

# AHEC *West* Nursing Caucus

August 22, 2017

5:30 PM

Gehauf's Restaurant, LaVale, MD

## Minutes

### Call to Order and Welcome:

Angela Spataro called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm as Bea was unable to attend. The group was asked to review the minutes from the April 25, 2017 meeting. After review, the minutes were motioned and approved as written.

### Members Present:

Angela Spataro      Joy Taylor      Jeannie Seifarth      Shirley Brooks      Michelle Harvey

### Reports:

#### Continuing Education

No Report

#### Board of Directors

Jeannie announced that the last meeting was the Annual Awards Dinner and Board meeting. She explained that AHEC received a new grant on preventing opioid use in women.

#### Treasurer Report

Angie announced that the Nursing Caucus account has \$381.25 in it, with an extra \$200 donation still to be received by Frostburg State for the Nursing Conference. The committee confirmed that they wanted all of their funds (\$581.25) to be donated to ACM Foundation Office for the continuation of the D. Michele Beaulieu Nursing Caucus Scholarship for a few more years. Joy will make those arrangements with David Jones.

#### MNA Updates

Jeannie Seifarth reported that the MNA District #1 is hoping to have Charlotte Wood present at the Fall meeting to be held at WMHS. Joy offered for AHEC *West* to electronically disseminate meeting flyers once they were ready.

### Old Business:

- The National Nurses Week Proclamation photo was recently published in the Cumberland Times-News.
- Shirley Brooks was unclear to why the AHEC *West* support for Caucuses was cut since she had spoken to Robin Summerfield and he had assured her that funding was approved. Joy explained that our HRSA funding is now mandating that all education and activities be interprofessional and that it was this budget that financially supported the discipline-specific caucuses. Shirley spoke about how valuable the caucuses and clinical education rotations and continuing education programming has been to her and others for many years.

### New Business:

- Joy expressed her thanks to the committee members for their long time dedication and good work provided to the AHEC *West* Nursing Caucus.
- There was discussion regarding the teaching experiences several members were experiencing with ideas for future networking.

Adjournment: Angie adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.      Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor