



Missourians for Single Payer Health Care

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Julia E. Lamborn Gettinger

A time of thanksgiving is upon us. As we contemplate this season, let us not forget our MoSP board members; past, present and future. MoSP has a working board. Our board members go to the outer limits to serve the organization. We have been privileged to have dedicated, hard working members. Two of our most loyal board members are retiring at the end of this year: Jim and Esther Clark. We owe them a debt of gratitude. They serve MoSP as co-secretaries, help set up and take down props for meetings, provide popcorn and help with movie nights, lead actions, make signs, act as bouncers; anything that has been needed. When you see them please take the time to personally thank them. Don't forget our other board members, those still serving and new ones. Remember Anne Bader, our dedicated newsletter editor, and Sheri Whalen, our hard working webmaster. While you're at it take the time to thank yourself. Without our members, we wouldn't have an organization. I thank all of you for your service and your confidence in me to serve as your president.

15th Annual Meeting and Election

MoSP will have the 15th Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, Hanke Room downstairs. All are welcome, but only members in good standing are allowed to vote (dues current).

Refreshments will be provided. Election of Officers and Individual Board Members will be held.

Nominations will be taken from the floor with the consent of the nominee. Board members serve a 2 year term. Board members shall attend quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors, special meetings when called, be members in good standing, and will be expected to serve on committees.

Nominees are:

President: Julia Lamborn Gettinger (serving again)

Vice President: Mimi Signor (serving again)

Secretary: Suzanne Hagan

Treasurer: Mary Jane Schutzius (serving again)

Individual Board Member: Ed Weisbart

Program Chair: Roger Signor (serving again)

Remaining MoSP Programs for 2010

Mark your calendar. All are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Hanke Room at Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road in Ladue.

November 18 MoSP program

December 16 Annual meeting

Nursing Perspectives on U.S. and Canadian Health Care

A panel of experienced registered nurses will present MOSP's public program at the **Ethical Society on November 18 at 6:30 pm**. Panelists include **RNs Tracy Zackson, Flo Speer, and Rosemary Gaertner**, all from Canada, who now live and work in the United States. They will talk about health care in the United States and Canada.

Tracy, Flo, and Rosemary, whose collective span of hands-on health care experience covers over one hundred years of nursing, are virtual powerhouses at the workplace. They will tell personal stories and give their insight into the different philosophies and culture of care of the U.S. and Canada.

Tracy, from Stratford, Ontario will give a brief history of the evolution of Canadian medicare, a single payer national health program. Flo, from Sidney, Nova Scotia will tell how her family moved to Boston seeking specialized health care, but later returned to Canada for excellent, affordable health care with dignity. Rosemary, a family nurse practitioner from Grand Falls, Newfoundland will compare the limitations of providing care in rural Canada with providing care in busy urban St. Louis.

Come to listen and learn from these superb nurses. Expect an informative discussion with Q & A. A short MOSP meeting begins at 6:30 pm, followed by the panel presentation.



Healthcare NOW 2010 Annual National Strategy Conference

Healthcare NOW, the national single payer organization holds its annual strategy conference in Philadelphia, PA on November 13-14. Joining in the conference are Physicians for a National Health Program, Progressive Democrats of America, the California Nurses Association, labor unions, faith groups, and state single payer organizations. Lindy Hern, MOSP member and director of Healthcare NOW, and MOSP President Julia Lamborn will report on the conference for MOSP's winter newsletter. St. Louis was hosting city for the 2009 national conference at which MOSP gave greetings and participated on strategy panels.

—Mimi Signor, RN



Rally for Health Care Sanity

In Washington, DC, single-payer advocates gathered at the Rally to Restore Health Care Sanity Saturday, October 30, 12 noon at 4th Street on the National Mall (Capitol side of the street). Healthcare-NOW's campaign to implement a national universal healthcare system is the sane answer to our healthcare crisis. Corporate interests pour millions into propaganda and lies about rationing and death panels to stop universal health care from coming to the US.

Local rallies nationwide occurred simultaneously. Medicare for All advocates rallied at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis October 30 to get postcards signed by sane people who don't want to cut Social Security and Medicare, and instead want improved Medicare for All. These postcards can be downloaded at www.healthcare-now.org. Pamella Gronemeyer, MD, representing Healthcare-NOW, Physicians for a National Health Program, MOSP, and the Illinois Single

Payer Coalition staffed an informational booth. Let's support the sanest of healthcare systems, single-payer health care: a system that will cover everyone, use our healthcare dollar wisely, and save money for our country, our states, our cities, our schools, and our families.

(From Healthcare-NOW)



MOSP Honored with the Paul Wellstone Community Service Award

The Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) honored Missourians for Single Payer Health Care (MOSP) at their annual national meeting held in St. Louis on October 16, 2010. The Paul Wellstone Community Service Award is presented to a “community organization that has made significant and noteworthy applied sociological contributions in the community where they serve.”

MOSP President and Vice President Julia Lamborn and Mimi Signor accepted the Wellstone award in behalf of MOSP and spoke to AACS during their awards luncheon. MOSP members Lindy Hern, a professor of sociology and PHD candidate at the University of Missouri, MOSP director Stefany Brot, Glen Gettinger and Helen Schlarman also attended.

The award is named for the late U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone, a modest man who championed working class Americans and worked for the common good. Senator Wellstone was author of the Wellstone-McDermott Bill, which provided for national universal single payer health care. Senator Wellstone and his wife Sheila were killed in a plane crash eight years ago during a reelection campaign.

—Mimi Signor, RN

Medicare for All MO-Kan Joins MOSP

MOSP is happy to announce that Medicare for All MO-Kan has joined with us. Medicare for All MO-Kan is a single payer organization located in greater Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. Some individuals in the MO-Kan group have also been members of Missourians for Single Payer. After St. Louis, Missouri and MOSP hosted the National Strategy Meeting of Healthcare NOW last year, MO-Kan voted to join MOSP as an organizational member. MOSP looks forward to working with MO-Kan educating the public and advocating for our single payer bills in Washington, DC, and in our state capitols. State Representative Michael Brown and State Senator Jolie Justus, both of Kansas City, MO, have been single payer bill sponsors.



Physicians for a National Health Program Annual Meeting

PNHP's Annual Meeting is Saturday, Nov. 6 in Denver, with Leadership Training Institute on Nov. 5. PNHP activists from all over the country are continuing the drive for single-payer health reform on the state and national levels.

Distinguished speakers include Democracy Now host **Amy Goodman**, PNHP co-founders **Drs. David Himmelstein** and **Steffie Woolhandler**, pharmaceutical industry critics **Donald Light** (editor of the new book *The Risks of Prescription Drugs*) and **Joel Lexchin**, American pediatric surgeon practicing in Canada **Dr. Sherif Emil**, labor activist **Rose Roach** and journalist **T.R. Reid** (author of “The Healing of America”).

(From PNHP, www.pnhp.org)

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