

MACVPR Dinner meeting minutes

November 10, 2009 Snyder's Willow Grove, Linthicum, MD

Prior to the dinner meeting starting, we had a meeting with a smaller group of individuals to discuss strategies for increasing referrals for cardiac rehabilitation. These strategies were brought to us by Ann Walsh, MHS, CHES who is the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Coordinator for the state of Maryland.

Present: Sara Stees, Cecily Ludka, Pam Peitz, Sally Worm, Mary Beth Linthicum, Lisa Gerberg, Mary Maslow, Debbie Lund.

Discussion points:

1. Increase rotation of residents into cardiac rehab programs
2. Increase public awareness of cardiac rehab via newspaper articles, public service announcements, presentations to civic organizations such as Rotary, Kiwanis.
3. Goal to have all MD programs certified by AACVPR
4. Goal to have all insurance companies reimburse for cardiac rehabilitation

At 6:20 PM the general dinner meeting was called to order by Sara Stees, President

Sara introduced all the officers to the group.

Debbie Lund fielded questions from the audience regarding the AACVPR webinar held that day on cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation reimbursement.

Following the discussion, attendees were invited to visit the buffet. After everyone was seated, the speaker Lois Walden, RN was introduced by Sara Stees and provided the group with a very humorous and informative talk on humor.

A total of 39 individuals attended the meeting. Cardiac Science (Ken Emerson) provided \$250 in support and Scott Care (Terry Burke) provided \$100 in support for the dinner meeting. Nonin provided a pulse oximeter as a door prize. Peter Mnatzakan and Washington County Hospital also donated door prizes.