

MACVPR Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010 Baltimore Washington Medical Center

In attendance: Pam Peitz, Sara Stees, Cecily Ludka, Mary Beth Linthicum, Linda Price, Ellen Gorman, Joe LeDoux, Joan Misencik, Senie Mentis, Nancy Kaylor, Michelle Richards, Michael Payne, Greta Hartman, Heather Neal

Excused: Lisa Gerberg

At 9:40am the meeting was called to order by Sara Stees, MACVPR President

Agenda Items:

Treasurer's Report

Mary Beth Linthicum reported that we have \$15,078.96 in our account

2010 Spring Conference

Linda Price discussed those vendors who have already committed their support to our conference as well as others that are still pending. A few members made suggestions for other possible vendors to contact.

Day of conference Pam to bring raffle tickets, membership applications, PT pre and post tests and receipt book. Cecily to bring fish bowl and photo poster. Mary Beth will bring registration list but will also e-mail it to Sara ahead of time. Mary Beth will also bring checks and thank you notes for speakers.

The following have committed to being there early (7am) for set up and registration: Sara Stees, Lisa Gerberg, Heather Neal. Linda will arrive early for vendor set ups.

It was agreed that individuals cancelling after April 15th will forfeit \$35 of their registration fee to cover the cost of the meals and breaks which we will be charged for once we give the hotel our number.

Pam has been in touch with Dwayne Scott who is handling AV. He has all the speaker contact info and will obtain their presentations. He has also contacted the hotel regarding AV needs. Pam has been in touch with Scott Fidler. Towson has agreed to provide the handouts and folders.

Individualized Treatment Plan

Sara distributed a copy of the treatment plan template provided by AACVPR. As of Jan 1, 2010, all patients in cardiac and pulmonary rehab must have treatment plans reviewed and signed by a physician every 30 days. For most programs, this is still a work in progress. The group discussed the pros and cons

of the one provided by AACVPR and whether or not it could take the place of some existing forms that are being used.

Day on the Hill (DOTH)

Sara passed around photos from DOTH which were also e-mailed to all members. Debbie Lund, Sara Stees, Pam Caldwell, Kristen Fletcher and Jeanne Ruff all participated. They visited eight offices plus did two drop in visits. One purpose of the visits was to discuss a technical correction in the new law regarding non-physician practitioners (PA's and NP's) in CR and PR. The question was asked why these practitioners cannot be utilized in this setting. This will probably require a legislative change as these laws are written by congress. The group also discussed the Medicare advantage plans and that some plans had high co-pays and visit limits (less than 36 visits).

The legislators mentioned a possible resolution to make 2010 "The Year of the Lung" just to increase awareness.

Fall Dinner Meeting

It was decided that since the conference is in Baltimore, the fall dinner meeting should be held at Tragara in Bethesda on a Tuesday or Thursday in November. Mike Payne agreed to make arrangements with Tragara as well as working on finding a speaker. One suggestion was finding an orthopedic physician who could discuss cardiac rehab in individuals having joint problems. Two folks suggested an excellent pulmonologist who is a dynamic speaker and it was felt it would be best to save him for a future conference.

World Heart Games

The World Heart Games are being held in April in GA. Kaitlin Watts from BWMC is working very hard to organize this effort. A Spaghetti and Bingo fundraiser is planned for April 18th at the American Legion in Glen Burnie. Proceeds will be used for cardiac rehab graduates to attend the World Heart Games.

Submitted by Pam Peitz, RN, MS

Secretary MACVPR