



## **President's Report** – Sherry

PNHPWW signed on to a letter, organized by the HCHR-WA coalition, to WA state Congressional reps to work against cuts to the ACA that will adversely affect the patients who have received access to health insurance in the Medicaid expansion and through the exchange and other positive aspects of the ACA. PNHPWW will work with other single payer organizations to write another letter to our reps asking them to use this opportunity to advocate for improved Medicare for All.

### **Past Events:**

**Feb 24 - Meeting with Pramila Jayapal** to ask her to take the lead in getting other Congressional reps to sign on to HR 676 and ask Bernie Sanders to introduce a similar improved Medicare for All bill in the Senate. The meeting was attended by reps from PNHPWW, HCFA-WA, Whole Washington, UfSP and Backbone Campaign.

**Feb 28 - “Now is the Time” health care reform movie screening.** Producers Laurie Simons & Terry Sterrenberg introduced their film and led the discussion. 40 attended.

**March 1 – Shoreline Aggressive Progressives meeting** on current status of the Trump assault on our HC system and single payer - David McL spoke & led discussion - 16 attended

**March 7 - HCHR-WA meeting** - reports on previous actions at Republican Representatives' offices and town meetings. Discussion focused around the Republican legislation revealed that day and organizing for response. Outreach & Rapid Response Committees will be formed.

**March 12 – WA-PoP (WA Protect our Patients) meeting.** PNHPWW members participated in this 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of a new group of mostly currently active health care professionals. Many are members of Doctors for America and the National Physician's Alliance. Focused at this point on resistance to ACA cuts through lobbying and participation in demonstrations.

### **Future Events:**

**March 17 – Screening of “Now is the Time” – Meaningful Movies in Kirkland, 7pm**  
– Northlake Unitarian Church, 308 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S, Kirkland, WA

**April 1 - March for Health – 11am-4pm** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/345637352502113/> - Westlake to Seattle Center. Opportunity to wear white coats and carry single payer signs.

**April 1 – Our Health is NOT for Sale - 9am-4pm**, Ethnic Cultural Center – 3931 Brooklyn Ave NE, UW Campus - free teach-in against the international privatization of health care. Sponsored by the People's Health Movement and Health Alliance International <http://healthallianceinternational.org/april7/>

**April 7 - Talk on the "Trump-Ryan Plan" aka the American Health Care Act and Single Payer** - 11:30am, UW Health Sciences - room to be determined - [for info](#)

**April 7 – National Week of call-in and write-ins to Congress against privatization of health care** - <http://healthoverprofit.org/international-day-of-action-our-health-is-not-for-sale/>

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**April 19 – PNHPWW April Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm** – Swedish Medical Center/Cherry Hill

**April 28-30 - PNHPWW 2017 Annual Public Meeting weekend – with George Lakey**, leader non-violent resistance theory and actions; **Carol Paris**, National President. PNHP

- **Friday, April 28 afternoon** - speakers meeting with UW Health Sciences students, organized by Students for a National Health Program - UW
- **Saturday, April 29, 7pm** – Annual Public Meeting – Kane Hall 210
- **Sunday, April 30 – all-day workshop led by George Lakey**, Vashon Island, on non-violent resistance & justice in health care – co-sponsored with **Backbone Campaign** at it's Northwest Change Agent Center campus

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## **The Seattle Transit Riders Union Plan to Strengthen Our Communities**

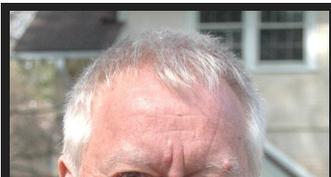
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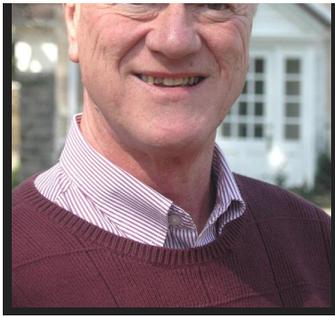


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## **Other News:**



The **PNHPWW Annual Public Meeting** will be Saturday, April 29, 7pm at UW Kane Hall, Room 220. **George Lakey**, a national leader for social justice using nonviolent direct action for over 50 years, will be our keynote speaker. Carol Paris, MD, President of PNHP will also speak. The rest of the Saturday meeting program



... will be announced as confirmed.

Lakey's first arrest was in the civil rights movement, where he initially learned about nonviolent campaigning. He applied the knowledge for peace, economic justice, LGBTQ rights, and his Philadelphia neighborhood's fight to save its trees. He's led over 1500 social change workshops on five continents. He writes about campaigning in his column on [WagingNonviolence.org](http://WagingNonviolence.org).

He recently retired as professor at Swarthmore College. He has written nine books. For more bio info visit [pnhpwesternwashington.org](http://pnhpwesternwashington.org).

Other April 28-30 PNHPWW weekend events include a **meeting with George and Carol and UW Health Sciences students** organized by the **UW Students for a National Health Program (SNaHP)** at the UW Health Sciences Center on Friday afternoon, April 28; a live radio interview with Mike McCormick on "Mind Over Matters," KEXP, 90.3fm; and a **workshop all-day Sunday, April 30 - "Getting healthcare for all: a nonviolent strategy workshop"** led by Lakey. The workshop goals: "Learn how nonviolent campaigning works; Apply the learning to the fight for single-payer health care." This event will be co-hosted by the **Backbone Campaign** at the beautiful site it hopes to acquire on Vashon Island for its **"Change Agent Training Center."** The suggested cost is \$25-100 (no one turned away), including food & transportation from the ferry. Space is limited, **so request to register here.**



Read Lakey's "**10-Point Plan to stop Trump and make gains in justice and equality**"

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