

# Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

## NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

September 11, 2014

Puccini's Restaurant, Cumberland, Maryland

**CE Topic:** "Beyond Metformin: Understanding the Role of Native GLP-1 in Type 2 Diabetes" by David Brown, PhD, MD

**CALL TO ORDER:** Janette Clark called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves since there were so many new faces. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following individuals were present at tonight's meeting:

Denise Wilson

Kelcy Wiley

Joy Taylor

Barbara Pyle

Dawn Wolford

Corrine Lamm

Janell Sioma

Meghan Clayton

Mary Tola

Janette Clark

Cynthia Shriver

Rachel Friend-Lantz

Lori Gregory

Jean Seifarth

Kathy Condor

### REPORTS

#### Continuing Education

Kathy Condor gave the Continuing Education report and distributed upcoming training program flyers and brochures. There was discussion about the Spirometry course and she will begin working on that. She also announced that the Nursing Update Series may be re-instituted in the spring.

#### Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Cathy Chapman was not in attendance and Joy did not have a report from her.

#### Treasurer's Report

Audra Houser was not in attendance so Joy gave the Treasurer's report, announcing that the caucus has a balance of \$1,274.24 as of August 31, 2014.

#### WMAHEC Board of Directors

Joy gave the Board of Directors report in Tim Purdy's absence and announced that there were 2 position openings at WMAHEC; the ECHO program coordinator position and a MHA Network Director position. She also announced that there was a resolution to the City of Cumberland providing reimbursement to WMAHEC for breaking the Memorial Hospital lease, so WMAHEC was very pleased with that. She also announced that at the last Board of Director's meeting in June, which was our Annual Awards Dinner, that Terry Harvey was awarded the NP of the Year. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2014.

### 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

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

### NP Award Committee

No update at this time.

### Health Fair Committee Update

Terry Harvey was not present so there was no update.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Joy gave the background regarding the request from Brandi Clark that Dr. Ahmed would like to do a presentation on a Wednesday evening in October or November, 2014 at Rocky Gap for the nurse practitioners, and it would not have to be a meeting. Everyone is in agreement that this would be a great idea.

### Annual Plan and Bylaws

Joy asked everyone to review the Annual Plan and Bylaws that is in their agenda packet. Janette Clark announced that she was not interested in a second two year term as Chairperson so Corrine Lamm, the current Chair Elect, would move into the Chairperson position. There was discussion regarding who would like to be Chair Elect. Cindy Shriver said that she would like to have some time to consider it, so Joy will add the Annual Plan and Bylaw review to the next meeting's agenda so that we can finalize the officers and the Executive Committee. We also need to add both Terry Harvey and Vicki Willey as the CME coordinators.

### NP Conference Update

Jeannie Seifarth gave the NP Conference update. She announced that on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the WMHS auditorium there would be a Pharmacology Update program provided from 8:00 am-1:00 pm and the cost is \$40. She will send the flyer to Joy who will then forward it to the listserv.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There was discussion about the annual \$200 donation that the NP Caucus makes to the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Walk in Mary Jo Devitt's name. After discussion it was agreed to continue that annual tradition and Joy will make the arrangements to process the \$200 donation again this year.

There was also discussion about Dr. Mavromatis, who was chosen as the WMHS Physician of the Year, wanting to present to the NP Caucus again, so we will try to incorporate that request in our CME plans.

Joy announced that she is working on a new project. The goal is the importance of the oral health screening in a medical setting. After discussion, the nurse practitioners agreed that it would be really convenient to have an oral health exam presentation given to them at the end of the conference on October 25, if it can be arranged. Joy will try to coordinate this.

Janette adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. and reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm, location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth