

# Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

## NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

March 12, 2015

Pucinni's Restaurant, Cumberland, Maryland

**CE Topic:** "An Overview of the Placebo and Active Controlled Studies for Anoro Ellipta" by Dr. Roger Abrahams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Corrine Lamm called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Michelle Green

Terry Harvey

Cathy Chapman

Mehrnaz Ghorashi

Cynthia Shriver

Barbara Pyle

Susan McKenrick

Greta Cain

Kelly Rock

Peggy Mahler

Rondal Zapf

Joy Taylor

Vicki Willey

Janell Sioma

Shannon Sprenkle

Beverly McLaughlin

Corrine Lamm

### REPORTS

#### Continuing Education

Kathy Condor was not in attendance but she gave Joy brochures to distribute. They included the May 16, 2015, "Women's Health Today" program, the "The Ethics for Health Professionals", scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2015 and the "HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis C Update 2015" that is also scheduled for Friday April 24, 2015 and is free. Joy also announced that the Spirometry and EKG course that was previously scheduled only had 4 registrations and the course needed 8 attendees to run, so Kathy has rescheduled it for Saturday, November 14, 2015; EKG will be from 9:00 am to noon and Spirometry from 1-4:00 pm.

In addition, Terri Socha asked Joy to announce that there are a couple of Alzheimer's Update Series programs scheduled. One is for Wednesday April 15, 2015 titled "What's New on Assessment, Diagnosis and Medications" and it will be held at the WMHS auditorium rooms 1-3 and another one on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 titled "Managing Difficult Behaviors: From Use of Behavioral Therapies to Use of Psychotropic Medications". It will also be from 6-8:00 pm at WMHS auditorium rooms 1-3. Complimentary dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. CEs and CMEs for Nursing, Nurse Practitioner and Social Workers are requested.

#### Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman gave the report. She said that the bill regarding the Letter of Attestation was introduced on Tuesday and it went well. MedChi is not opposing but they are adding an amendment that nurse practitioners have to work with a doctor for four years before becoming independent. This week the bill will be in the House and next week it will be in the Senate. Cathy had additional NPAM information that she presented and discussed and she will give it to Joy electronically to be attached to the minutes.

#### Treasurer's Report

Joy announced the dues that have been previously received and that if anyone had not yet paid they were encouraged to do so soon. The dues are not a profit making effort; they are actually used to pay

for the CMEs that we have to purchase from the WMHS. She also announced that the NP Caucus has a balance of \$1,485.15 in their account as of February 28, 2015.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Postponed until the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Review of Minutes

Corrine 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

Postponed.

Health Fair Committee Update

There was discussion to make sure that we had an appropriate number of nurse practitioners able to attend the Garrett County Health Fair this year. Cindy Shriver, Vicki Willey and Janell Sioma are all planning to attend. The theme this year is Osteoporosis and Vitamin D. Terry will assist with making a poster and one of the members will need to pick up the display board from Joy as well as the \$25 gift card used for the raffle. Joy will go ahead and process the Garrett County Health Fair application with the registration fee.

CME Plans 2015

Postponed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

WMAHEC ECHO Program

Postponed until next meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There were no announcements and networking shared at this meeting and the remainder of the business meeting was devoted to Heather Gable's presentation on the feasibility of a nurse practitioner program at Frostburg State University. There was a lot of discussion and a lot of questions and answers regarding the pros and the cons and the barriers and challenges and Heather hopes to meet back with the NP Caucus in nine months or so to give an update.

Corrine announced the next meeting is scheduled on April 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm, location to still be determined. She adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth