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Notes of Policy Committee September 23, 2020

Present: Barry Brogan, Ann Abdella, Claire Parde, Susan Williams, Courtney Shaler, Paul Pettit, Liz Urbanski Farrell, Sara Wall Bollinger

Excused: Anne Marie Snell, Nancy McGraw, Rob Wingate, Helen Evans

Barry Brogan, Chair convened the meeting at 9:03.

1. Motion to approve minutes of 8/11 [Courtney/Ann] passed.

* Letter to federal delegation was sent 8/21
* Vaccine distribution letter still in process with Partners

2. Review of ‘Talking Points’ document

* *Many* edits
* Will be used with Leaders Ortt and Barclay later this week
* Too long for Albany this winter - we need to prioritize
* Members have ‘survey fatigue’ - do not recommend sending a survey
* May need to sort by rank order

3. We received information from CHCANYS explaining a NYS change to the federal 340B pharmacy discount program. Liz provided additional details.

*Action*

Sara will draft a letter of support for S.8948/A.10960

4. A Letter of support for S.3599/H.R.6788 re: immigrant healthcare providers was approved with following changes:

* Add explanatory paragraph
* Correct typos
* Spell out acronyms

Letter sent 9/30

5. AHI <https://ahihealth.org/> had shared some priorities for NYSARH to consider.

The Alcohol & Substance Abuse Providers <http://www.asapnys.org/> recently formed a Rural Issues Committee.

*Action*

Barry will invite a representative from ASAP to speak at 11/25 next meeting

Sara will invite her contact from AHI to speak at 11/25 next meeting

6. Ann raised the issue Diversity, Equity & Inclusion presented at the NYSARH conference: What are the structural issues that are barriers to access?

*Action*

Barry & Ann will raise this concept with Executive Committee. This is a longer-term issue. Maybe a Work Group?

*Upcoming Meetings with Partners & Legislation of Interest*

Co-Pay Accumulator S.6303/A.8246

Flavors Hook Kids S.6809A/A.8808A

Community Paramedicine S.1805/A.1208

EMS Billing Insurance S.3685/A.1778A

Rural Broadband S.8805/A.6679C awaiting Signature

CHCANYS Policy Priorities

Meeting adjourned at 10:12AM.

**Next Meeting October 28th at 9am**

*Topic: NYSARH Strategic Plan for 2021-2023 with Helen Stepowany*