

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

Physical Therapy Caucus Minutes

October 22, 2013

Western Maryland Regional Medical Center, Auditorium Room #1, Cumberland, MD

Call to Order: Mike Reid called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and asked everyone to review the attached minutes from the last meeting. After review, they were approved as written. The following individuals were present:

Bucky Whiteman
Michael Reid

Karin Savage
Joy Taylor

Linda Atkinson

Old Business

Continuing Education

Linda Atkinson distributed a list of upcoming courses for fall 2013.

October 25, 2013 - *“Treating the Upper Extremity Amputee”* co-sponsored with the OT Caucus

November 8, 2013 - *“Incontinence”*

November 15 & 16, 2013 - *“Intro to Hand Therapy and Splinting”*

November 22, 2013 - *“Medical Screening for Rehab Professionals”* (offers 8 PT hours and is co-sponsored with the PT Caucus)

December 6, 2013 - *“Ethics for Health Care Providers”* (it's approved for .6 CEU's. PT's only)

Coming in Spring 2014

March 15 & 16, 2014 - *“Intro to Craniosacral Therapy”*

March 28 & 29, 2014 - *“Rehab Management for Common Knee Injuries”*

April 26 & 27, 2014 – *“Introduction to Afspaending”* (It is OT & MT hours only)

Linda asked for suggestions for upcoming training plans.

Listserv Update

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

PTF's

Mike signed the PTF for today's lunch.

Reports

Board of Directors

Karin announced that the WMAHEC received a good audit report at the meeting. There was also discussion about the City of Cumberland's offer to AHEC's request for reimbursement from the City breaking the lease early, as well as a couple of program presentations. The next meeting is December 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the WMRMC in auditorium room's #5 & #6.

Financial Report

Joy gave the Treasurer Report and announced that the PT caucus has a balance of \$1,592.35 in the account as of September 30, 2013.

New Business

Mike remarked that we want to continue to inform the PTA class about the scholarship that the PT caucus offers. There was discussion regarding the job availability of graduating PTA's and Karin announced that at this point there is 100% employment rate for the graduates.

2014 PT Month Celebration Ideas

Everyone agreed that we would want to do an in-service again combined with dinner and to start thinking of training ideas.

2013 PTA Scholarship Announcement

The PTA scholarship is due at the end of February to be used for the spring/summer semester. Karin will announce it to the students again, she has announced several times already.

Announcements

Mike reminded everyone about the PAC meeting, which is the Allegany College of Maryland PTA Department Program Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday, October 23rd from 5-6:00 PM. They will be reviewing the proposed bill to reduce the AA graduate degree requirements to 60 credit hours which will impact the PTA program which currently has 70 hours. The committee will be looking at what can be eliminated from the curriculum to meet this proposed 60 credit hour limit bill. There is also discussion about how the profession is looking to require the PTA position to become a bachelor's degree program instead of an associate's degree program. One of the concerns is that ACM will have a barrier in that they can't house a bachelor's degree program.

There was further discussion about ideas to increase attendance at the meetings. We will meet at the normal time in January hoping that we get more attendance but if not we will look at evening meetings, possibility scheduling them at different locations that offer rehab services.

Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM. and reminded everyone that our next meeting will be January 28, 2014 at 12:00 noon at the WMRMC auditorium room #1.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth