



It's Time to Add Your Voice

PNHPWW June 2017 Meeting Monthly Report

What can the City of Seattle do to help its uninsured?



Hisam Goueli, MD, spoke with us about his ideas of how the City of Seattle can develop a program to care for its uninsured (see link to video below). He believes an expansion of the Federally Qualified Health Centers is the key. Hisam urged physicians to get involved in advocacy and even run for office as he is doing in his bid for a Seattle City Council position.

Hisam is an accomplished speaker with lots of enthusiasm and optimism for the future. He is Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Washington, School of Medicine, working at Northwest Hospital in Gerontology and Geriatric Psychiatry.

Born to Egyptian Muslim Immigrants in Minneapolis Hisam was raised with the notion that people are far more important than material objects and that giving back to one's community is essential. Committed to serving vulnerable, underserved and uninsured patient populations, Hisam trained in both Family Medicine and Psychiatry with additional certification in international health. He has worked with NGO's internationally to improve maternal and child health with a special interest in developing women as leaders in healthcare. He served as the Medical Director for Inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry and Neuropsychiatry at Emory University. In 2012, Hisam and his Peruvian partner, Roberto, married and moved to Seattle. Watch Dr' Goreli's riveting presentation and the following discussion with timeline topic markers here - <https://youtu.be/H-lrT3NXvY8>

Introductions – Sherry Weinberg, President, PNHPWW - 14 attending

Coordinator's Report – David McLanahan, Coordinator, PNHPWW

Email list – 1089

Past Events

May 21 - Health Care for All – WA forum on Washington Health Security Trust - Bainbridge Museum of Art Auditorium - with presentations by bill sponsor Rep. Sherry Appleton and John Geyman, MD. Lively crowd of 50 - 60.

May 27 - Whole Washington Fundraiser – PNHPWW received an award “in recognition for your years of dedication and unwavering commitment to health care for all Washington State residents” - about 30 - 40 attending

June 6 – HCHR-WA meeting - plans to continue support for the ACA with strategy for lobbying during August Congressional recess. Putting together a toolkit to use with representatives and asking for health care stories from people who would suffer under the AHCA. Also formulating strategy to push forward to single payer health care for all.

June 7 – Economics for Everyone forum on health care reform, Olympia. Speakers Teresa Mosqueda for HCHR-WA, David McLanahan for PNHPWW

June 11 – Metropolitan Democratic Club “Chautauqua” event – PNHPWW tabling

Future Events:

June 27, 7pm – United for Single Payer meeting - Swedish Medical Center, Cherry Hill Campus, Layton Room (below cafeteria)

July , 7:30pm - PNHPWW June Monthly Meeting, Swedish Medical Center, Cherry Hill Campus, SECC Room A. Program to be announced.

July 30 – Medicare Birthday celebration - PNHP and other organizations across the country are planning events and actions to use this occasion to advocate for Improved Medicare for All. Stay tuned.

New tools - **Health Care Now!** has put together a "**Grassroots Legislative Advocacy Training**" program that is an excellent resource for the coming months. "The goal of the training is to provide you with all of the tools you need to increase your legislators' support for single-payer healthcare using grassroots power! You will accomplish this by learning to score your legislators, power map those legislators, and develop a campaign of escalating tactics to move them." The program is free, with donation suggested. **Health Over Profits for Everyone** has a "**Tools for Action**" and resources web page that will help you organize and execute a range of creative and direct actions that target the public, corporations and members of Congress and federal agencies.