

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

February 12, 2015

Pucinni's Restaurant, Cumberland, Maryland

CE Topic: "Jardiance (empagliflozin) Tablets 10mg/25mg: A Therapy that, Along with Diet and Exercise, Improves Glycemic Control in Adult Patients"

CALL TO ORDER: Cindy Shriver called the meeting to order as Corrine Lamm was unable to attend.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Peggy Mahler	Beverly McLaughlin	Joy Taylor
Marcia Kesner	Shannon Sprenkle	Kelly Rock
Lawrence Rock	Mary Tola	Greta Cain
Nancy White	Barbara Pyle	Denise Wilson
Vicki Willey	Terry Harvey	Cindy Shriver
T. Dawn Wolford	Cathy Chapman	Jean Seifarth

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Kathy Condor was not in attendance to give the report but there were brochures for the upcoming EKG & Spirometry course in everyone's participant packet, as requested by the NP Caucus. If anyone has any questions about registering, please get in touch with Kathy or Joy.

Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman gave the report. She distributed a handout that discusses the NP Full Practice Authority Act of 2015 which is related to the Letter of Attestation that currently requires an NP to collaborate with a physician. Cathy reported that we need letters of support for this bill to pass. She said that the NPAM website has template letters for NP's to download and send to their legislature. The handout also discussed the Protecting Access to Rural Therapy Services Act. She's asking all NP's to contact their members of congress and request they co-sponsor the PARTS Act and support NP's ability to provide outpatient therapeutic services in small and rural hospitals. The final component on the handout is a piece of state legislation that is important to NP's and specifies that a bill just came out from Senator Addie Eckhardt that would allow psych NP's to do involuntary and voluntary admissions as a secondary signature. The bill is narrowly tailored to psych NP's and not all NP's. A hearing has been scheduled for February 18th. Cathy reports that we need to help our psych-mental health NP members in developing testimony, letters of support and grass root lobbying. She asked that everyone contact their NPAM legislative leaders ASAP and she gave the names and contact information.

In addition, there was discussion regarding the licensing between Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Treasurer's Report

Audra Houser wasn't in attendance, but Joy gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that as of January 31, 2015, the balance is \$1,450.15.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Tim Purdy was not in attendance so there was no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Minutes

Cindy 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

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

NP Award Committee

Audra Houser was not in attendance to give the report but Joy reminded everyone that in April we will do a request for NP of the Year nominations so that the choice could be made at the May NP Caucus meeting.

Health Fair Committee Update

Terry Harvey reported that the topic that they are going to do for the booth this year at the GC Health Fair will be Osteoporosis and Vitamin D. She asked who is planning on attending, and as of right now it will be Vicki and Terry; maybe Corrine, maybe Audra and maybe Cindy. There was discussion regarding the giveaways. The pinwheels have been very popular in years past but we may want to get something that's more related to the topic of the booth. There was a motion made and seconded that the committee members could get supplies and giveaways with a cap of spending \$100.

There was additional discussion on the health fair. Terry reminded the members that we always provide a \$25 Walmart gift card to be raffled off as part of the health fair and Joy announced that she received the health fair application and she would fill it out and send it in with the registration fee.

CME Plans

Terry announced that the March program would be conducted by GlaxoSmithKline and the topic would be on COPD and it would probably be at Pucinni's.

The other CME programs are Dr. Watkins from the WMHS in April on "Stereotactic Procedures" and in May its Cathy Dealie on "Diabetes" probably at the Fairfield Inn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joy discussed having a brief presentation on the Western Maryland ECHO Program. We will see if Melissa Clark can attend the April 2015 NP Caucus meeting to discuss ECHO. There was also a request from Heather Gable from Frostburg State University to conduct a presentation on the feasibility of an NP program at FSU at the March meeting. We will postpone the bulk of the regular caucus business meeting to allow Heather plenty of time. She will also bring Alzheimer's Association packets to distribute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Cindy adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth