

## Summary WMM4A Meeting, June 13, 2018

### **A Special Note about Fundraising:**

This summer and fall, WMM4A will focus on a public education and organizing campaign, building toward the Single Payer non-binding ballot question in November. This will take some money! We want to raise \$1000 for extra literature, trainings, special events, and ongoing communication expenses, including the website and listserv.

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed in the past with cash at our monthly meetings, with checks, and online. We are also very grateful to the Markham-Nathan Social Justice Fund for their support, to the Mass. Nurses Association for a generous in-kind donation of printing, and of course, for all the many hours of volunteer work so many of you have contributed.

Please consider a donation to the current campaign to help spread the word and build support for Medicare for All in Massachusetts. Here's the link: <https://www.wmmedicareforall.org/donations/donate/>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, July 5th** - Granby Free Public Library, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Single Payer information session with showing of "Fix It" followed by Q&A with Jon and Deborah. Location is 297 E. State St. in Granby. Link to FB event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1712995138784937/>

**Sunday, July 8th** - Occupy the Airwaves radio show, 10 a.m.- 11 a.m.: topic will be Single Payer in Mass. Interview with Deborah. Community radio, WXOJ, 103.3 FM.

**Wed. July 11th** - Next monthly meeting of WMM4A at 60 Hampton Ave., Northampton, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. New folks welcome! RSVP: [info@wmMedicareforall.org](mailto:info@wmMedicareforall.org).

**Date TBD** - WMM4A Outreach Training. The first session on July 1 was filled to capacity and we will be scheduling another session soon. Watch for an announcement in the near future!

### WMM4A Monthly Meeting June 13th - brief notes

Words in remembrance of Arky Markham, longtime Single Payer advocate in western Mass. and social justice warrior who passed away on June 11th at age 103.

Discussion about outreach for the Single Payer ballot question and general public education this summer and fall:

- Plan in two phases — **Phase One**: up until the primaries on Sept. 4th. Include a focus on keeping Single Payer as a key issue on the minds of voters and candidates. **Phase Two**: leading up to the Nov. 4 elections — a more specific focus on educating about the ballot question itself and encouraging people to “vote single payer.”
- Coordination at different levels: **Local hubs** will coordinate activity in their communities, identifying candidate forums and other opportunities for outreach and media attention. The **Steering Committee** will coordinate support including training, messaging, literature, and fundraising.
- Beth Eisenberg will be coordinating training; George Coling - media; Deborah Levenson - messaging and literature. Nancy Talanian is our Treasurer.

Here are suggestions the group came up with for possible questions to ask candidates at forums or other events this summer:

- Do you support a Single Payer system for Mass? Why?
- What will you do to help bring the legislation out of committee?
- What is your understanding of how Single Payer would be financed at the state level, as proposed in the legislation?
- What skills would you bring to the process of discussing and advocating for Single Payer?
- In order to build support for Medicare for All in Mass., who will you work with and how will you do it?
- What have you done as a private citizen — or as a candidate or legislator — to advance Single Payer?
- Would you help to form an advocacy group in the legislature - outside of the committee structure - to advance Medicare for All?

