

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

March 13, 2014

The Queen City Creamery, Cumberland, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER: Janette Clark called the meeting to order.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Tim Purdy	Michelle Green	Janette Clark
Barbara Pyle	Corrine Lamm	Terry Harvey
Mary Daley	Cathy Chapman	Janell Appel
Greta Cain	Rondal Zapf	Rachel Friend-Lantz
Lori Gregory	Jeannie Seifarth	Joy Taylor

CE Topic: "Update on Hypothyroidism" by Dr. Philip Ryan, MD

Jeannie Seifarth made several announcements and handed out several flyers regarding three upcoming training programs. One is the "Pediatric Visiting Professor, Identification and Treatment of Anxiety Disorders and Pediatric Primary Care" scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th from 8-9:00 am at the WMRMC auditorium 1-3. CME is available, plus nursing and social work credit. In addition she handed out a flyer for the Med-Chi "ER/LA Opioid REMS: Achieving Safe Use While Improving Patient Care" scheduled for March 29th from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm at the WMRMC. It is designed for prescribers and there will be credit for nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners and dentists. She also handed out for the flyer for the rescheduled "Bridges into Health: Strategies to Reduce Inequities and Improve Health Outcomes" for Friday, May 2nd from 8:15 am – 12:30 pm at the WMRMC auditoriums. Credit is available for physicians, nurses, dental professionals, social workers, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, psychologists and professional counselors.

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Linda Atkinson gave the CE report and announced that there were 9 attendees at the EKG and Spirometry course. The bulk of the time was spent on the EKG component so the group requested a 2 or 3 hour separate spirometry class. Linda is looking to schedule that for June 7th, 14th or 21st. She asked everyone what is the preferred date. She also distributed the Woman's Health Program brochure that is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman announced that she has been involved in conference calls for legislative meetings every couple of weeks but there is nothing significant to report at this time.

There was also discussion regarding physician's signatures.

Cathy also announced that there is an upcoming educational day to be held at the BWI Marriott and she will verify the date, but she believes it is Saturday, May 3rd. She will confirm and send it out by email.

Treasurer's Report

Audra was not available to give the treasurer's report. Joy announced that the caucus has a balance of \$1,434.24 as of January 31, 2014.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Tim Purdy announced that the WMAHEC Board meeting is scheduled for next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Minutes

Janette Clark asked members to review the attached minutes from the last meeting. The minutes are approved as written.

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the master caucus listserv and asked everyone for updates.

NP Award Committee

Joy announced that Audra had requested the nomination form from last year so that she could update the dates and then she will forward it back to Joy so that it can go out to the listserv.

Health Fair Committee

Terry Harvey announced that the Garrett County Health Fair is scheduled for April 12, 2014 at Garrett Community College. Vicki Willey and Audra Houser have offered to help. Terry said that anyone else who wants to participate is very welcome. Joy will buy the \$25 Walmart card to be used for the door prize and will meet Terry the week before the health fair to pick up the card and the NP board. Terry announced that the topic is Menopause and Low Testosterone and Audra has a lot of material regarding these topics.

NEW BUSINESS:

CME Plans for FY 2014

Terry gave the CME plans and announced that for Progressive Physical Therapy is hosting us for April and the MOLST training will be provided by Jeannie Seifarth at the WMRMC in May. She also announced that for September she has Jada lined up for Diabetes, for October she has Mary Ann Steckman for Forisica, which is a brand new diabetic medicine, for November she has Kim Walburn for Lyrica for Fibromyalgia, for December there is another diabetes program, for January 2015 she David Burg for Lantis Insulin. There was recommendation for John Gerwig to present on HIV and Hepatitis

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There was discussion about available NP positions, including one with Dr. Hartsuch, one with Garrett Medical Group, and one at a Westernport Clinic with Rebecca Norris.

Janette adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth