

## **MACVPR meeting minutes**

**June 8, 2010 Baltimore Washington Hospital**

In attendance: Lisa Gerber, Debra Lund, Shelley Daniels, Mike Payne, Linda Price, Michele Larson, Cecily Ludka, Pam Peitz, Tina Miller, Mary Beth Linthicum, Sara Stees

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **World Heart Games**

An individual from Baltimore Washington Hospital's cardiac rehab program shared the experiences their group had attending the World Heart Games in Decatur, GA. The games occur every three years and MACVPR members discussed trying to get more Marylanders to participate in the next games.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Mary Beth reported that we currently have \$16,378.70 in our account

A profit of \$3, 280 was made from the state conference which had approximately 60 attendees

#### **Conference Discussion**

Considerations for future brochures

- Phone number of a contact person on brochure
- Cancellation policy
- Eliminate directions to hotel to provide more space for other info

#### **Evaluations:**

- Not many students attended
- Most came from within 50 miles
- There was an equal number of RN's and Exercise Physiologists, the next largest group was RT's
- All speakers received good reviews
- Most heard about the conference from the brochure or through MACVPR
- There were comments about providing healthier breakfast food and lower sodium lunch

Linda typed up comments regarding many of the items discussed on the evaluations and disseminated them for the group to review. Please get back to Sara as to what comments you think should be put in the next newsletter i. e. letting people know that healthier breakfast means a higher price for the conference, that all of us are volunteers putting a lot of time into the conference etc.

Linda also talked about a few other potential sites for the next conference which she will research. A suggestion was made to try having the conference on a Saturday. It was decided that Sara will send out a survey asking members to complete regarding the next conference.

### **Fall Dinner Meeting**

The dinner meeting will be held November 9, 2010 at Tragara's in Bethesda. Mike Payne has gotten the Plavix representative to be a sponsor. Mike will try to find a cardiologist to do the talk. The dinner meeting is free for anyone who has paid their 2010 dues and will be \$30 for non-members. Linda also has someone lined up to donate a door prize.

### **Certification and Re-certification**

Certification and re-certification are now on-line through AACVPR.

### **Reimbursement**

Debbie Lund asked if there were any problems with payment on G0242 for pulmonary. No one stated they were having issues. She also said Karen Lui is investigating a statement in the pulmonary rehab rules stating that it is a once in a lifetime benefit. Stable angina is still covered for cardiac rehab. A discussion ensued as to how many are using 93797 which is the code for non-monitored exercise. Some are using it for the initial evaluation. Debbie noted that Aetna will not cover 93797.

The meeting was adjourned at 11am. The next meeting to be held **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010** at Baltimore Washington Hospital at 9:30am.

Submitted by Pam Peitz, RN, MS

MACVPR Secretary