

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

April 9, 2015

WMHS Auditorium Room #1, Cumberland, Maryland

CE Topic: "Radiation Oncology: Past, Present and Future" by Dr. Scott Watkins

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

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Mehrnaz Ghorashi
Joy Taylor
Corrine Lamm
Nancy White

Cynthia Shriver
Terry Harvey
Cathy Chapman

Jeannie Seifarth
Vicki Willey
Barbara Pyle

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Joy announced that she did not have a Continuing Education report this evening, but that she wanted to alert everyone that WMAHEC is transitioning to using Constant Contact to send out emails to our listservs. She asked that everyone be aware that if they are having trouble receiving emails and notices from us, or have any questions, to be in touch with Joy about those problems.

Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman gave the report and said that she hopes that everyone was reading the email updates that have been circulating. She announced that the bill is still alive and that the final vote will happen next Wednesday regarding the removal of the Letter of Attestation, so more news to come!

Treasurer's Report

Audra Houser was not in attendance so Joy gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that the NP Caucus has a balance of \$1,485.15 in their account as of February 28, 2015.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Tim Purdy was not in attendance but Jeannie was able to report on the WMAHEC Board of Director's meeting. She announced that several University of Maryland and DHMH representatives were in attendance at the meeting and that there was discussion regarding the WMAHEC Awards. The WMAHEC HR Policy Manual is also in the process of getting updated. She also announced that there are several new staff members at WMAHEC.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Minutes

Corrine asked everyone to review the attached minutes from the previous meeting and after review, the minutes were accepted and approved as written.

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Corrine distributed the caucus listserv and asked everyone to review and update their contact information.

NP Award Committee

Audra was not in attendance to give an update, so Joy asked the attendees if they wanted to award an NP of the Year this year. They all agreed that they did, so Joy announced that she will send out the NP nomination forms to all the caucus listservs in the next week, to allow enough time for people to respond. Joy reminded everyone that the selection process includes WMAHEC collecting all the nominations and then detailing them on a spreadsheet that will then be emailed to all the NP Caucus members who have paid their membership dues. Vote responses are to be sent back to Joy and the nomination that receives the most votes will then get the award. Everyone agreed that we would continue with this process again this year.

Health Fair Committee Update

Terry Harvey gave the update and it was announced that Vicki Willey, Cindy Shriver and Janell Sioma would be attending the health fair and manning the booth this year. They received first aid kits to distribute. They also have some bone health packets, some bubbles and post it's as giveaways. Joy brought the NP display and the Walmart gift card and gave them to Vicki. The Walmart gift card is to be picked up at the booth by one of the organizers and used as a door prize.

CME Plans 2015

Terry gave the update on the CME plans for FY 2015 – 2016. She said that Todd Femi from ADR really wants to do a presentation for the NP Caucus in September; however, she already had Jada with Victoza scheduled so perhaps we will schedule an extra meeting in September for ADR. The potential date is Wednesday, September 23, 2015, which again, would be an extra meeting. Terry still needs to find out what topic they want to present. October 2015 will be Craig Rumer with Lilly Diabetes and November 2015 will be the Vivitrol representative and December is Dr. Mavromatis or the weight loss drug, Contrave. We can also do the ADR meeting in January, if they can postpone from the September date. The next meeting on May 14th will be with Cathy Dealey on Diabetes to be held at the Fairfield Inn. Joy announced that she will not be able to attend that meeting and several of the NP's offered to take the documentation to the meeting and return it to WMAHEC as well as take the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no other announcements.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth