

AHEC West

NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

March 9, 2017

WMHS Physician's Conference Room, Cumberland, Maryland

CE Topic: "Management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Primary Care" presented by Dr. Ahmed

CALL TO ORDER: Corrine Lamm called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves since we had some new faces in attendance.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Terry Harvey
Janell Sioma
Kelly Rock
D. Kim Bittner
Jill Buterbaugh
Jeannie Seifarth

Denise Wilson
Joy Taylor
Andrew Sparber
Brandi Clark
Mary Tola

Corrine Lamm
Jack Harvey (guest)
Michael Akas
Meghan Clayton
Tammy Keating

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Kathy Condor was unable to attend. Joy reminded everyone that the Nursing Caucus is planning a Nursing Conference to be held on April 7, 2017. Joy thanked Jeannie for quickly responding to our AV needs tonight for the CE presentation.

Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Denise was reported that the Spring Membership meeting will be held on 4/26/17 in Frederick. She announced a call to action in Annapolis regarding the bill for pharmacists to provide birth control – NPAM is not supporting because of lack of follow-up for patients and no provision for discussion with patients regarding effectiveness and STD's.

Treasurer's Report

Since the Treasurer position is vacant, Joy Taylor announced that the Nurse Practitioner Caucus has a balance of \$1236.40 in the account as of February 28, 2016, including a deposit of \$70 for dues received and an expense of \$190.80 for the NP poster materials.

AHEC West Board of Directors

No Report – the AHEC West Board of Directors will meet next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Minutes

Corrine Lamm asked everyone to review the attached minutes from the February meeting. Outside of the typo correction that NP Award voting will not occur in March, but in May instead, the minutes were approved as written.

NP Award Committee

No report. Requests for nominations will go out at the beginning of April to be returned by the end of that month. Voting will occur in May with the Award to be made in June. Joy will work with Jill regarding this process.

Health Fair Committee Update

The Garrett County Health Fair will be held on April 8th. The NP Caucus booth will feature education regarding narcotics. Denise and Terry have collected some resources to distribute. Terry, Corrine, Janell and maybe Kelly plan to attend the Health Fair. Joy gave Terry the \$25 Walmart gift card to be used as the NP Caucus door prize contribution.

NEW BUSINESS:

CME Plans 2016

Janell reported that she needs a speaker for next month – discussion with suggestions followed. May will be Prolea, September will be Jardiance and October will be diabetes with Jada.

FSU NP Program Update

Kelly reported that FSU received an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant for \$200,000 to be used with FSU contributions for the development of a hi-fidelity simulation facility.

Display Board Update

The development of the NP Caucus poster continues to go well. Draft designs will be finalized by email so that the poster can be used at the Garrett County Health Fair on 4/8/17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mary Tola announced that she is retiring soon. Her position with the WMHS Center for Clinical Resources is posted.

Kelly Rock described her recent experiences with her RN and NP license renewal online. The RN process went fine, but her NP expiration date failed to update. She ended up contacting Senator Edwards for assistance to get the problem resolved.

Corrine adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor