

March 13 Indivisible Meeting Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTCARDS

Hope you are all writing them

Start mailing them by March 24th

If you are not writing them, please let Monica know. We don't want postcards to go unwritten

PARTY

March 20 - we have the community center until noon

First hour for the bills we are following

Let Stephanie know what you are billing

HB 7 passed - gender affirming healthcare and reproductive rights

HB 13 -provider protections is making the rounds

SB19 - took out most of the things we care about. She spent 14 hours dealing with it and threaten to kill it. DPS begged her not to. Because the language that helped them get through 2022 law is in SB19.

Scheduled to go to be in Finance. She doesn't know who to believe. They passed HB2 but they are not doing anything about \$ because HB2 has been passed already. What's the point -HB2 has been passed. If it passed, this should jump in Senate tomorrow. There is a spot on the house schedule and Rachel is writing amendments for the House Judiciary. If that happens on Wed goest to house floor. Then it has to go through concurrence.

Hijacking? Never really know. Municipal League stalled it. But it triggered a process that took chunks. Out. They left consequences for reporting in the bill but left out the consequences.

Health studies to look at cost drivers and look at Medicare whatever. Both passed but they don't have \$ because not in the budget. Munoz says no new \$.

Environmental - we don't know what's going on. Somewhere they are taking all water bills but putting in dummy bills.

Guns - utterly furious, we don't know what's going on.

Voting Rights HJR1 redistricting commission, stalled in HJ

HJR2 - Legislative and 8 in committee

Child Protection Witness not happing. Judiciary - Senate - Cervantes doesn't like it. Eliza is trying to push the ATTY G. Passed the house 62-3 McQueen it.

Wildlife - Please email Senators vote yes HB 184 - hunters and wildlife people want this bill and the head of a dept does not.

Reforming the NM Game and Fish Dept stalled.

Question for Rachel - if our screwed up bill gets passed, isn't a bad bill passing not a good idea. Answer - yes , if it passes and we can amend that would be better. She thinks it's neutral. Moe says this is the first time an outside group has proposed. They cut out the citizen and front line police dept. Story: very little gets through in one year. He thinks it will be in people's mind and be more acceptable. Sticking use of force politicized it.

Marti - public power. You learn who is against you this year and educate them for next year. Are the municipalities coming in because of the screwed up bill or original bill.

SPEAKER

Donna Down - health security expert

Health Security Act

insures comprehensive coverage for all NMs w/o network

Standardized benefits, comparable to state employees.

Run by a board through savings and some premiums and co-pays. Would support the program

Studies three times over 20 years and shown to save billions.

Doesn't get passed through LEGIS. Because HC is complex. Legis don't feel comfortable passing huge systemic change. Allows NM to start their own plan. Bingaman got ACA to allow NM to do this. Private insurance would be diminished.

Hasn't been passed because of lobbyists.

It's in a design process. Cost drivers are all in. The Senate and house bill are running into similar problems

Medicaid managed care program is wrought with over payment. Might go the junior route.

Donna - the individual leg have discretionary \$. Is the \$ from last year's junior money. Not sure where we are on this issue regarding junior money.

Medicaid expansion is just in the budget. Would up the income ceiling so that more people would be eligible for medicaid.

Medicaid HB 264 Health care viability

HB 293 and SB290. These have all passed their committees but no \$ in the budget.

Donna - Health Care Drivers is not only about what drives costs but what are some of the solutions. One of which is global budgets. And how we pay doctors creating stress on doctors. Lessening the requirements for Doctors' to get paid. This incentivizes reducing care and reduced healthcare for population. The third is out of control drug prices. Requires transparent drug pricing This plan with 2M people on it would have the leveraging. IT systems and insurance policies and rules.

Health Security Act does not have details - just broad requirement. It will set up a commission.

7 hospitals have closed in recent rules because they have to show profits. OB ER and Mental health are not profitable. If they have a global budget - then they have \$ to keep those services.

HSA would allow rural communities to use as fits the community. Would free up the county indigenous funds.

HSA no networks - especially important in rural areas. Mental health treated on parity with medical care.

Legislature is afraid is anything big. They balk at anything big or large.

Donna: physician burnout is high. Small Dr. Practices are losing to larger because of the admin costs. We think burnout will be reduced.

They way we control HC costs is to restrict utilization and for Drs to deliver to less care. Reducing utilization has to be shared. Dr. Visits and hospital stays are lowest here in the world. That's not good.

And no co-pays for Chronic care. The system we have now is more complex than what we are proposing. Not having a price list for an MRI, etc. is what drives costs. Insurance, practice, and us. These are the three payers - and we are the only ones who don't get to know prices. Predatory nature of our healthcare systems.

What are we doing to incentivize to stay in business?

Wee are making huge overpayments are hard to get back and making a huge impact.

Monica - wouldn't it be better to work for Universal Health? Biggest problem with advantage care is that they impose networks. Medicare for all? Keep private insurance companies in charge? More and more \$ going to private insurances so it's not clear that universal

HSA not a single payer - excludes active duty and retirees and federal employees. Tribes and others will have options. Not all NMs would be covered. We won't throw away things like VA, etc. HB 300 or 400 doesn't address health care costs.

We NEED TO GET PRIVATE HC insurers out of the system.