

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

February 21, 2013

WMRMC, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Rooms 1-4 – Cumberland, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER: Janette Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Cynthia Shriver
Chad Hott
Ama Asamoah
Joy Taylor

Corrine Lamm
Michelle Green
Terry Harvey

Marcia Kesner
Janette Clark
Cathy Chapman

CE Topic: “Paradigm Shift in the Treatment of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and Pulmonary Embolism (PE)” by Dr. Neal White

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Linda Atkinson was not in attendance so there was no continuing education report.

Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman gave the NPAM report and announced that she attended the fall meeting and that there was a lot of good information and updates on certifications and CEU time frames. She also announced that there is a new executive director who is a nurse practitioner and she really knows her “stuff”. The next meeting will be held in April and Cathy said that her position as district director is up in the spring, and she will be happy to remain as the representative unless someone else would like to take over the position. She is also going to find out information on the Home Health Bill and will email it to Joy so that she can send it to the listserv.

Treasurer’s Report

Joy gave the report and announced that the Caucus has a balance of \$1,675.03 as of January 31, 2013.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Tim Purdy was not in attendance, so Joy gave the WMAHEC Board of Director’s report announcing that staff and students are all moved in to Windsor Hall. Students are reporting that they like living downtown. The next Board of Director’s meeting will be held on March 19, 2013. There is no update regarding AHEC funding at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Minutes

Janette asked members to review the attached minutes from the January 10, 2012 meeting. They were approved as written.

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the listserv asked everyone to update their information.

NP Award Committee

Audra was not in attendance but forwarded to Joy that the nomination email will be ready to go out next week and for attendees to give some thought to who they would like to nominate for "NP of the Year".

Health Fair Committee

Corrine announced that she bought the pin wheels for the give-a-ways at the Garrett County Health Fair and that someone who is going to be in attendance could take them with them because she most likely will have to work.

NEW BUSINESS:

CME Plans

Corrine announced that Dr. Charlie Moore from the ER would be presenting on "Decompensating Hyperthyroidism" at the next meeting in March, in auditorium rooms 5&6 at the WMRMC. In April, Dr. Sean McCagh will be presenting at his office, no title yet, and then in May, Dr. Mavromatis will be presenting at Corrine's house and we will have a pot luck dinner.

Legislative Issues

There was a lot of discussion about House Bill 1015, which is in regard to Step Therapy and that nurse practitioners should contact their state legislators asking for their support. Cathy Chapman serves on the PAC committee and will see about getting tickets to attend the politician's fundraising events that are usually held in the summer, and will forward that to the listserv to make sure a couple of people are in attendance for those. This contact will be very beneficial in gaining support for NP legislative issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Corrine announced that her company, MEP is working with Salem's Children's Trust. They are sponsoring a bake sale titled "Healthy Treats, Healthy Beats", where they will also be doing blood pressure readings as a community service project. She asks if anyone would like to help take blood pressures they would be welcome to participate. The event will be held on March 26, 2013.

Janette announced that Ama will be receiving an Award for Outstanding Service at the Miltenberger Emergency Service presentation in April.

Dan Cain is the representative from Johnson and Johnson who is organizing the Webinar this evening. After the Webinar there was additional discussion about some legislative issues

Janette adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth