

# Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

## Physical Therapy Caucus Minutes

July 23, 2013

Western Maryland Regional Medical Center, Auditorium Room #1, Cumberland, MD

**Call to Order:** Karin Savage called the meeting to order as Mike Reid was going to arrive late. She asked everyone to review the attached minutes from the last meeting. After review, they were approved as written. The following individuals were present:

Bucky Whiteman  
Michael Reid

Karin Savage  
Joy Taylor

Linda Atkinson

### **Old Business**

#### Continuing Education

Linda Atkinson distributed a list of upcoming continuing education programs at Allegany College of Maryland for PT's and OT's.

September 27 & 28, 2013 - "*Kinesio Taping 1 & 2*"

October 25, 2013 - "*Treating the Upper Extremity Amputee*" co-sponsored with the OT Caucus

November 8, 2013 - "*Incontinence*" program

November 15 & 16, 2013 - "*Intro to Hand Therapy and Splinting*"

November 22, 2013 - "*Medical Screening for Rehab Professionals*" co-sponsored with the PT Caucus

December 6, 2013 - "*Ethics for Health Care Providers*"

Coming in Spring 2014

March 15 & 16, 2014 - "*Intro to Craniosacral Therapy*"

March 28 & 29, 2014 - "*Rehab Management for Common Knee Injuries*"

There was some discussion about continuing education programs and marketing reach. Linda will send the list of upcoming courses to Karin Savage so that she can forward that information to past students.

When Mike arrived, he also specified that the first weekend in March is a good time to schedule training because people are trying to get their license renewed then.

#### Listserv Update

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

#### PTF's

Mike signed the PTF for today's lunch.

### **Reports**

#### Board of Directors

Karin reported that at the June meeting held before the annual award dinner there was discussion about the settlement with the City of Cumberland and the students acclimating to the new housing.

### **Financial Report**

Joy gave the Treasurer Report and announced that the PT caucus has a balance of \$1,664.35 in the account as of June 30, 2013.

## **New Business**

The 2012 PT Celebration, which was actually held on April 23, 2013, was remarked as a nice event and it was questioned why the attending numbers were relatively low.

There was also discussion of who receives information about the PT Caucus if there isn't an email noted on the listserv. Joy explained that WMAHEC doesn't send caucus notices by USPS mail anymore so that is a gap in contact for meetings and events such as the PT Month Celebration.

## 2014 PT Month Celebration Ideas

Tabled.

## 2013 PTA Scholarship Announcement

WMAHEC PT Caucus received one application for the \$250 ACM scholarship and it was awarded to Arianne K. Sleasman. Discussion included how we can increase more interest in students applying for the scholarships. Bucky and Progressive Therapy have also seen low response in their scholarship opportunities too.

## Announcements

There was discussion about the continuing competency requirement changes. There was also discussion about including students in the Caucus meetings. Karin added that it could be used for their "Promoting the Profession" requirements within their curriculum. We will review these ideas at the next meeting when we have more attendance.

Mike, when he arrived, asked that we send the caucus meeting reminder out to the listserv on the Thursday before the Tuesday meeting in hopes of also improving the meeting attendance.

Karin adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth