Notes of Policy Committee August 11, 2020

Present: Barry Brogan, Ann Abdella, Courtney Shaler, Anne Marie Snell,

Nancy McGraw, Paul Pettit, Sara Wall Bollinger

1. Minutes tabled.

2. Federal Advocacy

* Primary focus is on funding for State & Local Governments
* NRHA Rural Hospital legislation
* Telehealth regulatory relief
  + Note: Courtney shared an update from the AHI Telehealth Team
  + This is very fluid at the moment
  + Ann shared info re: Consumer Technology Association
* Census
  + Participation has been poor
  + Shortened collection period announced
  + <https://www.census.gov/>
* Post Office
  + Policy changes & funding cuts
  + <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/07/14/postal-service-trump-dejoy-delay-mail/>

*Action: Sara will draft a letter to the NY Delegation for review*

* *Funding for State & Local governments*
* *Support for NRHA Rural Hospital legislation*
* *Extend Census collection for the full time*
* *Oppose budget & service cuts to the Post Office*

3. State Advocacy

* Vaccine distribution S.8717
  + Include Sen. May and Mem. Santabarbara
  + Partner with NYSACHO

*Action: Sara will draft a letter to the co-sponsors urging inclusion of rural for review*

* New Minority Leaders
  + Senator Robert Ortt
  + Assemblyman Will Barclay

*Action: Sara will arrange in-person, in-district meetings with Senator Ortt with Paul Pettit [constituent] and Assemblyman Barclay with Tricia Clark [constituent]*

4. Other Business

* AHI conference on Telehealth September 21-25

5. Conference

The Conference Committee has asked the Policy Committee to help with Day 3: *Sustainability of Rural Service Systems*. There was discussion. We are not clear about the desired learning objectives. The format is a 45-minute Panel with 15-minutes Q&A followed by a few ‘micro-sessions’. Consider the micro-sessions being NYS organizations with parallel interests e.g. ASAP, MHANYS, Leading Age…

*Action: Sara will set up a call with Barry and the Conference Co-Chairs next week.*

*Action: Sara will reach out to Bea Grause, HANYS and Meggan Schilkie, HMA to invite them to be or recommend Panelists.*

<https://www.hanys.org/about/executive_staff/>

<https://www.healthmanagement.com/our-team/staff-directory/name/meggan-schilkie/>

Meeting adjourned at 10AM.