

# Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

## NURSE PRACTITIONER CAUCUS MINUTES

September 13, 2012

6:30 p.m. – The Brick House Café – Cumberland, Maryland

**CALL TO ORDER:** Corrine Lamm called the meeting to order for Janette Clark who was not able to attend. The following individuals were present:

Audra Houser  
Rondal Zapf  
Kim Bittner  
Denise Wilson  
Joy Taylor

Timothy Purdy  
Vicki Willey  
John Gee  
Jeremy Duanne

Corrine Lamm  
Michael Ragan  
Cynthia Shriver  
Jeannette Sweitzer

**CE Topic:** “Focusing on What Matters – Improving Glycemic Control for Adult Patients with Type II Diabetes” by Dr. Andrew Behnke

### REPORTS

#### Continuing Education

Linda Atkinson was not in attendance. Corrine reminded attendees that there are some openings in the October 10<sup>th</sup> EKG Spirometry course and to contact ACM to register.

#### Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland

Vicki Willey gave a report for Cathy Chapman, who was not in attendance because she was at the NPAM Board of Director’s meeting. Vicki announced that NPAM is looking for an Executive Director, who is an NP. She also reminded members that joining NPAM has a lot of advantages and encouraged everyone to become members. She reported that the fall meeting will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Treasurer’s Report

Joy gave the Treasurer’s Report for Nanette Kelly, who has left the area, and announced that there is \$1,670.03 in the account. Joy announced that membership dues for FY2013 are due now and are \$35.00 for the year. Checks should be made out to WMAHEC and given to Joy.

#### WMAHEC Board of Directors

Tim Purdy gave the report explaining that WMAHEC is moving again, probably to Windsor Hall, and they have to be out of their current location by December 15<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that the next Board meeting is the following week, on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the WMHS.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Review of Minutes

Corrine asked members to review the attached minutes from the last meeting, which was in May. There was one correction: under continuing education, the EKG course is actually scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> not October 12<sup>th</sup> per the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

### Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the caucus listserv asking for any updates and also reminded members to sign in on the sign in sheet.

### NP Award Committee

Lois Iiams was not in attendance so we will discuss the NP of the Year Award process at the next meeting.

### Health Fair Committee

Terry Harvey was not in attendance so we will discuss the health fair at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Corrine announced that the CME plans for 2012 - 2013 are almost complete. She said the next meeting would be held at the Cumberland Country Club, and that Dr. Kim from ADR, would be discussing the new imaging device for detecting breast cancer. The November meeting will be Cathy Dells from Dulera; December will be Dr. Stallo for DeFlors; January will be Dr. Mir; February will be Craig Rummer and we are still looking for March, April and May. Jeannette Sweitzer offered to check with Dr. McCagh regarding speaking on Melanoma again.

Corrine announced that Terry Harvey would like to discuss the reimbursement concerns that are facing the nurse practitioners, at least the private practice nurse practitioners, with the insurance company. There is interest in this topic and we will revisit it again at the next meeting.

The Annual Plan and By Laws will also be discussed at the next meeting. We will need to elect a new Treasurer at that time and verify that all Executive Committee members are interested in staying on for another term.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

It was agreed that we would send a check for \$200 to the American Cancer Society in memory of Mary Jo Devitt as specified in the Annual Plan. Tim suggested that we donate to the Bedford PA American Cancer Society and recommended that Joy contact Karen Gomer at the Hyndman Health Care Clinic.

There were several NP job openings discussed.

Corrine asked members to think about ideas for the next meeting that we can put together for an article for National Nurse Practitioner Month for the newspaper.

Cindy Shriver announced the Homeless Resource Day to be held on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the old Memorial Hospital building. They are still looking for providers. If anyone is interested in participating they can contact her.

Corrine Lamm adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth