

AHEC West

NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

March 10, 2016

Giuseppe's Restaurant, Maryland

CE Topic: "Type 2 Diabetes: Does Early and Aggressive Treatment Matter? Avoiding Clinical Inertia"
by Dr. Jane Faith Kapustin, PhD, CRNP, BC-ADM, FAANP, FAAN

CALL TO ORDER: Corrine Lamm called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Jill Buterbaugh

Corrine Lamm

Jeannie Seifarth

Joy Taylor

Loren Winebrenner

Greta Cain

Beverly McLaughlin

Cynthia Shriver

Vicki Willey

Cathy Chapman

Kelly Rock

Janell Sioma

Denise Wilson

REPORTS

Continuing Education

No Report.

Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman gave the NPAM update and announced that the Board meeting was last weekend and there is an upcoming spring meeting. There was a lot of legislative discussion at the NPAM Board meeting especially in regard to pain management, reimbursement for NP preceptors in rural area. She announced that this reimbursement for NP preceptors Bill passed through the House and is on its way to the Senate and if passed, it will be active for 5 years. She also announced that there is a change in leadership that will be implemented at the spring meeting and Cathy asked everyone to let her know if they are interested in assuming a leadership position with NPAM. She will continue as the Mountain Maryland representative until someone else is ready to take that role. She said that there is good organization and planning at NPAM and that they are getting good new membership, especially with students.

Greta announced that the WV Bill for nurses discussed at the last NP Caucus meeting and forwarded to the NP listserv, passed the House and is going to the Senate also. There was discussion about United Health Care; some practitioners have problems down-state with this insurance company not approving nurse practitioner orders, as they don't credential NP orders.

Treasurer's Report

Audra Houser was not in attendance. Joy Taylor reported a balance of \$1,456.65 in the account as of February 29, 2016.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Cynthia Shriver announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for next week and that the name change for AHEC West became effective March 1st.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Minutes

Corrine Lamm asked everyone to review the attached minutes from the February meeting. Other than the name change, instead of Great Cain it is Greta Cain, the minutes were approved as written.

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Corrine asked everyone to update their information on the caucus listserv that was being distributed.

NP Award Committee

Audra was not in attendance. Joy announced that the request for nominations for NP of the Year would go out at the end of March.

Health Fair Committee Update

Terry Harvey was not in attendance but Corrine gave an update regarding the Health Fair and that it would be held on April 9, 2016 in Garrett County. Dr. Tompkins was donating 200 toothbrushes at a cost of \$100 and then donating mouth wash and dental floss. It was also announced that Dr. DiNola was also donating supplies. Corrine reminded everyone that the booth topic for the upcoming Garrett County Health Fair is the importance of oral health care.

Vicki confirmed that she would be attending the Health Fair along with Terry, Corrine and Cindy.

NP Jackets

Joy announced that the NP jackets were just recently ordered and they should be in before the Garrett County Health Fair. Once they are in, we will make arrangements to get the jackets to those participants. Joy will collect the money once the jackets are received.

NEW BUSINESS:

CME Plans 2016

Janell and Greta gave the update on the CME plans for the rest of the year including Toujeo for April; Vivitrol for May; Invokana for September; and Craig Rumer for October with Diabetes Medication. There was additional discussion that medication for bi-polar would be a good CME presentation and that both Dr. Carpenter and Progressive Physical Therapy also volunteered to host a NP Caucus meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Corrine thanked Kelly for writing the Letters of Support on behalf of the NP Caucus recently. Kelly will forward those 2 letters to Joy to keep in the file. They went to Pennsylvania and West Virginia Nurse Practitioner Association.

There was also discussion in regard to the display board and it was agreed that the display board would be re-designed by Melissa Savile, who is a FSU graduate, for \$200 and it will look like a professional poster. We will wait to start work on this until after the Health Fair so there won't be a rush for the use of the display board. If anyone was interested in looking at Melissa's work, she has an online portfolio at www.melissasavile.weebly.com. It was requested that everyone send lots of photos of themselves in clinical settings for the display.

Corrine adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth