

# Working Group Report

During the course of the meetings on July 18 and July 25 we will:

- 1) Identify priorities for potential work/activity in the next year
- 2) Reflect on connections with these activities and how they intersect with our larger ongoing efforts to confront and challenge racism and capitalism, and the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3) Identify allies & how we might work with them
- 4) What connections do we want to make with others involved with PHM outside of the US?

In working groups we will develop:

- 1) concrete steps for 3 months
- 2) plans for what we want to achieve in 6 months and in 1 year

Each group will be asked to prepare a presentation for closing session on July 25.

Working Group \*

Health systems reform & access to equitable and respectful healthcare ▼

## Session 1: Analyzing the issue

Instructions for Working Groups for Session 1:

1.1 Briefly review actions and positions that PHM US and/or PHM North America and/or PHM Global have done in the past around the Working Group's topic.

1.2. Each topic is quite broad -- Please identify some specific issues/ sub-topics that this Working Group feels should be the focus, for now? Why?

1.3 What are PHM-USA's strengths in addressing these issues? What value-add can PHM-USA bring to current activism around these issues?

1.4 How does activism around these issues link to PHM's over-arching goals of confronting racism and challenging capitalism?

1.5 What types of actions might be most feasible and/or effective for addressing each of these issues?

1.6 What is PHM-USA or individual group members/organizations present already doing on these issues?

1.7 With whom can PHM-USA collaborate with on activism on these issues? Whose efforts can we join or support?

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PHM-USA has supported single-payer, universal health care in the US: advocacy, articles, partnering with other groups. Also participates in the Resisting Privatization project with PHM-Canada collecting stories about organizing/movements about privatization.  
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Resisting privatization of health services & Fighting against inequitable and discriminatory health services. Covid 19 has manifested and brought into fore the problems and challenges with the health services in the US more than ever. With elections around the corner, it is important to highlight these issues and push for the long pending reforms.

The Hawkins health care plan also known as Medicare For All as a Community-controlled national Health Service can be used as a reference along with the past work done by PHM. Universal and comprehensive health and health care for all, inclusiveness without any discrimination, regarding health as a public good, fighting privatisation and market interests in health care are some of the dominant themes that are found in the above mentioned documents.

1.3 What are PHM-USA's strengths in addressing these issues? What value-add can PHM-USA bring to current activism around these issues?

- Bring together other/partner groups around this issue. Identifying and inviting groups who may not generally be directly engaged with the issue.
- Bring right to health language to discussions
- PHM political economy analysis--going beyond health care, addressing neoliberalism

1.4 How does activism around these issues link to PHM's over-arching goals of confronting racism and challenging capitalism?

- Strong public health systems gives equitable access; people can avoid making difficult decisions between e.g. economic security & health
- Market/private sector doesn't have a moral obligation

1.5 What types of actions are most feasible and/or effective for addressing each of these issues?

-Legislative advocacy, issue advocacy  
-bringing interest groups together, building a solidarity movement  
-IPHU

1.6 What is PHM-USA or individual group members/organizations present already doing on these issues?

Case studies on privatization, article published in Lancet on the shortcomings of Obamacare/ACA, Global Health Watch, Wrote a statement on the UN High-Level meeting on UHC meeting demanding for strong public health services and keeping in the check private sector health services, the work of HOPE campaign on legislative advocacy for national improved medicare for all

1.7 With whom can PHM-USA collaborate with on activism on these issues? Whose efforts can we join or support?

HOPE campaign- legislative advocacy around Medicare for All Hope strategy meeting- notes/ basics Health over profit for everyone- PNHP/Margaret Flowers/Kevin Zeese, trying to recreate medicare for all towards greater ownership for health facilities. Issues that impact the policies of healthcare. Medicare for all expansion.

## Session 2: Planning the work

For each issue the group identified in Session 1, please respond to the following:

- 2.1 What are the key activities we envision?
- 2.2 Who are the key allies we want to involve/ work with?
- 2.3 What do we want to achieve in 6 months?
- 2.4 What do we want to achieve in 12 months?
- 2.5 What are the concrete steps we will do in the next 3 months?

### Activity 1

2.1 Key activities: Advocacy and organizing

2.2 Key allies: HOPE campaign, Kaiser Family Foundation, Other country PHMs

2.3 6-months: Visibilizing the issue of health as right, medicare for all

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### Activity 2

2.1 Key activities: Plan for an IPHU

2.2 Key allies: Other country PHMs, anti-US imperialism working group

2.3 6-months: Have completed IPHU and continue relationships built

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### Activity 3

2.1 Key activities: Draft a position paper on UHC in the US context

2.2 Key allies: HOPE campaign, Kaiser Family Foundation, PHM affiliated partners

2.5 3 months: Finalize position paper, circulate in time for elections

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### Activity 4

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