

MACVPR BUSINESS MEETING

March 10, 2009

Baltimore-Washington Medical Center
Tate Center Conference Room

Attendance: Pam Peitz – President, Cecily Ludka – VP, Marybeth Linthicum – Treasurer, Kristen Fletcher- Secretary, Sara Stees, President Elect, Debbie Lund, Linda Price, Joe LeDoux, Ellen Gorman, Kevin Platt, Lisa Gerberg

Topic: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF January 2009 MEETING MINUTES
Reporting: Pam Peitz
Findings/Discussion: Minutes approved

Topic: TREASURER'S REPORT
Reporting: Marybeth Linthicum
Findings/Discussion: \$16, 816.00

Marybeth spoke with an accountant regarding recommendations for audit/review of MACVPR financials. The estimated cost would be \$500.00. An alternative was recommended due to the simplicity of the finances to have a MACVPR(non-officer) review the bank statement and checkbook and see that receipts match expenditures. A letter would need to be written from the reviewer regarding their findings for documentation of the review. Debbie Lund's daughter is studying accounting in College and interning as an accountant this summer. She will check to see if her daughter would be willing to review. If not we will need to nominate some one at the next meeting.

Topic: Day On The Hill – March 5th, 2009
Reporting: Debbie Lund
Findings/Discussion: Debbie Lund, Jeanne Ruff, Sara Stees, Kristen Fletcher and Elizabeth Benson participated in Day on the Hill. Plaques of appreciation were presented to those who co-sponsored Public Law 110-225, section 144, The Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehabilitation Act. (Ruppersberger, Bartlett, Mikulski, Cardin and Sarbanes). Meetings were also held with Legislative aides of Hoyer, Edwards and Kartovil to update them on the policy and educate them regarding the recently passed bill and our continued efforts regarding establishing an NCD for Pulmonary Rehab in addition to re-defining and clarifying the current NCD for Cardiac Rehab. These NCD will go into effect 1/1/2010. The message was also that our programs are low-tech, low cost, preventive programs with scientific evidence that supports healthcare benefits and should be considered when considering healthcare reform. We were unable to make appts with VanHollen and Cummings (a plaque and information was left with Cummings' staff for his support of the bill) Overall, we had a very positive response. We were asked to keep them informed with ideas, published papers and prevention models as they move forward.

Topic: Highmark Teleconference
Reporting: Pam Peitz
Findings/Discussion: Those who participated in the teleconference were disappointed by the lack of new insight and information. The speaker was unable to field questions and was using outdated information.

The MAC Medical Director of Highmark, Dr. Bloschniak will be presenting at the Tri-State affiliate Annual Conference on 4/4/09 at the Hershey Conference Center, Hershey, PA. Debbie Lund and Pam Peitz will attempt to make the meeting to represent Maryland and bring back information for the group.

Topic: AACVPR Annual Conference – Pittsburgh, PA. 10/1-10/3/09
Reporting: Pam Peitz
Findings/Discussion: MACVPR will be sponsoring Kerry Stewert as a speaker at the National Meeting. Kerry sent his thank yous to the group via email. Kerry will also be receiving the established Award of Excellence honor at this meeting. MACVPR will be at the awards banquet to support him and cheer him on.

We will also be collecting pictures of MACVPR events and meetings to provide for screen savers that scroll on the presentation screens throughout the conference.

The group decided to car pool rather than pay for a bus to the conference in order to save money.

Topic: Spring 2010- MACVPR Conference
Reporting: Linda Price
Discussion:

- Discussion around possible locations.
 - Joe LeDoux – to look into Univ. of MD, Baltimore
 - Mt. Washington Conference Center-Hopkins was suggested by Kevin Platt. Pam Peitz to investigate
 - Timonium Holiday Inn- Linda Price will see if they will give us a lower rate than previously quoted. Location could draw more Towson Students
 - Towson University will not hold their conference this year. They would like to assist with speakers if needed.
- Student Rate for Conference: Students currently enrolled in 12 or more credits was proposed to be half off the regular conference fee.
- Theme/Speakers
 - Pam suggested the honorarium be increased from \$300 to \$500
 - Suggested speaker topics were
 - Diabetes updates
 - Exercise Prescription
 - Lipids – Dr. Vogle (Univ of MD)
 - Updates on Legislation, what that means for designing or re-designing cardiac/pulmonary rehab programs
 - Pulmonary Hypertension – Dr. Park
 - LVAD
 - Anti-platelet research – Dr. Gerbil
 - Tentative dates to aim for are 4/13, 4/20 or 4/27

Topic: Spring Dinner Meeting – April 16, 2009 – Tragera Restaruant
Discussion: Lecture: Afib and Cardiac Rehab

- Dinner Free for current members
- \$30 for non-members (includes membership)

Topic:

Discussion:

Election of New Officers:

Congratulations to the officers elected for 2009-2011

- **Sara Stees – President**
- **Marybeth Linthicum – Treasurer**
- **Pam Peitz, Secretary**
- **Vice-President/President Elect**
 - **Nominations were made for two candidates. Due to the fact that one of the nominees was not present at this meeting and that two people were nominated, voting for this position was postponed until further notice.**
 - **Heather Neal**
 - **Lisa Gerberg**

Topic:

Future Meeting Dates:

- **4/16/09 – Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm – Tragara Restaruant - Bethesda**
- **6/9/09 – Business Meeting – 9:30 am, BWMC**
- **9/8/09 – Business Meeting – 9:30 am, BWMC**
- **11/10/09 – Fall Dinner Meeting 6:00 – TBD**
- **1/12/10 – Business Meeting – 9:30 am, BWMC**

Minutes Taken By:
Kristen Fletcher