

Healthcare-NOW! National Strategy Conference 2009 Minutes

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The MC's: Mark Dudzic, Labor Campaign for Single Payer and Rebecca Elgie, Single Payer New York welcomed the group to St Louis and the conference. Mark welcomed us, "It's an exciting and interesting time for health care reform like we knew it would be,

What we have accomplished in the past year has been outstanding. The movement has just jumped in leaps and bounds in the last year we need to think about that as we move forward, we were told that after election, that single payer was off the table, and here we are a year later and single-payer is the only viable strategy. All other strategies have been discredited, single-payer is the last one standing, so how can we move this campaign into a post Obamacare future? We are a small but aggressive organization with 1 / 500,000th of the resources of corporate sponsored movements, and a staff of 3 1/2 people Jeff Muckensturm on the website who has made incredible improvements, Tom Knoche — Katie Robbins — Lauri Wen — This is also the first year without the glorious founding sister, Marilyn Clement, who inspires me and everyone here to continue to do what we do. Let's remember throughout the weekend that Marilyn's spirit is here and we should do what she tells us to do.

Rebecca — Single Payer NY — Board of HCN — Ithaca, NY — been at all conferences — find this group inspiring on all levels — first inspiration was from being on some of the conference calls — though I was working in isolation — found all of these wonderful activists from around the country — was really inspiring.

Now we are here in the fair city of St Louis, and Mimi Signor, Vice President of the Missourians for Single Payer, is here and she is going to welcome us.

Mimi Signor: It's so wonderful to see you here and I appreciate that you wanted to come to STL this year of all the cities you could choose. There was a heated contest about where to come, and the MOSP board did top ten reason to hold the strategy meeting in STL this year:

- 10 — Affordable
- 9 — Union Town
- 8 — Home state Dr. Judy Dasovich — Baucus 13
- 7 — State SP bill — introduced in 1990
- 6— MoSP hosts successful Health Care weekends
- 5 — Lacy Clay — 676 sponsor since very beginning
- 4 — held first citizen congressional hearing
- 3 — formed in 1990
- 2 — joined HCN from its inception
- 1 — St. Louis bell weather city for HC reform by ABC news

Thank you for choosing us. We appreciate you. We are energized by you and hope that you will be energized by us, and look forward to sharing ideas. Reminder to Missourians — battle cry is

also the state Motto — The welfare of the people is the supreme law — don't let our elected officials forget it.

Remember that health insurance is not health care.

And one last thing...Everything louder than everything else — we've got to do everything louder. Thank you!

Remembering Marilyn Clement with Donna Smith

Marilyn wouldn't want us to spend a lot of time talking about her, she would just want us to get the work done. The last time I saw her was in NY right before she passed away, I asked her, "what do you want us to be doing?" She said "you all know what you need to do, you don't need me to tell you." She wanted us to remember humanity, and her biggest gift to us was to make sure all of our voices and actions matter. In a movement where we find big egos sometimes, and arrogance, that never angered Marilyn Clement who truly believed to get single-payer, we needed everyone in and nobody out of this movement. All of us and our collective actions to get SP. She repeated the line, "the Revolution will not be funded," but it will be staffed — and by all of us — muddy, turbulent — not always going to agree, agenda won't always be the same — we have to have the courage to fight together and not restrict others ideas and intentions.

Opening Panel

The opening panel featuring Quentin Young, National Coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program, Ethel Long-Scott, Executive Director of the Women's Economic Agenda Project, Michael Lighty, Policy Director of the California Nurses Association, Terry O'Neill, President of the National Organization for Women, and Tim Carpenter, Executive Director, Progressive Democrats of America, Jerry Tucker, Labor Campaign for Single Payer Campaign.

Quentin Young: How to grow the movement. Well, I'm optimistic, some say too much. Here is where I think this is where the pressure has to be:

1. Insurance Companies — the American people recognize that they are greedy and control Congress. They distort a democratic society.
2. 1900 page bill has alienated vital popular sectors. It excludes undocumented workers — 1 million people — people we should welcome in. Exclusion is against every religious moral a. Weiner put exclusion — have to make them part of coalition
3. NOW — set back to pre Roe V. Wade with Stupak amendment
4. Make them aware of the idiocy — every other industrialized nation has some variant of SP.
5. Suggesting we have a winning coalition — HCN is very important but we have to grow in strength — the American people are ready after this rendezvous with evil.

Jerry Tucker — who should be involved — worked with Kennedy and S 2 — made minimal effort in labor movement to bring everything together — renewed effort to bring more concentration and collectivity to labor movement — for many years the California Nurses Association were the dynamic lost battalion fighting for single-payer. There is the work that Kay and Walter Tillow have done in building base of contacts, so this year we had access to info

about who was where. In Jan, we had a meeting here in STL, founded a campaign to integrate a coalition of the willing to bend the not so willing toward that arc of justice (The Labor Campaign for Single Payer). Thanks to Mark Dudzic and LCfSP Steering Committee, we have considerably widened the involvement of labor. It's been part of our mission not only to be actively involved but to honor that tradition that the labor movement is supposed to be the major mover for the working class. At the most recent AFL-CIO convention, a resolution passed that did not say that they would stop action in D.C., but it will be the policy of AFL-CIO to be the advocate of SP, which brings resources and respectability. We are graduating to an everywhere situation. One quick thing, it is a myth that people like what they have. When we talk about labor contracts, we have been given back the wages that we traded. There once was a time when we had the Lamborghini of health insurance programs, but now workers are having to pay more and more to maintain this. People only like what they've already got if they've been bamboozled. Health care is but one of the fronts for social justice, but when we whip this, and take the corporate community out, it will open the door for other struggles.

Terry O'Neill: As President of NOW, I plan to roll out national action campaign for single-payer health care! I am going to talk a little about why SP makes sense for women.

First of all, hc system today is employer based – women are over represented in part time and minimum wage – so as long as we have employment based system, women will be discriminated against.

2. ins co can charge 50% more for premiums for women than men. They call it gender ratings – for pregnancy and child care – all women (even those who never get pregnant) are affected by gender rates. They over charge us and then undercover us. Having a c-section is a preexisting – and they will not cover next pregnancy – women more likely to die if they don't have prenatal care.

3. If we had Medicare for all, this would fix the problem. This is where I really need your help – coverage for reproductive health.

4. Stupak – for half the nation and choice measure for the rest of us. Were weren't happy with the bill to begin with. It got rid of gender rating, but included age rating – twice as much for premiums for those 40 – 64. Codification of the Hyde Amendment, which has resulted in the deaths of women – prohibits women from public funds for abortion.

When I was 23 years old, I married extremely violent man. I left him and had resources that so many women don't get like a place to go and family. But I was afraid I was pregnant. If I had the child, he would have access to me for rest of life. At the time I did not have health insurance. When you are the most vulnerable, you are the ones we can kick in the teeth – what kind of govt. does that??? (audience – OURS). Catholic bishops pushed through Stupak Pitts amendment, which essentially overrules Roe V. Wade – so that private insurance cannot cover abortions if anyone in the plan has a govt. subsidy. If this is in the final bill, we are determined to kill this leg altogether. (Audience: Kill the Bill) – if Stupak passes, we will insist that Obama vetoes this bill – and will target for defeat any legislator that supports it. Grass tops lobby day in D.C. this Wednesday – Dec. 2nd – mass mobilization – www.Now.org – stop stupak – updated all the time – mass rally and lobby day – NOW chapters around country holding

rallies outside district offices. Does not maintain status Quo — Hyde on Steroids — outrageous to say it is settled law. We need to repeal Hyde — get Hyde out not just Stupak Pitts.

Ethel Long-Scott: We are going forward to secure Medicare for all so that we might live. How we might go forward. Consider the notion that we don't need identity politics or single issue politics because an injury to one is an injury to all. We need a level the playing field. We need more docs in inner cities — eliminating poverty— respecting the rights of women — own choices about our bodies — HC for all as part of new social contract for economic viability and sustainability — which has been torn up by gutless politicians. If they don't stand with us, get the hell out of the way. We need a broad transformative movement —that takes on the tough issues — primary causes of loss of HC is not Undocumented workers — but the rotten decaying capitalist system — what congress is proposing will not do one thing — the demand by corporate America is what has made this mess — analogy to Dred Scott Decision — we the people had to say to corporate America and say step out of the way so that we might live in America — love hate relationship with immigrants — global picture where we're all being dissed — Congress has given us a new sandbox where insurance companies can pee pee all over us — ind mandates — we've got to craft a new future — corporations are running the world to hell in hand basket — we have to take it back. These bills will do nothing to stop the criminalizing of the poor — it is time that we bring our ranks together — we understand that congress is in lock step with corporate powers — we can build transformative movements — first we've got to wake our people up. We ain't the only ones on these — I submit to you today let this be the call — we are gonna build up from the bottom — an America that is just and fair to ALL people. (standing O)

Tim Carpenter (PDA): I have to follow that? What can we do collectively this weekend? PDA formed in 2004. While Dennis Kucinich did not get the presidential nomination, we are working with Kucinich in support of SP HC and he did put into place a movement. I'm honored that PDA can be part of the electoral arm. Whatever the electoral strategy is, we need to do it. Not everyone can get arrested, but some of us can — not all of us can run for congress but some of us can — NOW is going to be out in the streets, it's our responsibility to be there with them. We believe in an inside outside strategy — bring the passion of the social movements inside the political arena — as a movement we need to thank our friends — Eric Massa and Dennis Kucinich did the right thing — we need to look for the next EM and DK and support them. This weekend we should take the work we've done, we need to bring that energy to grassroots. It's time now that people in this room, need to make sure that the next round of candidates are SP advocates. We need to link up together — we are not doing it correctly yet — those of you who are willing to get arrested, you need to — those who aren't, you need to go to a Congress office — We need to stop talking to ourselves. We need to show where is the money — in the military budget — meet with member of Congress every time they come back — challenge them on that fundamental question — every great social movement begins on the street but ends in the halls of congress.

Michael Lightly: First, the honor and gain in org has been work of Donna Smith. Also, I bring greetings from Rosanne DeMoro Exec Director — born in STL.

I would venture to say that we are the only group of HC reform activist who are meeting and not celebrating this bill — 3000 people met at capitol today celebrating bill.

We've learned that legislators are not movement leaders – And they will sacrifice principles if they think it's needed to pass the bill.

Also learned that we were actually at war with the white house for the past year — we thought we could convince him (Obama) — we know that the pres will have us at the table — instead they excluded us and fought us every step of the way — did not want to be tainted as govt. run bill — so had to distance selves from SP– Undeclared war with the white house – The democrats lost debate on govt run HC because they weren't willing to have it and the right wing became the defenders of Medicare – Those who were involved in Clinton year HC fight remember that SP was taken off table in a way that would make your head swim, but in those 15 years we began to build a movement — we didn't let it go away. We are a movement with many tactics but one objective. That objective will continue to be at the forefront of our movement

Many Tactics – We cannot present it as either or — not one tactic is going to win over another. It IS direct action to lobby and educate. Of Course CD is direct action — puts forward our message. Mass demonstrations — all of these tactics are essential – so let's not have a false debate about what's more important or more effective. Integrate those tactics and that will become our strategy for the coming period.

There is no other solution to the patient care crisis — what this bill (Obama) will do is force you to change the way you practice medicine to achieve savings because providers will be expected to do more with less. Clinical judgment is sacrificed — standardized protocols –turning human beings into another widget because health care is another industry and we must fight to preserve clinical judgment. We're gonna go deeper into our membership with this fight. 155,000 RNs in a union committed to SP — we have the moved the labor movement an extraordinary distance. Toward the end of this fight affirmed support of SP. (Thanks to Kay and Walter Tillow). Patient Care crisis reverberates in cuts to public health in this country. As they close public hospitals, we will take on those fights. Goes beyond to the essential fight that every nurse does everyday — that patients get the HC they need not what they can afford. That is why we will win this fight.

Questions for the PANEL

Q: Don Bechler – Single Payer NOW – Jerry and Terry — I'm a little concerned that in fighting against anti-choice, if the original bill is still there, we'd be declaring victory but it's not in a way – how can we address this?

A: Jerry — reproductive rights is most important and the labor movement might feel that the removal of benefit taxation and some form of Public Option is a win, but they may well say that that's as much as we can get – many of them value access over principle agenda – which is not where the Labor Campaign for SP is — others also — top of the house probably will take a look at that and rationalize it into some kind of a petite victory.

A: Terry — thinking about the single issue women's organizations who have just focused on choice – and we are dedicated to not letting them peel off — NOW is a multi issue org will not end support for SP, and we have believed in SP since 1993. The union movement — in order to grow must organize women.

Q: Russel Mokhiber – Single Payer Action — Michael — CNA has been hyper critical of bills in congress — why not take next step and say this bill should be defeated and start over with SP?

A: Michael Lighty – CalNurses will not take a position until we see the final bill – dynamic is difficult – It's not about maintaining relationship with white house — there are provisions in bill for training, public health , and expansion of Medicaid — there are aspects of bill that would make it difficult for us to urge people to vote no. TO be strait up with you, if those things happen –it is unlikely we will urge people to vote no.

Q: Bob H. — Making all these urgent emails and calls — no problem with many tactics if we've had enough people who have heard of SP and know about it — the people I've contacted have not heard of SP — we need knowledge and numbers — maybe we need to focus on that in short time, do we not need knowledge and numbers?

A: Ethel Long-Scott – It's the elephant in the room — potentially 150 million are affected by uninsurance and underinsurance and they have been fed a line of malarkey. This conference has to talk about how we are going to engage those people. It is the 21st century civil rights and human rights issue. It isn't about us preaching to converted, it's about shaking things up. Wake them up and redirect, time to move in our own self interest.

A: Terry — corporate media controls messages — need grass roots organizing to run for office — people need to challenge.

A: Tim — go out into the streets — get out of own org and reach out.

Q: Dicky Heckler — cost of insuring women — we have to convince these people that when they are paying for their insurance (they're worth it, I know I love them). Women's issues are very very important but also the economics of this whole thing, we don't hear enough about that — that's a perspective that we have to go for. Yes it is a human right and so are a lot of other things. At this point, this is key to recovery. How are we going to preach this economics issue so people understand?

A: Ethel Long Scott — teach ins , leadership development, also public events — Detroit MI — June 20th — US Social Forum — hosted by poor people who will have stage to spotlight these concerns — we need to work in the weeks and months going forward we are the leaders we're looking for.

Q: ??? — First question — email from obama people — how to get people together for training — they have an army — how best to organize to combat that army

A: Jerry — workshops all day tomorrow — can't take on all of these questions tonight. All those training — go and stand outside — stand outside — say here is the bread, get the baloney inside.

A: Quentin — we should beat them at their own game — constantly train doctors to do the job. These skills are learnable.

A: Michael Lighty— Privately delivered, publicly financed — as a matter of fact it's not socialized medicine — use Medicare as a model. Activists in the Obama groups are SP supporters.

A: Terry — NOW supported Obama — the unions — not just big money that got him in — how to get him to do what we want — get corporate greed out! Dems are heavily funded by corporate interests — real problem — 1979 and 1980 — led fight against Jimmy Carter because he was anti choice and so we got Reagan, not only fight corporate funders but need to do it in a way that doesn't put republics in charge.

Video Address from Dennis Kucinich

(Summary: I Pushed for ERISA Amendment – we need a state by state movement because- we don't have the votes nationally now – But when we do get it nationally, it will be because of Healthcare-NOW.)

Small Group Discussion and Brief Report Backs

Group 1 — Our challenges in bringing the message — keep it simple, so that folks can understand it. Problem we run into — it's too complicated.

Harriet Group 2— Each One Teach One — talk to one to five to ten — door to door pamphletting, letters to pres obama — go into community with pre-printed form. Show Sicko and “Prairie Giant” about Canada's Tommy Douglas. We need more coming together to share ideas.

Group 3 — Build movement from ground up, independent from any political party — creates anger and strength — SP as litmus test for candidates of all parties.

Group 4 — Bob H. — agreement that we need to educate americans, by US congressional district. We need to have these framed, need to get the knowledge up — not just give them a piece of paper.

Group 5 — Broader points — linking up issue of HC with other issues — Class issue — link to housing and ed — unions have to play a big role

Group 6 — how many people here under 30? — we see few of the inheritors of the movement engaged. We also have to understand that the way that youth receive information is markedly different than how we do — HCN has been very good about using the internet. Dovetailing the issue — looking at the connectivity between the HC issue, women's rights issue, labor, war, immigration, all of these issues are connected as human civil rights, class issues. March on Washington connecting these issues.

Group 7 — things that are working — win win campaign and focusing on insurance co — bulk of discussion — do we fight current bill? Put resources into Kucinich amendment? or resources for building the movement after what gets passed or doesn't get passed?

Group 8 — Talked about the need to unite and help lead local struggles. There's clinic closing, hospitals caps on Medicaid patients, there are all kinds of local struggles breaking out. We need the SP people to be involved in those struggles and then talk about SP in those struggles.

Group 9 — Educational efforts — literature drops at places with high volumes of people who may be suffering. Artists campaign. Targeted call-ins to larger media outlets. Online news forums. Ongoing vigil at insurance corporations in addition to CD. Building the national strategic political coalition between disparate groups. Allowing them to keep own identity but work together towards shared objective.

Group 10 — we also hit upon the problem of how to bring more youth into our movement, youth feel invincible — the mandated buy-in — might get youths attention — we should be ready to address the issues that come up by being able to effectively speak to the issues that come up.

Group 11 — We talked about having to formulate strategy according to community that you live in — CD might discredit movement or energize it. Involvement of disability rights movement with SP movement.

Group 12 — local union by local union, use same strategy in community — church by church, group by group, engaging the local media — some just don't show — meet some of the media — get personal relationship with reporter. Works a hell of a lot better.

Group 13 — How to challenge corporate profit driven mis-education — need short something that we could share quickly — video — follow the money — expose messengers — expose 5% who own our economy — included would be Q and A with common questions. Health Care for All as a right — stress govt. programs that really work.

Mikuak Rai — Close out with song. "The System is Sick."

Sunday, November 15th, 2009

Michael Lighty – Legislative update: How the national reform fails to solve the health care crisis (video footage coming soon)

[Link to handouts here.](#)

Major institutions have switched to support of Obama plan, SEIU, MoveOn, etc. — Organizing for America sent out a "health care can't wait" message that generated 300,000 calls — they basically ripped off all of our ideas (single-payer organizations) and turned them into something else — that's the story of the year.

For Kucinich and Weiner amendments. Weiner's amendment which wasn't exactly HR 676 was sent to the Congressional Budget Office for scoring. It came out badly to show costs not savings — a 10 trillion dollar shortfall over 10 years. This was used by opponents who didn't want to bring SP to the floor. We did not have strong consensus in the progressive caucus to put Weiner to the floor — Even Conyers and Kucinich sent out letter asking that it not go to the floor. The Whitehouse was in the back ground — at the same time Waxman and George Miller and the

Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, — pulled the Kucinich amendment out — thought it would cost votes and financing — but we now know there was effort by White House not to have that provision in the bill.

1. Bernie Sanders is going to bring his SP bill to the floor (applause)

2. Senator Sanders is trying to find a way to help get that ERISA waiver back into the bill. The Senator has a lot of clout, because they need every dem or ind vote that they can get. Ironically after all of this manipulation by the house, we are still in the game. That's not because the leadership still wants us to be in the game. Every time they think we've got a stop, we find another little opening (it's fun, if you're a masochist). These are the kind of leg moves that give us an organizing opportunity. We now have the opportunity to put some heat on the senators. As Max Baucus said to us early on — there's a visceral reaction to SP — Who From?? Oh it's the insurance lobbyist. This is where the leg fight stands. Helping Sen Sanders to demand \$703 from senators to support him and amendments.

I brought a hand out on different bills — see hand out — borrowed from PNHP / League of Women Voters — economic report on SP — glossary of terms — which is pretty helpful when you get into these discussions — it's so jargon laden.

On the House Bill, HR 3962, The mandates — forced to buy private insurance with a very limited Public Option— 6 million people. It's far from robust, with that limited enrollment.

1 — under this scheme you only get as much health care as you can afford — debate about affordable Health Care— yes, health care is rationed by ability to pay — once you don't qualify for Medicaid — out of pocket is quite high — 15 – 19% of income. Mandated right, so you are required to do this, you are not exempted if you are spending at that level (10 or 11 %) only if you are at 12.5%. Within that system there is tiered system — higher premiums = more benefits. The more you spend the more you get — so it is rationed by ability to pay

2 — There is really no change in how the insurance companies operate — yes they have to provide coverage to those with preexisting , but not restrictions on how they charge or how they process claims — they can't rescind coverage, but can deny claims — all the ins that you can afford, but no guarantee of health care — that's the essential problem with the plan.

Medical loss ratio — Insurance companies must spend 85% of every dollar on HC — but they can just raise rates. Only check is based on Market Competition — so when you hear about this, oh it's like the Swiss System — first of all the Swiss system is not for profit and they are not underwriters — so that's not a fair comparison.

3 — This is not a universal system — Many changes don't go into effect in 2013 — they are going to get hammered for 4 years and costs will keep going up. I don't really know why that works for them politically — the fact is, that even when fully implemented — it only covers 36 million uninsured.

4 — House vs. Senate — the Senate plans are much worse — just in case you're not depressed enough.

Tax on Cadillac plans — union members get nothing from this reform — changes apply to individual plans not group plans — public option is not available. What do union members get from this? They get taxed. We got beat six ways to Sunday. The tax is real.

What is in the senate HELP committee—a provision that allows insurance companies to sell insurance outside of the exchange and they are not subject to the regulation that the plans in the exchange are. Have you seen those commercials? Yes it's insurance for the healthy. Cherry pick the healthy outside of the exchange — left with the sickest and most costly in the public option — This is what is called adverse selection and it is built into the system in that proposal. The Pub Op is almost like the smoke screen — for giving away the store. The labor movement said — fight for a strong pub option, that our neighbors can't use and will have no effect.

Force non union members to provide insurance — small co — less that \$750,000 in payroll — significant mandate for employers.

Also new funding for clinics etc.

Public Option — PNHP eviscerates it in their one page sheet.

League of Women Voters comparisons.

figure out — are their things in this bill that we can build on — or have to react to? (See hand out) everyone in nobody out is not true of the PO — it will have to survive on own premiums — theoretically you have a choice of docs and providers — unlike SP you have a choice of paying more — that's one of the advantages of SP. My favorite category is — risk of destruction of insurance companies.

One of the concerns is these Taft Hartley trusts to provide benefits — would not exist under SP — their is a role for supplemental benefits under SP — they would be able to offer those special needs benefits. Their obviously is cherry picking — costs shifted to the sicker — employment dependency of current system is hugely discriminatory. I am not convinced about the preexisting condition issue — ins co have a way of getting around. Their is potential to negotiate drug prices in house bill

3 deals were made with the White House:

- 1) Pharma promised 80 Billion dollars in savings for the purchase of brand name drugs when senior are in the donut hole. That period is where that 80 billion dollars is applied, but gets them to buy brand name.
- 2) Hosp. Assoc – promised savings of 155 billion dollars, but will make 170 billion by everyone having private ins.
- 3) AHIP — now opposed to house bill — deal is they want the whole enchilada — the individual mandate is what they want — what they are concerned about is preserving a strong individual mandate.

So where does that leave us? There are going to be people who have insurance — number of people who die due to lack of ins. will go down, not as many as with SP. Med Bankruptcy will not go down. Cost will not go down. Ins. Profits will go up — because we saved their business model. New monies for public health, clinics, and expanded medicaid.

Where does that leave us — essentially where we were a couple years ago — a fight we are going to have to fight at the grassroots. In CA — we want to elect a dem governor who will support SP and then prepare for a ballot fight — maybe as soon as 2012 — will be able to say that you will spend 15 thousand or more or spend less and get more benefits. The one advantage, not just a system out of control — now we have reform that we can say doesn't do the job, and that people who are committed have an alternative before this goes into effect. That's the extraordinary opportunity that we have. The next thing you'll hear is — give the reform a chance — we'll say hell no, because we have the better solution. When we wage that fight in the states, we'll have new allies. The only real argument for the Public Option was that it was viable — how viable does it look now. It simply didn't prove to be any more viable. We have to win that debate that publicly financed HC is better than the private market. We're gonna have to confront that head on — we should talk about that this weekend — how to win that debate — we can usually win it one on one, but we need to win it on a mass scale. The one thing we can't do, some of us will demand a no vote, there are labor allies who won't do it, we can not say to those folks that you are the problem. Need to be united in the goal of a real solution to our HC crisis based upon the needs of patients and not the ability to pay. That's the fight we are going to win.

Questions

Q. Increased access to Medicaid patients — institutions setting caps on Medicare and Medicaid patients.

A. They are going to increase the rates under this bill — Medicaid rates will equal Medicare rates — prefer private insurance — do pay more when they pay. We need more primary care doctors.

Q. Sandy Fox — focused on getting more sponsors of HR 676 —

A. ML — should continue to have a national bill — but it has been tainted by this process — I think the sponsors let us down — would probably be good to rebrand it — even if we stick with it — need to do some work on the financing. We should say out of the gate — you didn't solve the problem. At the same time, we do need a state or states to establish SP — we have to establish that it works in US. Right now, HR 676 is over in this session of congress — it's dead in my view — the sponsors of the bill told the speakers — do not bring it up for a vote — if your co author does that, it's not a viable piece of leg. (SF I would like other opinions from leaders) ML — yes that's my perspective — doesn't help the movement to get cosponsors on bill that isn't viable.

Q. We need to be very clear that this bill is worse than the present — need to be very clear — kill the bill. If we are going to build the movement then we need to be very clear about what we want. Conyers can no longer be our leader, he sold out, we need to be very clear. (applause).

??? — Under ERISA the self insured companies have become insurance companies — now we are fighting the business round table.

M.L. — the self insured issue will be big in our state fights.

???? — under house bill — does eligibility become sliding scale fee?? Does PO get the same as congress.

M.L. — HCAN supports this bill so how smart can they be. Once you are no longer eligible for medicaid, a high amount of subsidies for private insurance kicks in. Essentially, you are going to have to spend 1,000 dollars per family at the first level, up to 10,000.

???? said this plan will save lives — how?

M.L. — we do a disservice if we say this does no good — if we believe that you are uninsured you have a higher risk of death — (only if they can use it) — so there will be a lower risk of death. (some people will not be able to get care because the bill). In MASS those who are not affected by it will have a more positive, those who are, more negative.

Russell — there is a real populist anger growing against this bill — not just teabaggers — profile of woman who has 4 jobs on capital hill — right now there are a lot of people who are afraid to say kill the bill — afraid of offending Dem party — I think we need to push aside dem party and start a national debate on SP.

ML — CNA — it's difficult — in terms of HCN saying Kill the Bill is completely appropriate — we will be tainted by that — because of our connection to HCN — I was just saying don't direct the fire at those who don't.

???? — Kucinich amend —

ML — we can do SP at the state level, whether it would be as comprehensive without the Kucinich amendment — ERISA used to say that this is against the law — Walmart sued based on ERISA (when told they had to provide ins.) SB 810 was written in a way to avoid ERISA, eliminated Taft Hartley trusts, made it less comprehensive.

???? — when we talked about HR 3962 can we stop talking about the Public Option? Public Pile ? people think that they can still choose this.

M.I. — There is a lot of confusion on that.

R E. — Public Option in name only

???? — Figuring out all of this crap will fall on to us (social workers). I came in order to help RN to enroll. When you are fighting this — what people are going to have to figure out when they are choosing their plan. The question I have — I say offensive things — when you say please don't get angry at CNA or unions — you are leaving us hanging — we can't fight your fight — but say we are still with you — but we are going to support the bill — not all unions play well

with others — this bill stinks — not saying that — continuing saying what we are for — talking about sp — please don't say don't get mad at us bc we have to support the bill.

ML — We do not support the bill — we are one of the most prominent critics — I don't think we'll take the position that “kill the bill” I think that we are all in this together. If we lay down litmus tests to say you have to be X Y and z to be in this movement, that's a problem.

???? — Physicians in Puerto Rico want SP — they would be a great test.

ML — I have no problem with that. (Applause).

Panel: Grassroots Strategies and Recommendations from Activists

Katie R — Most looking forward to this — people who have been working for decades, some who just started — are joining us to share what's worked for them, and where they want to see this movement go.

Mikuak Rai — founder of coalition or uninsured and underinsured (DC)

Allison Guttu — National Women's Liberation —

David Brietzaman — Communication Strategies — Human Rights Advocate

Sandy Fox — Board and Steering HCN, Co Chair Western Pa Coalition for SP

Rita Valenti — Georgia — HCN Georgia — nurse and former state leg — Georgians for a common sense Health Plan

Mimi Signor — MoSp

Don Bechler — chair SP NOW in San Fran

Each panelist has 3 to 5 minutes

M.R — I have been organizing for a fairly short time — discovered SP earlier this year — listening to media as it started getting more attention — moved to involve after hearing about a woman who had to choose between bankruptcy and death — been organizer around other issues — prison issues etc — as an artist — I have often found a way to use my art to engage the community — in my discussions with Jerry Tucker — need for voice of uninsured to be included in the voice of this organizing. That was inspiration for bringing together coalition.

1 — attempt to bring knowledge of SP to community — discovered that not knowing the term SP was an obstacle to organizing. Even the term Medicare for all — really having to educate and engage community about what these concepts mean. One of the things we initially did — outreach to other groups that have been working on HC — such as the Grey Panthers — the first step was to be able to find factual information to support position. In addition, I found that outreach was the next step. Church groups are very important — the basic tenants of any religion is to care for sick and poor — Plymouth Congregational Church — we have to engage faith

organizations — have access to a lot of people who need health care. Hip hop Caucus part of our reach. Also students — not as many people under 30 hear that I think should be here. Increase visibility — use media — local radio stations.

AG — Group comes from combination of Red Stockings and Gainesville Liberation (first womens lib in south). Selling booklet about organizing. Members of our group have been working with HCN since inception — got arrested at United Health Care — why womens lib see this as a priority — recent legislation is bad for women and for lib — before Stupak — we will not accept insults and accept them as steps in the right direction. Women would like to stop being the safety net — ins co strangle hold is an obstacle to womens freedom — how — 50's — the family wage — good thing — did make employers pay into unpaid labor — entrenches system where women are still dependent on men for benefits — we lose wages benefits etc, making us dependent on men. Women stay in relationships because of health ins — stop tying it to jobs and to marriage. This is in the context of larger battle — the Social Wage — alternative to family wage — takes benefits and makes them part of govt. — Paid maternity leave, maternity leave — Child care. Strategies — international comparisons — “US is best” — We use Consciousness Raising and Speak Outs — forced to take job I didn't want just for insurance — marriage — take testimony public as a speak out — caution against a strategy that — We need to get more people to see their own stake in national health ins. People here are getting less quality care, wages have fallen way behind, affects how many hours we spend on the job (overtime). we need to fight hard and fight huge — why NHI is good for all of us — fight for the way they fought to keep Social Security.

D.B. — I feel that for my generation specifically — specifically for those who are blessed to be college educated — it is the utility of my ed and critical thinking that calls me to work on this issue. How do we frame this conversation to finally get this to happen. Single Payer must mean that there is an alternative multipayer — Medicare for All must be for all seniors. Language is very important — how we talk about — shapes what your opponent can and can not say. We are not speaking to us — rational — we are speaking to irrational fear. (Harry and Louise ads — no data — just to scare people). 50 – 65% of all ads were misleading. All they need to do is say enough so that people believe that they say. When we speak from rational, it doesn't work — people speak from their identity, when you are speaking to conservative family based — those numbers don't work. How can we be bi – aware — most individuals contain both lines of thought — bi- conceptual frame — American Health Family Plan — how would they counter it? — are you against america, or family? That might be more effective than using SP — let us remember (USSR doesn't exist — laughter) Most institutions in contemporary SU there is no running water — even if we move to a SP model — there is still business to be had in innovation — back bone of US economy. What we say at the end of the day — there are certain social relationships they must be shielded from becoming commodities. When people say “Free market works best” lets be clear that when people are left to their own devices — people think in ways that we now find immoral. This is a moral conversation — what is a right — our cause will flow over into others.

S.F. — All social workers stand up now — Nat Assoc of social workers is not behind this, but there are many who are. Health Care not Wealth Care Rally — hospitals are following the money not the community need. We do have an opportunity to work on building the grassroots

movement by aligning our selves with communities that are being cut from health care — Braddock PA — downtown completely boarded up — U of P — and they are closing the doors of the hospital on December 31st — decided that we had to protest this closing. Rally to save our hospital — 3 tv stations were there to film the planning meeting for this rally. Golden opportunity to put into work soc work concepts — bridge the gaps between groups. UPMC. not only a med center multiple hospitals, cancer centers, private not for profit ins. The salary of CEO — 4.5 million. Plans for Civil Disobedience toward the closing time. Pres of council says he's prepared to sit down in lobby. Encourage other people to take these issues to heart, may not be explicitly SP — we have an opp to ed people about SP during these events — how SP will help. Think about this as an opportunity.

Rita — thanks everyone — I really thank HCN and Marilyn Clement who understood the south and we are so grateful (MC). I work at Grady hospital — used to be biggest trauma center in Southeast — brought 15,000 people engaged in grassroots in different issues — marched and passed hospital and demanded health care for all — chamber of commerce was taking over — the Grady coalition fought for a year. NEW England Jofmed (1989). Fought to make issue of SP part of issue of Grady. Only way they can survive NHI — build up more and more momentum. Extraction of profit from hc is incompatible with care. (applause). At Grady now — closing Grady dialysis — people who could not qualify for medicaid (undocumented) could not get dialysis. New groups are springing up all over the place. We need assess where this movement really is at, we need to reach back — history in the south of the civil rights movement — we know that a movement is was causes social change — the movement directed the legislative course, not vice versa — that's the struggle we have to engage in now (applause). Vision — whats in peoples minds — highest quality compassionate — less money — NSP — is the way to get it. But we need to overhaul the whole system — grass roots struggles are going to explode — we need to get into that struggle — United States Social Forum in Detroit in 20 10. Carry forward vision.

Mimi — my job as I see is is to tell you what MoSP do right and mistakes, and take away points.

1 — statewide all volunteer org — do a lot with a little — tiny dues 20 dollars — can't afford — you are still a member — when we have national speakers — we do it all — we have different ideas about what we should do — so we do it all. Not everyone can do CD.

2 — we have a state bill and we testify at state hearings.

3 — we have bimonthly meetings

4 — every other month we have a movie night — hc can be funny — showed Simpsons episode Homer to Canada

5 — First — picke5 Blue x blue shield / national citizen congressional hearing

Take aways

1 — story about the ants — ants had task of climbing the highest tower in the land — got tired — people surrounding said they'll never make it — ants started falling — the tower is too tall

and the ants are too small — the littlest ant kept going — “you’ll never make it your too small” — why did the little ant make it to the top — the little ant is deaf (laughter)

Be Deaf to Negativity.

2 — Keep Language Simple and Brief

Health Insurance is not health Care

Public Option is Privatized

Medicare is Privatized

VA is Privatized

Free Market = Insurance RUN

3 — Coalesce work with groups who will work for SP, do not work with groups who will work for something else. or are funded by insurance co. (applause).

Don Bechler — CA — building our base of supporters and building our numbers — as a movement we are still somewhat small — how big is your database and how will you grow it? (200, 500, 1000, 10000). This past year we started off thinking hc is going to be in the news — we made sure that part of our goal was to build our numbers during this process — we have moved from 7500 to almost 13000 — important to quantify numbers — get word out — grows base of activists — we are always asking people to do things. Post cards — on streets — add to database using these tools — the whole process is building our data base — everyone in this room develop plan to increase data base — our movement isn’t big enough. Faith based savings from PO — because people want to have something going — we all know it’s nonsense. Have less confidence in politicians — this is a good time for activists — there are all of these Obama supporters who are now wondering what’s going on. This is a teaching moment for us to reach out to those people. and as negotiators you should set the bar higher than what you want.

Strategy Discussion: How can the upcoming election year be used to promote single-payer national health care?

Kevin Zeese, Prosperity Agenda, Russell Mokhiber, Single Payer Action, Sandy Fox, Western PA Coalition for SP, Tim Carpenter, Progressive Democrats of America

Moderated by Margaret Flowers, PNHP MD

MF — pleasure to introduce Kevin Zeese.

KZ — Headlines from NY Times — 1 million dollars per soldier to go to Afghanistan. Where is the CBO analysis of that? Roach wrote in and they put it in congressional record. What access means to these corporations is they write the bill and we vote for it. Senate bill was written by the industry. If you support it you are supporting the industry. Should we come out in opposition to bill?

Here to talk about elections. Just like with health care — we are not the best democracy in the world. United States ranks very low, we’re not truly a democracy — when we draft constitutions, we don’t use ours as a model. Election years are not only about running — even if you are 501c3

— you can do a lot of great outreach. Organize at the congressional level a real SP movement that can not be ignored. Opportunity to embarrass them as they run for office. Use election year — build our data base — it's more important to us to have a movement than a politician (applause). It was not LBJ — it was Civil Rights Movement, not Wilson — womens movement, not Lincoln, but the abolitionists. The most important paradigm shifts did not come from the 2 party system— it is the challengers that make the change. Abolition for 100s of years — fugitive slave act — decided to go outside of system and have new party. Whigs replaced by republicans — Abraham Lincoln — those ideas came from outside of the system, 3rd party candidate. Losing is the path to winning. Let's not fear losing. Realize that we are in a paradigm shifting moment, use the election to push that further.

MF — Kevin ran for Senate — had debates (green, Progs, etc.)

Tim Carpenter — Health of Progressive Dems — tools in election season — break open a tool kit — Kevin and I don't disagree on the analysis — have to take heat from the street into congress. Many people who will be running in the coming years are in this room. Challenge dems in the primary. Congressional district organizing is cornerstone of PDA. What if we just had a collective email address. So that PDA and all of us collectively, the election system is going to work us and the politicians are going to work us. Data banks can be broken down by congressional district. National Priorities Project — should be in the top three when you go home — they are your think tank. We can make an economic case to friends and neighbors. Meet with congressman and challenge them the third Wednesday of every month, we will keep coming back and coming back. We want to leave you better able as a community to organize. Have nurse with you when meeting with congressperson — Prog Dems — our fight is within the dem party. Beginning with the reelection effort for Eric Massa to get a progressive democratic majority.

Sandy Fox — Western PA coalition for SP health care — spans 5 congressional districts — and we try to organize by congressional district. One of the strategies that we have used in the past — is interviewing candidates for office in congress about perspectives on HC and knowledge of SP. All three of dems took positions for SP saying that they would cosponsor HR676. Did not win. (SP candidates did not win). John Murtha — problems with ethics / defense contracts. Etc — said yes to co sponsor HR 676 — needed the support of labor. Recommend — interview candidates running for office. Need to remember the value of the Green Party and other independent parties. Mike Doyle — green party candidate pushed him over. Last point — we need to ask candidates when we interview about their position on accepting contributions from ins. industry and public campaign financing.

Russel Mokhiber — Corporate Crime reporter in DC — SP action — Tim convinced me that the dem party is the problem not the solution — even if we do our best and elect prog candidates — 88 cosponsor and what do they do about it, nothing. one of the first tip offs, 2 newspapers on the Hill — ins co take out full page ads — will do a special issue on HC will invite members of cong to write about SP — prog caucus did not talk about SP — first thing they did — they gave up — unlike the blue dogs who drew a line in the sand — fall back was a robust public option — letter on July 30 — 54 — anything less than a pub opt tied to medicare rates is unacceptable and then they accepted it. Chair of prog caucus write articles in Politico — if there are triggers, I might consider voting against it — the reality is that we can not trust anything these people say. We

know SP is unrealistic for this year — but they could have put SP on the front page of every newspaper — they could have done what the bull dogs did. I think we should take a stand. We should vote today that this bill is a turkey we should draw the line and say defeat this bill, start from scratch, pass SP.

MF — a lively panel (laughter).

Kevin from Phil — In the past several years, civil rights attacked through ballot initiatives —

PDA = resolutions — great organizing tool. In MASS we passed clean elections and politicians took away.

KZ — great idea to put these into the discussion — look at the whole budget of what it's going to cost. I'd say go for it — it's pretty much a west of the Mississippi solution.

PDA — think even smaller — schools — precincts.

Drew Hamilton — Stl AFT — following up on Michael Moores call for a national march on Washington — here is a resolution that we have for a national march on Washington for jobs, piece, and HC. We were only able to end the Vietnam war by marching. We can do that now, we can have a national march on Washington. I encourage you to read this and get orgs to support.

Bob Morsten — CA — Duplicity in Dem party — ballot initiative — put forward as open primary — if this goes through — no 3rd party would find a way on a ballot every again. The Rep party has never shown the contempt for LIb that Dems have shown for greens etc.

RZ — Naders spokesperson — Democratic party very undemocratic — if we don't support what we want then we are not going to get it. Movement will die in the democratic party. We need to keep the SP movement independent of the Dem Party.

PDA — couple of things in regards to Kevin — important not to turn on our own movement — all about SP — disagree on electoral strategy — opposing that initiative — working for clean elections — Progressive first dem second

???? — If we defeat this bill, what will happen politically — what's the best stand we can take to elect more dems.

Russel — why do we cede the criticism of this bill to teabaggers — end up in jail because you don't have ins. We have to take a stand now — for SP and not for this bill.

MF — pressure on legs.

Healthcare-NOW! STAFF UPDATE

Tom Knoche — Organization and its governance — when MC became ill we had to figure out how to fill her void — instead of one person — we have a 9 person steering committee that has worked. We also started the process of fixing bylaws to make them consistent with the way we are operating. Approved by board on an interim basis — will refine so that they work better for

org — in addition to making steering comm official, membership categories — membership elects every 2 years the board of directors. have 6 openings — Margaret Flowers has been designated by PNHP — 34th member of current board. Nominees — concerned with various constituencies. Suggestion for 6 spots to fill board.

Board Members suggested and voted to elect: Rita Valenti, Vashti Wnterberg Edith Kenna, Mikuak Rai, Mona Shaw, Lindy Hern, Rita Valenti

Roughing out the strategy

Knoche — This is the first time that we will do this without MC — need to craft a plan that integrates all of us. We've got to build our movement — build stronger coalitions, deliver messaging — all of this building we have to do to strengthen existing coalitions and build new ones. All of these groups have different tactics — everyone has to do what works best for you. There is not one tool that is going to win this movement for us. Next year is different than last year, we're talking about shifting some energy into the grass roots efforts around the country. Want to increase HCN national visibility. MC health care justice fund — provide interns to local coalitions around the country.

M — Voice and visibility is important — as a musical artist I feel responsible to get my musical peers involved in this movemen — every movement has its music. I think we need all types of music. Maybe on a national basis we should have some kind of concertt that could be televised nationally. Find national celebrities that have that kind of pull. The dazzlment with the Obama Admin is going to wear off after this year and then we can get some actors and musicians to engage

Jeanin Malloff — online journalist with Huffington Post — my slant is to deal with the differentiated treatment that proponents of SP recieve compared to ins. Dr. Flowers were arrested becaus the interupted, but ins companies not sued. I am an JEANINE MOLLOFF equal opportunity harrasser. Piece on Cindy Shien. Full accountability and transparency.

Pat Macue — STL — inner cit highschool teacher — email clearinghouse once a week.

David B. — Media is definitely necessary — some people don't learn with numbers — have concert and broadcast via youtube. More visual medai become part of what we're doing. That way people can hear and listen to what they want to . Textual gets drowned out. Another thing is branding — trying to put ethical system into what we're fighting for. We are discussing their leg as health care reform and it's not. 3 — learnign more from our opposition, their strategies and what has workded . They are very effective.

???? — emphasis on coalition buiding and expanding our movement. This movment has a budding start — Arnold R. what should happen — a movement for NHS should come to be.

Sandy Fox — propose that board HCN review bills which would allow for publicly funded election, and integrate it into the movement.

Marsha Salbury — physiology of activists and poets are the same.

Kevin Zeese — prosperity agend — got 5000 people signed up. Keep activist base active. We should conciously organize on a congressional district level. Let's come out clearly and say we need to vote this bill down.

Kay Tillow — experience with CO at Humana — it was a powerful event — dominates the politics of our state — 20 years ago wrapped Human with red tape. We live in a state where there is a dom of politics — sit in was a big think and a liberating feeling. We didn't think we'd even get in, and the doors opened. Marble rotunda — statues from the 1st century. PR guy came down said — we want HC reform too and you are welcome to stay. If they arrested us the community was with us — chanted, played the tambourine. It was a very empowering experience. Women transitions brought our pillow. CD is an important piece. Go after the mass organizations that are now signed on to HCAN — we should work to bring those organization. Renew the conversation. Build in Ken — instead of immersing ourselves — built an organization specifically for SP. I'm very excite about the work that Sandy and others are doing to work wih the people where hospitals are being closed etc. Single Payer will make all of our care equally valuable, there will be no reason to move away from the disadvantaged areas.

Sarra Harris — propose that we really brand this movement by using HC is a human right. in wkshp there was talk about the need to make that message really clear. Says that we want health care for everyone that has a heart. We live in our American society that criminalizes poor people and looks down on people who don't pull them up by their bootstraps — we have a million people under 30 who can't get a job.

Lisa Stiller — web page that we can list best practices — actually see what people have done. One of the biggest problem is media — how can we reframe the message.

???? — Reiterate the importance of direct action. Nobodies gonna get hosed down like they did in the civil rights movement, no one forced fed like the women who got us the right to vote. This is another face of the war.

Ethel Long-Scott — I'm not going to give them sick ass dems any more time. Break the silence on the murder that is happening.

??? two things — Community groups organizing own HC — not part of HC reform debate because excluding them from the beginning, also need to make sure that their ideas are brought into the movement.

The Maryland group calls itself Health Security — they will be stolen by our opponents. Everything but SP gets stolen and abused.

Margaret Flowers — from this year, we were expecting a debate — only those involved were those who could pay for a seat. go into communities and have debate. Wendel Potter — what insurance co do is the find an org and find some commonality with org and join and have that power — we should do the same thing — groups all across the board. Some Libertarians get this. The other thing that we can to is to talk to ins co — one of our delegates came — go after ins co through legislation. — publish denials. Organizing on the cong dist level is imp but also

important to organize regionally. Branding — white ribbon — symbol. Were going to have members of congress wear. Use the one finger as rally's. Civilized med.

Petrowski — lets be clear, sen Baucus said from first day and that it was not on the table, he understood — we explain and once people get it they get it. Focus on the ins co and get people to talk about their experiences. Every year double your membership. I'd like to encourage every group to pledge that we've doubled membership. We all have to do that if we are going to win. We're all struggling with — theres a lot of information out their — CNA and PNHP put out great material — need a way to synthesize these materials. What are the next steps in these things? Getting these out clearly. Develop long term theory and strategy.

Edith Kenna — we all have a little Paul Rever in us. NO difference between democracy and business now. We talk about sharing info, there is something that prevents us from sharing our list serves with eachother, because we all have certain secondary agendas. SO we are not opposing this bill yet, because there are some things in it for some of us. I want us all to be going forward on SP — this is a democratic issue — we are not free — insurance companies have a lock on us — come out clearly — fist in a velvet glove. This is civilized medicine. Please find a way that we can focus on civilized medicine and share with each other.

Ken Kenigus — Texas — I'm following on the last person — i think its very important as we make our statement about this bill — we need to make sure to say why. Have to distinguish from the right. The time is right to go back to all of those organizations. They fell in line because it was Obama, because it was the democratic party.

Paul / NEA — Health care is not a right — it ought to be a right — myth of the middle class — also taught that hc is a right here, it's not. I respect and understand that we need to get dem party elected. Build a movement, keep it independent.

Ray — Health care is about humanity — that has got to be in your message — its about a civilization of people — even crosses the barrier of sexual orientation — partners have a partner getting health care — I haven't heard this discussed. How many people have a main street? Go to every business owner and ask them how they are handling health care — coerced by HCAN — thats you get around commerce.

??? build on the campuses of state schools and universities — it could start with a simple flier — amazed at the amount of support and the quality of support.

???? the Tea Part y People will be out protesting — billion airs for welfare — weekly vigils.

Kevin Phillie — haven't heard alot about story telling and the power — Obama is using this — we need to get our own stories out there — get more youth and minorities involved — reach out to communities and get those stories — draw people in that way.

Martin Tomlinson — if adults aren't gonna do something about HC — kids are (maybe 10).

5 minutes to walk around and look at these ideas — mark down the things that strike you as the highest priorities.

Results of Survey will be emailed out to everyone — work program will change as we move along.

??? — I like the idea of the music — we are not voicing on media and tv. IF you did the music thing and got the music people in intertainment behind you.

Dunzic — I think that it is really really important for us to be clear about opposing the bill — as respectful of our broader goal — breaking down HCAN and pull them into our fold.

Knoche — vote on opposition — craft a statement? WHO wants to work on that committee? It's really important that we get our message out.

David — the messaging should be kept as simple as possible — self explanatory — any comm that's formed that info should be available in simple to digest video messages — no one is going to read it (chair of comm).

rick — conf calls too big — regional conf calls. easier to follow who is talking.

??? we can't leave those ins. companies alone — we must continue to target ins co (many hands).

??? — keep in touch with people working on local clinic and hospital closings.

??? — national mobilization effort

House Parties — Bob H.

Investigate who if any pol party votes for — expose them in the media.

KR — one more comment — this is a critical process and ongoing process — this process will continue

Mark — a board of totally kids — Health Care NOW kids. — youth advisory board.

Rebecca E. – closing remarks before workshops — I was worried that there would be a somber tone, Everyone up beat — ready to go out there, move forward, and win this fight.

Dunzic — joy it's been to be your co chair. MC vision to move on into the future. Every IN Nobody OUT, Health Care NOW