

**MACVPR SPRING DINNER MEETING**  
**Candlelight Inn, Catonsville, MD**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2008**  
**6:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Kerry Martinez, Sally Worm, Donna Campbell, Mary Beth Linthicum, Pam Peitz, Seini Mentis, Allison Edwards, Jim Meister, Deb Matanin, Joan Todd, Kevin Platt, Linda Price, Terry Mapp, Donna Campbell, Susan Crawford, Leslie Carpenter, Nancy Kaylor, Cecily Ludka, Sara Stees, Barbara Herron, Tina Millman, Kristen Fletcher, Milo Newsome, Francine Smith, Ken Emerson, Casey Fisher, Claudia Cavey, Ellen Gorman, Meghan Bee, Abby Price, Barb Purse, Tina Miller

**Welcome/Introductions: Pam Peitz, MACVPR President**

Pam Peitz welcomed the attendees and introduced herself and the other officers.

Pam Pietz, President

Cecily Ludka, Vice President

Kristen Fletcher, Secretary

Marybeth Linthicum, Treasurer

Sara Stees, President Elect (thank you taking over secretary role while Kristen was out on maternity leave).

Pam thanked the sponsors, CVT (rep Rueben Saval) and Zoll Lifecore with Life Vest (rep DeWayne Reed)

**Reimbursement: Pam Peitz**

**MAC:** In the past, Medicare has used local fiscal intermediaries to make coverage Decisions. Many times there was one or more intermediary in each state. They are moving to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) which will be large regions all assigned one company to administer Medicare benefits. Our MAC region includes MD, DC, DE, PA and NJ. Our administrator will be Highmark Blue Cross (that is now final) although we don't know yet who are medical director will be.

AACVPR would like to have one representative from each region to be the MAC expert. In our case, it will be Joan Helfen from NJ. In addition, each state affiliate is to choose one cardiac and one pulmonary person to serve as the "expert" for that state. They will be the go to person for all coverage questions. If they cannot answer the question, they will contact Joan. She would be the one making calls to the medical director. We want to avoid multiple programs calling with questions and raising "red flags".

- **State Reps for Reimbursement –**
  - Pulmonary Rehab – Debbie Lund, Baltimore Washington Medical Center
  - Cardiac Rehab – Kristen Fletcher, Frederick Memorial Healthcare Systems

### **Merge with DC Chapter:**

Pam Peitz announced that MACVPR has been inviting the Washington Metro, DC chapter to join forces and collaborate as one entity for stronger membership base and stronger influence at National level. Details of the collaboration continue to be addressed.

### **MACVPR NEWSLETTER: Sara Stees**

MACVPR is working on a newsletter to be sent to each program initially and to eventually become a membership only benefit. The newsletter will encompass up to date information regarding MACVPR information on the state and national level.

### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS: Kristen Fletcher**

Kristen announced to please have all membership dues paid by April 30, 2008 in order to make the 2008-2009 MACVPR Directory. Other perks of membership are being on the email distribution list for recent updates, newsletter, free annual dinner meeting and discount to the annual conference, not to mention networking and program benchmarking opportunities.

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. Upper Chesapeake: Looking for prn exercise physiologist. Contact Sara Stees at 443-643-3734
2. Montgomery General: Looking for ¾ position for EP. Contact Nancy Kaylor at 301-774-8778
3. Baltimore Washington Medical Center: Looking for Full time EP. Contact Ellen Gorman or Debbie Lund at 410-787-4178 for more information.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Current balance is \$15, 279.00

### **Speakers:**

1. CVT – Reuben Saval

- a. Reuben Saval provided a brief presentation regarding Renexa and the benefits of the drug for patients with angina. For more information you can contact him at [reuben.saval@cvt.com](mailto:reuben.saval@cvt.com) or 443.223.7328.
- 2. ZOLL Lifecore corporation - DeWayne Reed**
  - a. DeWayne Reed briefly discussed the LifeVest and the use and indications of this external defibrillator. For more information you can contact him at [Dewayne.reed@zoll.lifecor.com](mailto:Dewayne.reed@zoll.lifecor.com) or 412-310-8348
- 3. FEATURED SPEAKER: Management of Hyperlipidemia,**

**Presented by: Sri Chatrati, MD, Interventional Cardiologist,  
Doctor's Community Hospital and Washington Adventist  
Hospital.**

- **Next Business Meeting:** June 10, 2008, Business Meeting. 9:30 am.  
Baltimore Washington Medical Center, Rehab Conference Room.

Minutes taken by: Kristen Fletcher, MACVPR Secretary