

# Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

## NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

April 11, 2013

Dr. Sean McCagh's Office – Cumberland, Maryland

**CALL TO ORDER:** Corrine Lamm, for Janette Clark, called the meeting to order. The following individuals were present:

Denise Wilson

Corrine Lamm

John Gee

Jeannette Sweitzer

Vicki Willey

Mary Tola

Cathy Chapman

Brandi Clark

Michelle Green

Michael Ragan

Joy Taylor

Terry Harvey

Linda Gee

Audra Houser

**CE Topic:** "Advances in Dermatology" by Dr. Sean McCagh

### REPORTS

#### Continuing Education

Linda Atkinson was not in attendance but Joy reminded members that if they have any training ideas or interest to forward topics and speakers to Joy, who will get them to Linda, for co-sponsoring. Terry Harvey also mentioned that she occasionally gets flyers regarding CE programs that she will forward to Joy so that she can then send out to the listserv, so that everyone is getting the same information.

#### Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman gave the NPAM report and announced that the neutral language bill failed to make it out of committee this year.

#### Treasurer's Report

Audra Houser gave the report and announced that the Caucus has a balance of \$1,573.04 as of March 31, 2013.

#### WMAHEC Board of Directors

Tim Purdy was not in attendance, so Joy gave the WMAHEC Board of Director's report announcing that the Annual Awards Dinner will be held on June 11, 2013 at 6pm at the Cumberland Country Club. All caucus members who attended at least one caucus meeting in the last year would get an invitation and that is where we will be announcing our "NP of the Year" award winner.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Review of Minutes

Corrine Lamm asked members to review the attached minutes from the March 14, 2013 meeting. They were approved as written.

### Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the listserv and asked everyone to update their information.

### NP Award Committee

For the NP Award Committee, Audra Houser announced that she has emailed a request for “NP of the Year” nominations, with a deadline of May 1, 2013. All paid NP Caucus members will have the opportunity to vote for the NP of the Year.

### Health Fair Committee

Terry Harvey announced that the Nurse Practitioner Caucus will have a booth at Saturday’s health fair in Garrett County. Terry plans to attend all day, Audra Houser will help from 8:00 – 11:00 am, and Jeannette Sweitzer will help from 11:00 am -1:00 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### CME Plans

The CME plans for spring and fall include the next meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, to be held at Corrine Lamm’s house at 1057 Ridgewood Avenue, Cumberland, MD and the speaker will be Dr. Charlie Moore presenting “Decompensating Hypothyroidism”. There is a request from ADR to do a CE presentation for the September meeting that would be include NP’s and PA’s, with the understanding that the PA’s would leave prior to the NP Caucus business meeting. Corrine will follow up with ADR. Terry Harvey and Vicki Willey agreed to share the CME coordinator position for the upcoming year.

#### Legislative Fundraisers

Terry reminded everyone again that it would be great to attend the legislative fundraisers that occur during the summer months, so that we have an opportunity to network with our political representatives and express our concerns regarding reimbursement and other legislative issues.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jeannette Sweitzer announced that Tri-State in Hancock will be moving to Berkley Springs in the fall and a small Hancock clinic will remain in some other location.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth