Health Care Reform Forum Meeting Notes

Progressive Action for the Common Good

Wednesday, January 11

**Attendees**: Diane Trix, Kay Pence, Frank Samuelson, Bob Peterson, Rael Slavensky, Maggie Davis, Amy Davis

1. **Covid Tool kit for Progressive Action Update**
* Diane will send this tool out and to the PAU. This is a good resource for folks to use to find out more on Covid information throughout the counties and states.
1. **Approval of LTE and submission to QCTimes**
* Frank will send article to all attendees.
* Bob Email Address: Maggie will send to Frank
* Did this go into the PAU in December? Maggie will check back in PAUs.

**3. News on legal action against Advantage plans**

* Have not seen anything on this matter. No updates.

**4. Changes to HCRF webpage**

* No recent updates or changes to the HCRF page.
* Diane and Maggie will discuss this moving forward.

**5. Weigh in on podcast or transcript of ‘An Arm and a Leg’: No Money, No Job, No Health Care? Not Always.**

* Diane will send link for Maggie to submit at PAU and Maggie can put on Facebook and Instagram.

**6. Consider the video by Brian David Gilbert on Health Insurance Terms To publish link on Face Book/Instagram/PAU**

* Video that Diane sent - teaching insurance terminology. Would this need board approval for putting on PAU, website, etc.? Diane will send to see what everyone thinks before sending to board?

**7. Discuss Iowa’s 2023-2027 State Health Improvement Plan**

* Diane will send this to Kay and new attendees.
* Diane: What is the actual assessment tool they have used in this assessment?
* Rael: You can take that questions o the health department. Do not be distracted by their numbers of participants.
* Diane: Will go to Glenda and the Board to get permission to request more information on joining groups and figure out logistics.

8**. Discuss value of running our own health surveys**

* Rael believes how to approach this is through representatives. Do our own studies separate from these state plans. Find funding (ex. Community Foundation of the Quad Cities). Idea: Develop an assessment based on the people of PACG and then go from there.
* Ask: What do you expect from your health care system? (Behavior risk surveys.) What are your major obstacles to health care?
* Use an organization to back an inquiry about how people feel about their healh care vs. how many times folks went to the doctor.
* Diane: How would we screen our group? Different forums, members, etc.?
* Rael: Start small with the HCRF focus group. 4-5 questions. Use survey sight (Google forms, Survey Monkey, etc.)
* Bob: Once we get these questions and answers, what do we do with the data? Take to legislators?
* Rael: Take it to local funders, investors, legislators, community leaders, etc. to continue to ask these questions.

**Next Meeting:** February 15th at 2:30 PM - Maggie will send meeting number with Zoom Link (Rael’s request)

*Notes taken by Maggie Davis*