

MACVPR BUSINESS MEETING

June 10, 2008 – 9:30 am

Baltimore-Washington Medical Center
Tate Center – Courtney Conference Room

Attendance: Pam Peitz – President, Cecily Ludka – VP, Marybeth Linthicum – Treasurer, Kristen Fletcher- Secretary, Sara Stees, President Elect, Debbie Lund, Kevin Platt, Linda Price, Nancy Kaylor, Katie Rankin

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

Topic: TREASURER'S REPORT
Reporting: Marybeth Linthicum
Findings/Discussion: \$16, 209.93 (includes first sponsor check for annual conference from Nonin)

Topic: MAC
Reporting: Pam Peitz and Debbie Lund
Findings/Discussion: Medical Director named for Highmark, Dr. Bloschichak. Kristen Fletcher and Lund will be representing Maryland at a meeting made of the Highmark region (MD, DE, PA, NJ). 2-3 reps from each state as well as one medical director from PA will be attending the meeting in Camp Hill, PA on 6/24/08. The meeting is to discuss and provide a notebook of previous local policies from previous intermediaries with a goal to develop the best possible policy for Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab. A push will be for more realistic, clear-cut guidelines for both Cardiac and Pulmonary. Pulmonary Rehab does not have to be covered under Medicare to date. Therefore, there is a push to make sure that it stays covered under this MAC.

Topic: Merging of MD and D.C. Chapters
Reporting: Pam Peitz
Findings/Discussion: Pam has had discussions with officers of D.C. chapters regarding joining forces as one chapter. The officers of the D.C. chapters still have questions regarding this merge and no decision has been made. The MD chapter thinks merging this group will allow us to accomplish similar mission and goals since many people are members of both chapters and so we are all on the same page for reimbursement and other efforts. A meeting will be scheduled for officers of both chapters to discuss this merger and details involved including constitution and bi-laws as necessary.

Topic: **Fall Conference – 10/21/08**
Reporting: Linda Price and Pam Peitz
Findings/Discussion: Conference will be held in Westminster, MD – Best Western
Title: Achieving & Sustaining Cardio Pulmonary Wellness

Brochure will be colored and glossy this year. Speakers are lined up.

Sponsors to date (\$2700): Gold – Quinton, Silver – Nonin, Roshe, OSI, Scottcare, possibly Leisure Fitness
Linda discussed concerns with appropriate laptop and projector equipment. Reviewed contract. Pam will bring a back up lab top. Sara Stees, to bring a back up projector. Linda will ask Mark from Hopkins if he can provide technical support. Kevin Platt also suggested the possibility of using an IT person from Northwest who we may be able contract for the day.

Topic: **Fall Dinner Meeting: 11/11/08 OR 11/18/08: 6:30 pm**
Suggested Topic: Montgomery General: Mediterranean Cooking Demo and tasting
Dr. Shnider
Contact person: Nancy Kaylor. Will check into date and get back to us to confirm.

Topic: **Newsletter/Website**
Reporting: **Pam and Sara Stees**
Discussion: Thank you to Sara for creating the newsletter. All members received May/June issue.
Please send future ideas and topics to Sara. Next Issue Sept/October 2008. Will be distributed at Fall Conference.
Future newsletters to be sent via email through PDF if possible. Kevin Platt suggested PDF 995 free online that will convert documents from Publisher to PDF file.

Request from Pam to see if we can get an email line put on the membership application on the website. Kristen to follow up.

Topic: **Program Certification and Re-Certification**
Reporting: Debbie Lund
Discussion: Pam Peitz was asked to provide more documentation during re-cert regarding written explanation of treatment plan. Also for incident to physician: Discharge summary when ending the program is ideal to have signed by MD or referring MD to notify that patient is being discharged. Debbie Lund announced that changes with the certification and re-cert requirements/application are being discussed at the national level. Concern was expressed that there be enough time to adjust/adapt what programs are collecting. Debbie will bring back our concerns to National.

Topic: **MD outcomes**
Discussion: Question arose what MACVPR finally decided to use statewide for outcomes tools and benchmarking. No decision was ever made, because different programs were using different tools and comfortable with them. Debbie Lund announced that AACVPR may begin a National benchmarking program and it would be wise to wait and use their suggestions, rather than implanting a state program and having to start over to match the National outcomes tools.

Topic: **AACVPR Program Directors Conference – Chicago, Illinois**
Reporting: Sara Stees
Discussion: Sara attended the meeting and shared with us some of the suggestions provided to meet National Patient Safety goals. Handout provided.

Topic: **Next meeting: September 30, 2008. Baltimore – Washington Medical Center
9:30 am.**

Minutes Taken By:
Kristen Fletcher