**Health Care Reform Forum Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 2:20 pm**

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

Agenda + Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Frank Samuelson, Diane Trix, Maggie Davis

**Old Business:**

Alta’s letter to St. John’s re: Memorial for Clara Caldwell. Maggie will resend the email containing the letter to Frank.

1. **Inflation Reduction Act - check PA**U

* Diane and Frank worked on a document & Diane sent a copy to Frank via the PAU.

2. **Next week PAU wording to preface the Inflation Reduction Act webinar.**

* Diane wants to speak to Alta. Can we link Pfizer video to our PACG YouTube channel? Do we need to ask Kaiser for permission to use their link on our channel? Maggie will ask Alta and Jeannie. This (YouTube) could be done within a few months time, as this legislation is not in effect just yet.
* Diane wants to create a preface for PAU for next week and include the video link: “In addition to breaking down the components of the Inflation Reduction Act, we found a good link for a webinar for folks to watch from Kaiser Family Health.” Submit link right underneath and send to PAU/Dee.

3. **Seniors missing benefits document for PAU**

* Document on resources on aging. Spell out: AARP: American Association of Retired Persons. Frank sent his suggestions within an email in red.
* Diane wants this to go to the PAU and in the local paper in a letter to the editor. Asked what we can do to take the character count down to fit for a letter to the editor. They will check to see if leaving the link within the copy is going to work or if just leaving the phone number listed will suffice. Needs to be run by the editorial team. Diane will send this to Maggie and she will forward to the editorial team. Maggie will get back to Diane with changes and approval for PAU and letter to the editor.

4. **One question on health care for candidates**

* Maggie will ask Glenda if she was able to obtain the map of the districts? We can blow this up so people know/ can identify which districts they’re in.
* We have to come up with 1 question for forum in October. Frank will work on that. Diane jotted note: “What will you do to make healthcare more affordable for all citizens in Iowa?” (Or “all Iowans”) Frank may add: mention supporting ACA (Affordable Care Act) and so on. Frank will think more on it and also send any suggestions he gets. He will be the “keeper of the suggestions”, as he will be attending the forum.

5. **Lara Paxton**

* Maggie went over Lara’s emails. Diane says if she wants to start these events, we would like to be present and supportive. Diane will let Alta run with this re: GEF first. Keep HCRF posted on what is being planned and if they can be of help. Our forum is Health Care Reform, so we want to keep it at reform otherwise we would be scattered everywhere. Diane wonders if Lara will also do Zoom or will they all be in person?

6. **Federal judge ruling threatens preventive medical services**

* Federal judge in North Texas threatening preventative medical services that fall under the ACA and this also effects other insurance. Same judge brought suit against ACA constitutionality. Some employer has come to him and said it is unconstitutional for employers to supply free preventative care to someone who wants to be protected from HIV. If this goes through—it will go to the Supreme Court—how will they view this? Will this employer’s religious rights kick these rights out preventative medicine clauses?
* Diane will send link to this article. If we see anything else about this litigation, send it to Diane, so when we are writing a letter to the editor, we have the latest information.
* Frank suggests we could also send any inquiries to Kaiser Health or others. Diane said she got this information from their site.

7. **Possible changes to forum webpage**

* Diane suggests she and Frank should go through their PACG forum webpage and edit. Diane will call Frank at 1pm on Monday, 9/19.
* Maggie will take submissions and pass along to editorial team/website submissions.

8. **Next meeting note change: Wednesday, October 19th 2:30 via Zoom**

* Diane changed date due to scheduling issues. Maggie will submit the change to PAU / Jeannie. These are usually held on Second Wednesdays, but this one will be at Third Wednesday in October.
* Maggie scheduled meeting in Zoom and on her calendar. Will send meeting invite and agenda day of meeting.

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