

# AHEC West

## NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

April 13, 2017

Puccini's Restaurant, Cumberland, Maryland

**CE Topic:** "Managing T2DM with Newer Agents – Round Table Discussion" presented by Jane Kapustin, PhD, CRNP

**CALL TO ORDER:** Corrine Lamm called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Terry Harvey  
Janell Sioma  
Kelly Rock

Corrine Lamm  
Joy Taylor

Cynthia Shriver  
Jack Harvey (guest)

### REPORTS

#### Continuing Education

Kathy Condor was unable to attend and Joy did not have a report.

#### Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Denise Wilson was unable to attend so Terry Harvey provided an NPAM update from Cathy Chapman that is attached to the minutes.

#### Treasurer's Report

Since the Treasurer position is vacant, Joy Taylor announced that the Nurse Practitioner Caucus has a balance of \$1036.40 in their account as of March 31, 2017. This includes a payment of \$200 to Melissa Reeves for the creation of the NP Caucus poster. Upcoming anticipated deposits include \$80 received from meeting attendees for dinner at the March meeting. Expected payments include: \$161.25 to Aramark, \$25 for GC Health Fair Booth rental, \$25 for GC Health Fair gift card raffle, \$61.92 for Health Fair give-a-ways and unpaid WMHS CME fees (guestimate \$200), which leaves an approximate balance of \$643.23. There will be additional expenses for the NP of the Year (plaque and gift). Joy hopes to have a more accurate view of the current balance by the next caucus meeting.

#### AHEC West Board of Directors

Cindy Shriver reminded everyone that the next AHEC West Board of Directors meeting and Annual Awards Dinner will be on June 20, 2017 at Rocky Gap.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Review of Minutes

Corrine Lamm asked everyone to review the attached minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

#### NP Award Committee

No report. Requests for nominations will go out next week, to be returned by the mid-May. Voting will occur in May by email, with the Award to be made in June. Joy will work with Jill Buterbaugh regarding this process.

### Health Fair Committee Update

Terry Harvey reported that the Garrett County Health Fair held on April 8<sup>th</sup> was great! The NP Caucus booth saw a lot of traffic and overall the Health Fair was well attended. Terry explained that the hand-outs that Denise recommended from NIH were very good and that she will contact the schools to see if they would like the leftover materials. Corrine recommended Shawn Grove as an interested possibility also.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### AHEC West Funding Impact on Caucus Support

Joy Taylor explained that it was recently announced that there were many mandated changes with the upcoming funding cycle that is used to support the costs of the caucuses and continuing education programming efforts. As a result, AHEC West will be permitted to only coordinate a few inter-professional education events per year, guided by a new IPC (Inter-professional Program Committee) as well as halt all caucus support, beginning September 1, 2017. Joy also explained that some caucuses are considering to continue to meet (A&G SW Caucus is going to call themselves the A&G SW Society) and if caucuses are interested in getting the AHEC listservs, planning materials for meetings, etc... that we can help with that transition. She also explained that the caucus accounts have to be spent down or donated to a chosen non-profit agency by September 1<sup>st</sup> also. There was a great deal of discussion on what agency the NP Caucus would like to honor, including the ACS, the Animal Shelter or an educational institution foundation for scholarships. It was agreed to continue to think about this gesture and Joy will send out a reminder to members about making a choice to be decided next meeting. Joy expressed how much she has enjoyed working with the NP Caucus for so many years and that she is still grieving about this loss of regular interaction and collaboration with them.

#### CME Plans 2016

Janell Sioma reported that she has an out-of-town speaker scheduled for next month to present on Prolea. There was discussion on how appreciative the Garrett County NP's would be if we could have the meeting closer to home for them, and Janell agreed to see if she could make those arrangements.

#### FSU NP Program Update

Kelly Rock reported that the Board of Regents recently met and agreed unanimously to approve the FSU NP Program. She said the final step will be approval by the MD Higher Education Committee scheduled to meet at the end of the month.

#### Display Board Update

Thank you to Kelly Rock for coordinating the creation and delivery of the NP Caucus poster recently used at the Garrett County Health Fair. It looks beautiful and can be adjusted to have the AHEC West logo removed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Kelly Rock announced that the bill permitting pharmacists to prescribe birth control recently passed even though it was opposed by both NPAM and the Maryland Rural Health Association.

Corrine adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor