**Health Care Reform Forum Meeting Notes**

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 2:30 PM**

**Old Business**

1. Rock Island Community Health Care free screenings
2. List of Frank’s LTE - Was this sent from Diane?
3. ARA (Alliance for Retired Americans) Retiree Town Hall on Social Security & Medicare - Any updates?
4. HB 2811 Discussion - Discussion after ARA townhall? Benefits for seniors and medication prices were affected. People that would be cut off of Medicaid/Medicare, food stamps, etc.
   1. Did Kay send letter to DSM Register? They did not publish it, but the North Scott Press did.
   2. They did more for ethanol than the people of Iowa.
5. Boycotting Walgreens - Maggie asked at board meeting – organization-wide boycotting has not been done before.
6. Rael’s book review on “Weathering” reports on access – Is available through Scott County Library
7. Ways to Lower Personal Drug Costs Group submissions – Diane shared; has not been put into PAU thus far.

**New Business:**

1. A Local Focus: Davenport Building Collapse
   1. [Benefits taking place this weekend](https://therealmainstream.com/three-benefits-start-tonight-for-davenport-couple-displaced-injured-by-building-collapse/)
2. “Takeaways from the 5th circuit arguments over abortion drug access,” - [CNN article](https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/17/politics/abortion-drug-mifepristone-5th-circuit-hearing-takeaways) Maggie shared:
3. Articles & links to lowering the personal cost of drugs –Sent from Diane
   1. As they try to chip away at the ACA’s preventive coverages, [here’s something to watch right now](https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/kevin-mccarthy-congress-debt-ceiling-health-care/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=260869395&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9wEZvZRa43PbMtGLulOWMec28_tu6O1_A34aiMHku6N-rvCsIzcOfFQ_921aR-WuTWOsq6mK7CyD76SmysROdHMuDfNA&utm_content=260869395&utm_source=hs_email).
   2. Here's an [article](https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/kevin-mccarthy-congress-debt-ceiling-health-care/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=260869395&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9wEZvZRa43PbMtGLulOWMec28_tu6O1_A34aiMHku6N-rvCsIzcOfFQ_921aR-WuTWOsq6mK7CyD76SmysROdHMuDfNA&utm_content=260869395&utm_source=hs_email) from Kaiser Health (June 1) on the effect of the debt ceiling agreement.
4. Open Discussion around new ideas, ways to get more involved locally, one action we could all make OR as an organization right now.

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