

MACVPR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2006

Time Started: 9:30 am

Time adjourned: 12:00 pm

Location: Baltimore – Washington Medical Center, Courtney Conference Room
(lower level of Tate Center)

Meeting conducted by VP, Debra Lund in place of President, Preeti Benjamin, who is out of the country.

Attendees:

- Debra Lund, MACVPR VP, BW Medical Center
- Kristen Fletcher, MACVPR Secretary, Frederick Memorial
- Cecily Ludka, Doctor's Community
- Francine Smith, Doctor's Community
- Pam Peitz, Washington County Hospital
- Linda Price, Carroll Hospital Center
- Christine Baker, St. Agnes
- Tami Young, BWMC
- Melanie Pedri, Southern Maryland Hospital Center

- I. November 11, 2005 Business Meeting minutes approved
- II. Treasurer's Report – Report given by Debra Lund. Numbers given to her by Treasurer, Marybeth Daniels as of 1/9/06 there is \$17,936.54 in MACVPR account.
- III. Committee Update
 - a. Linda Price – Co-Chair of Conference Committee announced that all speakers were scheduled for the Annual Spring Conference. Rough agenda was distributed to attendees for review.
 - b. It was agreed by attendees that all speakers receive the same honorarium.
 - c. There will be books provided to Conference attendees by Guidant. The books will be given out with CEU's at the end of the day.
 - d. Linda asked for feedback on what questions we wanted Dr. Dean Kirschner to focus on regarding Behavior modification. It was suggested by the attendees that if the speaker discussing Pacers, and ICD's could address some of the emotional aspects of having a device implanted, that we would rather Dr. Kirschner focus more weight management, food cravings, diabetic counseling topics, which is his speciality.
 - e. Co-Chair – Pam Peitz – discussed changing the name of the conference from 14th annual Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab conference to Advances in Cardiac and Pulmonary Care. The goal is to attract more attendees than just those working in a rehab setting. Attendees agreed

- f. Pam Peitz is continuing to work on a mailing distribution list for the conference as well as finalizing the brochures.
- g. CEU's will be included in the Conference fee. CEU's will be provided by AACVPR. We still need an RRT rep as a contact person for their specific CEU's. The price of the conference will be \$110 for members and \$135 for non-members. All non-members who attend, will have MACVPR membership for 2006.
- h. Linda Price is working on Vendors for the conference.
- i. Linda asked for Volunteers to welcome attendees and man the desk at the conference. Conference fee waived for all committee members.

IV. Reimbursement – Debra Lund

- a. CMS has proposed a replacement for the existing 35/25 document that would include an increase of diagnoses covered. The service is proposed to be comprehensive, including Medical evaluation, behavioral and nutrition counseling, for 36 visits up to 18 weeks. It is currently proposed that physician supervision requirements and incident to physician services remain the same. You can visit the CMS website to read the document in more detail. It is still unclear what the payment will be for these services. It is also unclear when and if this proposed document will be approved. AACVPR is following this closely and is still attempting to have the document read in our favor, as well as continuing to get us out from under “incident to” physician services.
- b. The next AACVPR “Day of the Hill” is March 1, 2006. Debra Lund and Jeanne Ruff will be attending.

V. Membership – Kristen Fletcher

- a. As of the November dinner meeting we had 78 active members. As of 1/10/06 only 35 of the 78 members had paid their dues for 2006. A reminder was sent out to members via email.
- b. The group decided to make the directory a 2005-2006 Membership directory since there was not one distributed in 2005. Deadline for new membership to be included in the Directory is 2/01/06.

VI. Certification/Recertification: -

- a. Frederick Memorial and St. Agnes are both applying for certification this year. Debra Lund will lead a committee for review of these applications.

VII. New Business

- a. Outcomes Committee – There is no current outcomes project for Maryland. Linda Price suggested possibly looking at Heart Failure in the future is AACVPR would find it helpful for reimbursement. Cecily Ludka mentioned collaborating with the outcomes project already developed by

the Wisconsin chapter. She will bring this information for discussion at the next meeting.

- b. Website Maintenance – Kristen Fletcher reported some delays in updating the website due to the contracted company's technical difficulties. The team would like to stay with Redhead Web Design if they are able to accommodate us. Kristen will follow up.
- c. ANCC cardiac/nursing exam- This exam is meant for nurses without Critical Care or Cardiac experience to take in order to prepare them for working in Cardiac Rehab.
- d. Constitution approval: The revised constitution was reviewed and approved by the committee.
- e. Nominations for MACVPR officers need to be made for next term. Once slated, an email will be sent out for further nominations and voted for in the March meeting. It was suggested that 3 of the 4 current officers replaced other officers only six months ago. There is no bylaw in the constitution limiting repeating holding the same office.
- f. It was suggested that we attempt to reach out to the Washington area chapter to possibly work together as one group rather than two separate groups. No plan was made at this time.