

People there:

Alessa, Ruth, Francisco, Vikas, Alan, Ali, Deidre, Steph, Judy, Chris, Nancy

1. Write a Thon

Thirty people attended

Six in Boston

20pieces in all and more to come

2 already published

Focus was on insulin expense , Azar and Shekreli sentencing.

We are looking to get more details about what was written

Current campaign will continue until the summer at which time we will regroup.

Vikas and Leigh are working on a letter addressed to Governor Baker about big pharma and it's dual role as underwriter of worthwhile community partnerships as well as promoter of unaffordable drugs.

To this end Vikas has reached out to David Nathan to support and sign such a letter which he has termed a physician call to responsibility. Dr. Nathan has at least tentative agreed to this.

2. Plan for March for Life Rally on 3/24 on Boston Commom

We will attend together as a group. There will be two meet up locations : meet at Lown at 11:00 and at Arlington T stop.

We wish to show our support for group of trauma surgeons taking part.

The tag line may be " keep people alive" by making drugs affordable .

Promoting safety and FairPlay and a life free from fear of both guns and medical complications due to lack of affordable medicine. Our policy makers encouraged to consider people over profits .

Vikas mentioned...

When leaders act like children and children act like leaders, it's time for a change.

Mobilize outreach for the 24th by the outreach group but be sure not to diminish the more important effort on 3/27.

3. Outreach for 3/27

Mobilize allies and speakers. The tone is to be somber and thoughtful as we highlight the problem and create awareness around this issue.

Agenda for 3/27

12-12:10 Meet at Joslin

Announcements and expert speaker

12:10-12:30Walk to Harvard with Chants and signs

12:30 12:50 speakers and five stories about individuals living with Diabetes

12:50-1:00- call to action and wrap up with group photo

Chanting and sign making on Wed 3/21 at Low. Each will contribute materials for signs

Ideas for slogans on signs:

Pills costs pennies , greed costs lives

Alex Azar who do you work for ? People or profits

Ideas for event promotion

1. Reach out to Liberation Health Group in Boston
2. Friends at Sanofi
3. Diabetes Educators in clinic
4. Pharmacy schools
5. Nurses organizati
6. Students at HMS and Tufts
7. Paul Farmer through Jon Schaffer
8. Society for Participatory Medicine
9. Northeastern
10. Place fliers on bulletin boards around town

Edit for flier to call this a rally in lieu of a March

May date will be 5/12 on a Saturday

Our next full meeting scheduled on 4/18 at 6:30

We will do check in call prior to the event on 3/24