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**Forum on Single Payer Health Care
For Small Businesses, Health Care Providers and the General Public
to be held on Thursday, Nov. 2 @ 7:00 pm
67 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie**

The Dutchess County Progressive Action Alliance, in collaboration with the Physicians for a National Health Program, New York Metro Chapter and the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will present a forum on Single Payer Health Care on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 67 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie. As the rising cost of healthcare, with ever increasing premiums, copayments and deductibles are a major concern for small businesses and individuals, this forum will give information on how a single payer system can provide superior and affordable solutions to the rising cost challenges of healthcare. The forum will last approximately 90 minutes, and light refreshments will be served. For more information and to register (suggested), please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/119829388691520>

or email mydcpaa@gmail.com.

The forum will be led by Leonard Rodberg who holds a PhD in Theoretical Physics from MIT. He served as Director of the Science Policy Office in the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in the 1960's, and then served as a fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. Dr. Rodberg began his healthcare reform activities in 1974, when he led the development of the Dellums Health Service Act. He was one of the founders of Physicians for a National Health Program in the late 1980's. He is on the Board of New York Metro Chapter and is Treasurer and Research Director of the chapter. Dr. Rodberg recently retired as Professor and Chair of the Urban Studies Department at Queens College. He directs the Infoshare Community Data Service (www.infoshare.org), which provides health and demographic data on the communities of New York City and State. He speaks and writes frequently for the Chapter. He will be joined by other medical members of the community to present information on single payer, as well as answer questions from the audience. Small business owners are especially encouraged to attend.

Members of the Health Care team of the Dutchess County Progressive Action Alliance are collecting surveys from small business owners, and the results will be shared at the forum. If you are a small business and would like to take part in the survey, please contact mydcpaa@gmail.com.

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