

Legislative-Policy Committee
(Meeting Time: First Wednesday, 5 PM)

Mission Statement:

Work with state legislators and constituents on steps toward enactment of the Minnesota Health Plan (MHP) by way of de-privatizing public health programs, while working (as much as we can) for Medicare for All and protecting traditional Medicare from privatization.

Work Plan 2024 is proactive and involves coordination with the Education/Training, Base-Building, Coalition-Building, and Communication Committees, and Judy. Planning has yet to be done for de-privatizing Medicare and for ensuring that the three reports mandated by Article 16 of the 2023 health law are done properly.

Goals:

1. Persuade Departments of Health and Human Services (DHS) and Commerce to analyze at least one de-privatized public option model and to recommend that version to legislators.
 - a. Task: Determine status of the DHS/Commerce report.
 - b. Task: Inform key legislators (MHP Caucus and pro-deprivatization) of the report's status and continue to work with them on legislative strategy.
2. Persuade relevant health committees to endorse a de-privatized version regardless of what Commerce recommends.
 - a. Task: Find constituents of health committee legislators (and eventually constituents of other legislators) to converse with them on the savings of a de-privatized public option and de-privatized Medical Assistance and MNCare.
 - b. Task: Enable constituents (via information and trainings) to effectively converse on cost-savings through de-privatization with their legislators via letters and meetings (one-on-one, district town halls, and either lobby day [if held] or scheduled office visits).
3. Garner pro-MHP candidates by using the electoral process.
 - a. Task: Attend electoral work training or view its recording.
 - b. Task: Attend precinct/county caucus to get MHP and de-privatization resolutions passed and to become a delegate to the SD convention. Lobby delegates at the state convention as a delegate or guest.
 - c. Task: Door-knock for MHP candidates in general election.

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Coordination Sub-Committee: Dave, Kip, Dawn, Don (as reported to board)