert M, edited by Tom G. and Susan G. HCACF can lease from CCLP, but HCACF cannot lease to anyone else.

EC: Condition #2 of the Agreement regarding HCAC keys & use of office space: HCAC a month ago voted to purchase insurance for 3 years; insurance has not taken effect yet. How can board meetings occur if HCAC don't have keys?

SG: It is not only CCLP that requires insurance, the building management also requires insurance.

DS: Unless insurance is in place by December 31, HCAC needs to return keys to Kesi, CCLP administrative manager.

SG: HCAC could meet during the day when Susan is here – every Tuesday until 2 or 3pm. Or Elinor, as member of both boards, could hold onto keys to building.

SG: Kesi is hiring an intern, who will share the office with Susan. Kesi needs to be informed a couple of weeks before any upcoming meeting.

TG: Could HCAC Board meetings be during daytime?

SG: Keys need to be turned in by Dec. 20, the last day that Kesi is here before holidays. CCLP office will be closed Dec. 23 to Jan 2. Susan will be here on Dec. 17, and perhaps another day that week to check mail.

TG: If anything happens to the keys, and it becomes necessary to re-key, keys cost \$200 each, and it is necessary to re-key the whole building.

EC: Elinor will inform Donna, Tom & Susan about decisions made at tonight's HCAC Board meeting.
SG: Keys currently out to the HCAC Board, include keys to Lydia and Marie, who has a building and an office key. There are 3 office keys and 4 building keys out.
DS: Donna moves, and it is agreed by HCACF board members, that the board tentatively approve Robert's draft agreement pending the outcome of HCAC Board meeting.

End of Year Letter

SG: EOY letter, edited by Susan, went to the post office December 5; Robert paid postage ~ \$100, and printer, ~\$800. Letter includes a tear-off contribution form.

HCACF Website

SG: There were a few more visitors to the website last month than the month before. Question: How many pages are people viewing? As of Nov. 30, over 6,000 pages viewed on website, 1152 individual viewers.

SG: By January, board members should submit 4th Quarter "In-Kind Donation Form," for Oct.- Dec.

TG: Each board member should consider one person to invite to be on HCACF Board.

EC: Elinor contacting a retired doctor from Colorado Springs.

Upcoming Plans/Events

VM: Vince gave a presentation to Summit County senior citizens, Frisco arranged by pediatrician, there were 15 people, young and older. He has another talk scheduled in Leadville at a brew pub Wednesday – "Why Does Healthcare Cost So Much?" Another presentation in January. On Feb. 13 a 2-hour talk. Presenting at OLLI 4 Tuesdays beginning Jan. 14.

SC: Shelley is talking to students and everyone she can about Medicare for All. She is also sharing with them financing plans posted on the website.

TG: Tom is working with Eldon on research papers.

DS: Donna has worked with Vince, drafting sections of the Medicare Advantage report, conferring with Eagan at Public Citizen.

MS: Michele and Lydia of Advocacy spoke via telephone regarding considerations for a City Council Resolution for Medicare for All. Lydia is researching numbers of uninsured in Denver. She spoke with Council Member-At-Large Debbie Ortega, who stated that she "doesn't understand Medicare for All." Perhaps with confusion of "Faux" Medicare proposals, there is a need to create a presentation, or short presentations for City Council, to be introduced at Monday open comment periods. I put together a 1-page 2-column contrast between private insurance & Medicare for All (previously sent to the board). Lydia said that Ranger Miller had been working with his City Council person, who, he said removed all the language about Medicare from the MFA Resolution.

MS: Lydia has been working with HCAC Advocacy to create a position statement about HB19-1004, the Colorado Public Option bill passed in 2019.

MS: There is now a 4th *Truthseekers – Health Justice* Podcast at this location:

North Denver: Human & Environmental Sacrifice Zone <https://www.denveropenmedia.org/shows/north-denver-human-environmental-sacrifice-zone>

Next Meeting

SG: CCLP does not have a new year calendar available yet. When should we meet? MLK Day is on the 3rd Monday of January. Alternative meeting dates - Jan. 13 or 27th - consensus - try for January 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Next HCACF Board Meeting: January 13, 2020

Meeting Minutes submitted by Michele Swenson