

# Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

## NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

October 9, 2014

Puccini's Restaurant, Cumberland, Maryland

**CE Topic:** "INVOKANA: Advancing Paradigm Changes in Type 2 Diabetes Management" by Beth Omundsen, MD

**CALL TO ORDER:** Janette Clark called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Greta Cain  
Janette Clark  
Peggy Mahler  
Jean Seifarth  
Vicki Willey

Cathy Chapman  
Terry Harvey  
Beverly McLaughlin  
Cynthia Shriver

Brandi Clark  
Corrine Lamm  
Barbara Pyle  
Joy Taylor

### REPORTS

#### Continuing Education

Kathy Condor was not in attendance but she had forwarded a list of announcements to make at tonight's meeting. She wanted Joy to announce that the Spirometry/EKG course is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2015 and she is asking folks to save that date and she will send out more details in the next few weeks. She also asked that Joy announce that there is still some room in the Ethics for Health Care Professionals course scheduled next Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and if anyone needs registration information or the brochure they can contact Joy or Kathy.

She also wanted to announce that there are a number of CPR courses scheduled throughout the next few months; health care provider CPR renewal will be offered on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> and initial certification CPR is available on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kathy with any questions. She also asked for any suggestions for course ideas and/or presenters for the reprise of the spring Nursing Update Series or the Women's Health Conference and that those suggestions would be greatly appreciated. She also wanted to remind everyone that the Nursing Update Series presenters can't be from the WMHS. Corrine Lamm recommended Dr. Orlee Panitch, who is a MEP physician, as a presenter on women's health care and she said that she does a great job.

#### Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman gave the report and announced that she attended the recent board meeting and that she has forwarded a couple of emails to the NP listserv this past week. One email was in regard to National Nurse Practitioner Week, which November 9-15, 2014. She wanted to see if anyone had any ideas for activities to recognize the Nurse Practitioner profession. Janette Clark volunteered to send an article to the Cumberland Times News. The other forwarded email was regarding the legislative updates including information about the letter of Attestation that is being proposed to be eliminated. She encouraged the NP Caucus attendees to join NPAM and she also offered to travel with anyone who wanted to attend the NPAM fall conference scheduled this weekend, which includes a business meeting and a 6 hour CEU.

#### Treasurer's Report

Joy gave the Treasurer's report in Audra's absence, announcing that the caucus has a balance of \$1,244.24 as of September 30, 2014. \$30 had been spent for payment for CME's to the WMHS and Joy reminded everyone that a \$200 donation was also voted on to make to the American Cancer Society Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk.

#### WMAHEC Board of Directors

Joy gave the Board of Directors report in Tim Purdy's absence and announced that the reimbursement from the City of Cumberland has been received and that there were 2 new staff members at WMAHEC, Melissa Clark who will be taking care of the ECHO program and Christian Brooks who will be working with the Mountain Health Alliance program. She also announced that we recently had our annual audit and the results are that we are in a great accounting position.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### Review of Minutes

Janette Clark asked everyone to review the minutes and since there were no additions or corrections the minutes are approved as written.

##### Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Janette Clark asked that everyone update their information on the master caucus listserv that was being circulated.

##### NP Award Committee

No update at this time.

##### Health Fair Committee Update

Terry Harvey gave the update, reminding everyone that the Health Fair was held at Garrett Community College last year and that she would like everyone to begin thinking about a topic to do for the booth this year.

Joy explained to everyone regarding the CME attendance list that we now get the CME sign-in sheet with the invoice from the health system and that there much less confusion as to who the caucus should be paying for, so she asked if it would be okay to take this agenda item off the standing agenda and everyone agreed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Brandi Clark announced that Dr. Ahmed would like to postpone his presentation on Biventricular ICD until November. She will get a couple of options for dates and we will send that out to the listserv for an extra presentation for nurse practitioners with the CE and dinner at Rocky Gap.

##### Election of Officers

It was voted and approved that Corrine Lamm would move into the Chair person position, Cynthia Shriver volunteered for the Chair Elect position. Audra and Tim were not in attendance so we will leave their names in their positions still and we will add Terri Harvey and Vicki Willey as the CME coordinators for one more year. These additions will be made to

the Annual Plan. It was also agreed that the Annual Plan will stay as is, as well as the By-laws. Joy will update both documents, referencing the caucus review as of tonight.

### NP Conference Update

Jeannie Seifarth gave the NP Conference update. She distributed a flyer regarding the topics that are going to be discussed including Pharmacology Update, New Drugs of Abuse, Diagnosis and Treatment of Dementias and Depression, and Polypharmacy in the Elderly. The Nurse Practitioner conference will be held on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> and registration starts at 8:00 am with the conference to begin at 8:45 am and finishing at 1:00 pm at the WMHS auditorium. She encouraged everyone to register soon because the RSVP's are slow and if there is not enough attendance, there stands a chance for this program to be cancelled. Joy reminded everyone that based on the NP responses from last meeting, that they would like the oral health screening presentation at the end of this NP conference as they would all be at the same place at the same time. Joy made the arrangements for Dr. Romaine to come to the WMHS auditorium at 1:00 pm to do a 30 minute presentation on the importance of the oral health screening in the medical setting. She asked the nurse practitioners to support this training because the grant really needed the numbers and it was an efficient way to provide the information to the primary care providers.

Jeannie also reminded everyone that the Bridges out of Poverty program, this year's Institute on Medicine and Religion Symposium, is November 14<sup>th</sup> and it was a very reasonable fee that included lunch and 6 hours of credit and if anyone needed registration information regarding it, she can get it to them.

### CME Plans

Terry Harvey announced that the November CME is going to be "Lyrica" sponsored by Pfizer, that she has Marcia Kesner down for December's program, to be a wellness topic and that we would meet at the Creamery with dinner on our own. She asked Joy to remind Marcia and to confirm that date. Then for January 2015 she has David Burger, February 2015 Douglas Barnes, March 2015 Glascoe Smith with COPD at Puccini's, April 2015 she has stereotactic biopsies with Dr. Watkins, which will probably be held at the hospital and May 2015 is Cathy Daley.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Cindy Shriver reminded everyone that there is a Fall 2014 Cancer Symposium on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Meritus Health.

Janette adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth