

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center
Dietetic Caucus Minutes
January 3, 2013

Brenda called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. The November, 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed. Jenn Wilson moved to accept them. The motion was seconded by Brenda and the minutes were approved. Present were:

Kay Leigh

Jennifer Wilson

Marcy Etherson

Joy Taylor

Brenda Ridgway

The meeting announcements/invitations were collected from those that remembered to bring them for a future CE drawing.

REPORTS

Treasury Report:

Jennifer Hoover gave the treasurer's report. The caucus has a balance of \$762.02 in the account as of November, 2012. \$109.00 was paid for the webinar that has been rescheduled for February 28, 2013.

WMAHEC Board of Directors:

The move to Windsor hall took much longer than expected. Joy reports she is still unpacking boxes and room construction is not yet completed.

The Dental Caucus is planning for their next Mission of Mercy which is scheduled for October 25 and 26, 2013.

Dr. Raver shared that the health department submitted a grant application to go to two to four areas to address health disparities. If it is awarded to this county, it would grant approximately \$1 million for Allegany County. It is a multiyear grant that could benefit the county residents.

Continuing Education:

As Linda and Theresa were not present at the meeting, this topic was tabled until next time.

However, Joy handed out the brochures for the David Meinz seminar coming in April. Some people have already received them in the mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Listserv & Web Page:

The member listserv was circulated for review and updates, and the webpage was circulated for review for updates also.

National Nutrition Month Projects

Discussion was tabled as Theresa was unable to attend the meeting.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics webinar has been rescheduled for February 28, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Nutrition Month 2013 Celebration

The RD Day celebration will be held Thursday, March 7, 2013. The theme this year is "Eat Right Your Way Every Day." The committee that is putting it all together is made up of Kay, Brenda, and Jennifer Wilson.

The therapists in the massage therapy caucus are interested in giving massages again. A CEU will be provided, options from Abbott Labs are not known yet, but Brenda has contacted the rep about this. Brenda is also planning the decorations. Brenda can get some decorations borrowed or donated from Aramark. The caucus will put in \$100 towards decorations and/or door prizes or anything else needed. Any members who have door prize donations can give them to the committee.

Highlights of National Nutrition Month 2013 Celebration

Approximately 55 people attended the Diabetes class in December; participation was high due to hospital employees going through the class.

On Martin Luther King, Jr. day, there will be a program on goal setting entitled, "Do You Have a Dream?"

The hospital dietitians are working with Community Relations Department to begin a nutrition blog written by the RD's.

The bariatric support group is going well. In February, the physician from the Hagerstown weight loss support group is coming to speak to the Cumberland support group.

A diabetes support group is going to be forming, as is a weight loss support group. The weight loss support group is coming to speak to the Cumberland support group. The weight loss support group will be separate from the bariatric support group.

Jenn is expecting big cuts in the funding for WIC. Food stamp education was cut.

Jennifer Hoover sat for and passed the CDE examination. Congratulations Jennifer!

The call for nominations for Outstanding Dietitian of the Year award will go out soon to all the caucuses. The nominations will be due back to Jackie Booth by January 31, 2013. The selection committee, made up of Meredythe Barrick, Jennifer Hoover and Marcy Etherson, will meet and make the selection by the end of February. If there are no nominations, the committee will not need to meet. Marcy is to contact Meredythe and Jennifer to make certain they are willing to serve on the selection committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2013 which will be the RD day celebration.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Etherson, RD