**Health Care Reform Forum Meeting Notes – Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

**Attendees:** Frank Samuelson, Alta Price, Glenda Guster, Diane Trix, Maggie Davis

**Quick Note:** Is anyone in contact with Deb Sperry? She has been going through some health issues. Alta will contact Ann McClusky to have her reach out to Deb and provide a wellness check-in and update.

1. **Diane: Inflation Reduction Act** was recently passed (a big win)
   1. Losses: Lost cap on insulin prices on population that has private insurance.
   2. Win: Cap on prices for insulin for Medicare population (not general population).
   3. **Alta**: Questioned whether we can have someone who understands this bill and what it means for prescription drugs explain on our YouTube channel/ present this information?
   4. **Diane** shared presentation slides from recent presentation she and Frank virtually attended. She noted there is so much flexibility between negotiations of medication between drug companies and Medicare.
   5. **Alta**: Had idea to possibly reach out to IL Senators Durban and Duckworth’s offices to see if they would be able to answer questions.
   6. **Frank**: Suggests that everyone who is interested or has questions to go to the Kaiser foundation website to learn more and see presentation highlights.
   7. **Alta**: Will find more links with better/concise explanation of the bill and what this means.
2. Diane brought up the passing of **Clara Caldwell** and PACG making a contribution/memorial to somewhere local in recognition of her years long service and membership within PACG.
   1. Suggestions were to refer to her obituary for organizations to donate to.
   2. Suggestions made to make sure there is a note sent to her husband, John, as the assisted living facility he is still at, so that he is aware a memorial has been made.
   3. **Glenda** will check with the board on donation amount and organization it will go to.
3. **Zoom Meetings - OM**: It was noted that the OM, Maggie, will set up future HCRF meetings on Zoom and send out necessary documents according to what Diane would prefer.
4. **Letters to the Editor**: Frank and Kay’s letters to the editor were discussed.
5. **Gender Equity Forum:** Abortion issue is a Health Care Reform (and Civil Rights) issue. HCRF is willing to help with this cause.
   1. What can HCRF do to help? Education around abortion as healthcare is important.
   2. Lara from Quad City Science (reached out via email to Gender Equity group) could work/partner with HCRF. Alta will reach out to her to discuss this further.
6. **Any Updates?** Celebrating this legislation within the PAU. Updates should be sent by Sunday afternoon to be put in the weekly update. Any other letters to the editor to be shared?
7. **Submissions for PAU: Diane and Frank** will work on PAU submissions.
8. **Next Meeting**: Wednesday, 9/14/2022 at 2:30pm via Zoom (can be flexible, if needed)

*notes taken by Maggie Davis*