

# Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

## NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

January 8, 2015

Pucinni's Restaurant, Cumberland, Maryland

**CE Topic:** "Overview of Pain Management and Spinal Cord Stimulation" by Connie L. Walker, MSN, CRNP and Jennifer L. Baumeier, BA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Corrine Lamm called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Meghan Clayton  
Peggy Mahler  
Cynthia Shriver  
Victoria Willey

Terry Harvey  
Beverly McLaughlin  
Janell Sioma  
Joy Taylor

Corrine Lamm  
Cheryl Nelson  
Shannon Sprenkle

### REPORTS

#### Continuing Education

Kathy Condor was not in attendance to give the report but Joy reminded everyone that the EKG and Spirometry course was scheduled for March and that anyone interested in registration information could contact Joy or Kathy.

#### Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Terry Harvey gave Cathy Chapman's NPAM report and announced that NPAM is still trying to eliminate the Letter of Attestation and that if nurse practitioners want to see that happen, she recommended that they join NPAM so that the support and funding for that issue could be coordinated. She also announced that Governor-Elect Hogan recently met with some NPAM representatives and that he was very receptive to them and their cause.

#### Treasurer's Report

Audra Houser wasn't in attendance, but Joy gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that the balance in the NP Caucus account as of 11/30/14 was \$1,455.15. She did not have the December 31, 2014 financial report yet.

#### WMAHEC Board of Directors

Tim Purdy was not in attendance. Joy reported that WMAHEC is in search of a Treasurer for its Board of Directors Executive Committee and if anyone knows a treasurer or an accounting related person who would be able to participate on the Board of Directors, to let her know.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Review of Minutes

Corrine Lamm asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meeting and since there were no additions or corrections, the minutes are approved as written.

#### Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Corrine asked that everyone update their contact information on the master caucus listserv that was being circulated.

NP Award Committee

No update at this time.

Health Fair Committee Update

Terry Harvey asked everyone to give thought to the topics for the health fair booth in Garrett County this year. There was a lot of discussion regarding different topics that included immunizations, weight loss, HPV, supplements and osteoporosis. It was decided that we should choose a topic that no other agencies would display at the health fair and we would make a final decision at the next meeting. She also asked for everyone to check to see what give-a-ways anyone would have to contribute. Joy added that she heard that the Garrett County Health Fair would be incorporating a children's health fair into the event this year, so that may be of some idea of consideration too.

CME Plans

Terry discussed the CME plans. There may be some changes for the upcoming meetings. She should hear from the different representatives in the next few days and will forward that information to Joy. A topic that may be moved up into this year's plans is Hepatic Encephalopathy, which is liver failure from Hepatitis C and carcinoma. This presentation was originally scheduled for October 2015, but we may have an opening to slide them into sooner than that.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There was some discussion regarding available NP positions and also the hospitalist coverage at the hospital.

The next meeting will be held on February 12, 2015 at the Puccini's Restaurant. The presentation will be "Jardiance (empagliflozn) Tablets 10mg/25mg: A Therapy That, Along with Diet and Exercise, Improves Glycemic Control in Adult Patients" presented by Vishal Datta, MD, FACE. Corrine adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth