

**MACVPR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, January 10, 2007**

Time Started: 9:30 am

Time Adjourned: 12:30 pm

Location: Baltimore-Washington Medical Center

Attendees: Preeti Benjamin, President – Howard County Hospital  
Linda Price, RN – Carroll Hospital Center  
Kristen Fletcher MS, RCEP, Secretary – Frederick Memorial  
Pam Peitz, RN, Vice Pres – Washington County Hospital  
Debra Lund, MS, RCEP – Baltimore Washington Medical  
Dawn Mennen – St. Agnes  
Ken Emerson – Cardiac Science  
Tami Young – Baltimore Washington Medical  
Tracy Holden – St. Agnes  
Chris Baker, RN – St. Agnes  
Tina Millman, RRT – Howard County Hospital  
Marybeth Daniels, RN, Treasurer – Shore Health System

***Spring Conference: April 17, 2007***

- Linda Price, Co-Chair of Conference committee provided the sample brochure with names and topics. Brochures are being printed by Copy Quick in Hagerstown. Pam Peitz- Co-chair of Conference Committee will mail the brochures. She is working on mailing list. Needs Tri-state chapter and Mid-Atlantic ASCM chapter lists. Kristen Fletcher agreed to attempt contact with the Mid-Atlantic chapter of ACSM.
- Cost is \$110 for members, \$135 for non-members, which includes annual MACVPR membership.
- Conference is from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Lunch from 11:45-1:00. There will be a 30-minute morning break for vendors.
- Linda Price has all exhibitors and speakers lined up. Topics are: CHF update, Erectile Dysfunction and CAD, Smoking Cessation, Atrial Fib and Treatment, High Risk patients in Cardiac Rehab, Reimbursement updates.
- Cecily Ludka agreed to assist with the non-profit exhibitors booths.
- AV person is still needed. If a MACVPR member cannot provide AV assistance we will need to contract one through the hotel.
- Pam will email Kristen Fletcher the brochure so that she can have it placed on the website.
- CEU credits will be available.

***DC Metro Collaboration***

- Preeti Benjamin, President, approached the new president of the DC Metro Chapter to suggest joining forces and combining into one chapter rather than two

separate chapter in order to work together with local initiatives. There was no definitive answer given. It was suggested by the group to see if they have a Board to approach or attend one of their meetings with a proposal. Preeti will follow up and get back to the group.

***DAY ON THE HILL - Reimbursement Update – Debra Lund***

- Annual AACVPR Day on the Hill is March 1-2, 2007 in Washington, D.C.
- Debra Lund explained that with change in Senate majority from Republican to Democrat, it is important that we once again push that Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab are written in the Medicare Bill for coverage. The bill numbers have changed since last year but the content of the bill is the same.
- In the past only a couple of Reps were targeted. Debbie suggested that more members attend this year in order to meet with more representatives. There are 2 Maryland Senators and 8 Reps.
- Debbie Lund, Jeanne Ruff and Kerry Stewart plan to meet with Senators Mikulski and Cardin. Kristen Fletcher will attempt to schedule a meeting with Representative Bartlett. Preeti Benjamin will attempt to schedule a meeting with Rep. Cummings. We will try and divide the rest amongst the group if possible. The goal is to have MACVPR members who live in the Reps district to be the one to approach them.
- Training will be held by AACVPR on 3/1 and the Day on the Hill is 3/2.

***Membership – Kristen Fletcher***

Many members have not paid for 2007. Kristen will send out a reminder that dues need to be no later than 2/1 to make the deadline for the new directory. The directory will be emailed to the members to save on expenses.

***Treasurer's Report - Marybeth Daniels***

- \$16,032.55

***MACVPR OFFICERS:***

- Preeti suggested that there be a position for Past President in order to assist the new President with his or her new position. She suggested that we change the positions as follows:
  - Past President – 1 year
  - President – 1 year
  - VP/President elect – 1 year VP, the next year president

- Secretary – 2 years
- Treasurer – 2 years.

More discussion will take place regarding this suggestion and then MACVPR Constitution will need to be updated.

***OUTCOMES:***

- There have been some concerns with the tools that we originally voted on for use. The SF-12 has \$250/year per program or \$750 for 1500 patients/year.
- CES for depression did not have guidelines for a cut off of when you need to refer a patient to physician.
- Since announcement was made at November dinner meeting that we were to start implementing these tools January 1, 2007, Kristen agreed to send an email to members to hold for now until questions resolved.
- Suggestions:
  - Contact National AACVPR Outcomes Committee to see if they have any National outcomes study in the works and/or ask for suggestions
  - Contact the Wisconsin Chapter since to inquire about joining their outcomes study since they already have one in place.
  - Have all options in front of us prior to making a decision. Whatever we choose needs to be easy to access and to use in order for members to get on board.

Next Business Meeting

- Spring Conference – Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Holiday Inn, Timonium, MD. 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.