

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

May 15, 2014

Western Maryland Health System, Auditorium Rooms #1 & #2
Cumberland, Maryland

There was a presentation by Carla Leedy and Patti Thomas on the Community Health Worker program.

CE Topic: "Making Health Care Decisions in Maryland" by Jeannie Seifarth, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC

CALL TO ORDER: Corrine Lamm called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm. for Janette Clark, who was not in attendance.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Jeannie Seifarth
Meghan Clayton
Corrine Lamm
Tammy Keating

Cynthia Shriver
Janell Appel
Terry Harvey
Joy Taylor

Mary Tola
Vicki Willey
Timothy Purdy

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Linda Atkinson was not in attendance but Joy reminded everyone about the upcoming spirometry course scheduled for June 7th and to register as soon as possible so the course doesn't get cancelled for low enrollment. There were several members in attendance who said that that date was not going to work for them.

Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman was not in attendance so there was no NPAM report.

Treasurer's Report

Audra Houser was not in attendance so Joy gave the Treasurer's Report, announcing that the caucus has a balance of \$1,419.24 as of April 30, 2014.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Tim Purdy gave the report and announced that there is a new WMAHEC logo that is going to be used soon and that the upcoming Annual Awards Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm at the Cumberland Country Club on June 3, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Minutes

Corrine asked members to review the attached minutes from the last meeting. There is a correction; under New Business, CME Plans for FY 2014, the November program speaker is Kim Walburn not Wallbry. With that minor correction, the minutes are approved as written.

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the master caucus listserv and asked everyone for updates.

NP Award Committee

Joy announced that the spreadsheet with the six nominations for NP of the Year is included in the packet with all the criteria that was a part of the nomination submission. Those in attendance circled the name that they were choosing for NP of the Year. However, there was concern because there was such a small group at tonight's meeting. There was a request that Joy send the spreadsheet out to the remaining paid members by email, giving them a date to respond back so that their vote could be incorporated and that the majority wins. So Joy will follow up on that and we will announce the NP of the Year at the Annual Awards Dinner on June 3rd.

Health Fair Committee Update

Terry Harvey announced that Vicki, Corrine, Michael Ragan, Audra and Terry manned the booth. They thought there was lower attendance this year, however, the site was better than where it was held before. They reported that they had great interaction with the Garrett Memorial Hospital CEO and the give-a-ways were a huge success. Terry reported that the group did not seem as interactive as they have been in years past and Vicki Willey suggested that we perhaps purchase bags as a caucus because they are so popular and she recommended something like "I (heart) my NP" on the bag.

Review of the CME Attendance List

Jeannie left with the CME attendance list prior to us getting to this agenda item however, Joy made a note that there were two WMHS employees in attendance at tonight's meeting so they should not be included in the invoice for the CME certificates that comes from the hospital.

NEW BUSINESS:

CME Plans for FY 2014

There was discussion about the CME plans for FY 2014. The schedule stands per the announcement at the last meeting. There were a couple of training requests. It was requested that the pain management company that is opening in South Cumberland, that is believed to be part of the hospital, to do a presentation on their role in the community. It was also requested to have a presentation on the new diet drug.

Cindy Shriver said that Dr. Watkins is interested in doing a CME on technical advances in their equipment including stereotactic brain procedures. Since his interest is to do it in the fall, Terry Harvey said that she can put him on as a backup if we have a cancellation but that we would definitely include him in the openings in the March, April or May 2015 programming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There was an announcement that there is a NP conference being planned either October 18th or 25th, and it would be 4 hours on Psychiatric issues.

There was also discussion about the Center for Clinical Resources, and that there is a Pharmacist in the medication management that will evaluate all the drugs of patients and how they interact with each other.

There was additional discussion about available NP positions.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth