**Health Care Reform Forum Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

Attendees: Diane Trix, Frank Samuelson, Rael S, Maggie Davis

1. **Covid Tool Kit** 
   1. Administration says it will not be a pandemic come May. We still want to share information as we have it.
2. **LTE November PAU Area Agencies**
   1. Is this in an old PAU?
   2. Maggie can write a letter to the editor re: area agencies and resources / coordination of services. Feedback from someone who is a caregiver going through these processes.
   3. Rael: Former hospice nurse- knows how coordination of services can be hard. Henry county doesn’t have transportation resources (30% of their pop is over 65. Services are not there unless you are in a city.
3. **LTE Submission**
   1. This was approved by the editorial team.
   2. Diane would like to add the propublica link (Frank says it was left out of the actual paper article)
   3. Diane will work up something for PACG PAU with Frank’s letter, pro publica link, and the New Yorker link
4. **Update Medicare Advantage Fraud**
   1. Diane sent it around to everyone.
   2. Do we think we need to address this? Frank says no–not now unless they update it. Ruling coming later this month. If it appears later this month, maybe next month we can take some action. Tabled until next month.
5. **Schedule Maggie HCRF Webpage**
   1. Maggie and Diane will meet on Friday, 2/17 about the HCRF web page. Maggie will send Zoom link.
6. **Decision ‘An Arm and a Leg.’**
   1. Submit this to PAU
7. **Update Brian David Gilbert Video**
   1. Should we submit this to PAU? There may be better sources of information. Maybe table this and research other sources.
8. **Board approval Healthy Iowans Workgroup**
   1. Approved. Diane reached out and was added to the interest lists. They had no information about how the groups work. We will see what comes of this as we learn more.
9. **List 2022 Activities for Flier**
   1. Diane sent a list of all of the activities the forum did in the last year.
10. **ARA Webinar Lobbying**
    1. Kay and Diane both sat in ARA (Association for Retired Americans) Lobbying Zoom. They provided a lot of information and sent out the slides–Diane will send them to the group.
    2. Kay was trying to set up meetings to work with Eric Sorensen to reduce medicare/medicine prices. They do not want to talk to us. We continue to push.
    3. Kay will continue to go.
    4. Rael tried to contact his district representative (republican), but they declined by letter.
11. **ACA Stats**
    1. This was in the newspaper.
    2. Should we submit to PAU?
12. **Health Surveys**
    1. Skipping this for now, until we know what we are doing with the Iowa workshops.
    2. Rael: Got an idea to apply for grants to get this done in the future.
13. **2023 Events (that should be included in budget)?**
    1. We need to let Alta know that the amounts she sent are good.
14. Grassley and Klobuchar’s News Releases
    1. Diane will send them to take a look at.
15. Federal Pilot Program Designed to Lower Drug Costs
    1. Biden administration announced a roadmap plan. Diane will send around.
    2. Rael: After May, they will start charging a lot more for COVID vaccines.

*Meeting notes taken by: Maggie Davis*