

Agenda

Maryland Pain Initiative

04/22/03

American Pain Foundation (APF) Office:
201 North Charles Street
Suite 710
Baltimore, MD

Meeting called by: Karen Kaiser

Type of meeting: Board of Directors

Facilitator:

Note taker: Bonita Pennino. Sherry McCammon will be on maternity leave. MPI needs to identify a replacement Secretary.

Attendees: Carol Billett, Tom Carroll, Julie Shepler, Eric Crispell representing Matt Ganey, Andre Bathalon. Attempted to reach Mickie Brown by speakerphone.

Agenda topics

Agenda Item #1 Approval of meeting report By: Karen Kaiser

Discussion: A quorum was not present. Discussed considering changing by-laws to reflect "those who are present at a meeting constitute a quorum". This will allow for business to be conducted.

Debate: N/A

Conclusions: No action

Action items: ask Mary Baluss to put this item on a future agenda

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Karen Kaiser

Next meeting

Discussion:

Possible legislation during the 2004 MD General Assembly session could include:

- Insurance coverage issues,
- Electronic monitoring of controlled substances,
- Formulary for Medicare coverage.

Position Papers will help in developing written and verbal testimony during GA Session. Eric has a colleague that follows Federal, VA & MD legislation and may be willing to come to a future meeting to share what he believes is on the horizon. Legislation MPI may want to propose in future GA sessions are:

- Insurance coverage for clinical trials
- Standards of care
- Usage of anti convulsant medicines
- Bill of rights.

The members of the State Pain Management Advisory Council have been appointed. MPI members would like to influence the deliberations of the Council. Andre has a colleague on the Council. The Council may benefit from the Cancer Pain chapter of the State Cancer Plan.

Debate:

Conclusions: MPI should be prepared to respond to legislative issues in a timely manner.

Option #2:

| Action items: | Person responsible: | Deadline: |
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| 1. Inquire as to council's status, meeting schedule, MPI time on future meeting agenda. | Andre | Prior to next MPI meeting |
| 2. Schedule meeting with DHMH Council staff person to initiate dialog and ask for MPI time on future meeting agenda. | Bonita | |
| 3. Invite Mike Kiser to future MPI meeting (May preferred) | Eric | To be determined |
| 4. Share State Cancer Plan Pain Chapter with Council | Karen | |
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Agenda Item #3 ACS Funding/Hiring staff

By: Andre Bathalon

Discussion:

Andre has completed the necessary paper work for funding from American Cancer Society. MPI now has the funds for hiring staff. Andre, a member of the hiring group, has not received any staff candidate resumes.

Debate:

Conclusions: Identify location for MPI files. Determine status of position description and hiring process for MPI staff. Expedite hiring process.

Action items:

Determine next steps in hiring staff

Person responsible:

Andre

Deadline:

By next meeting

Agenda Item #4 Position Papers

By: Tom Carroll

Discussion: The individual responsible for pulling together the Position Paper workgroup did not contact Tom. MPI members would like Position Papers on such topics as:

- Electric monitoring of controlled substances
- Abandonment
- Medical professional education/training
- Pain management at the end of life
- Access to pain management
- Disparities in pain management
- Insurance coverage
- Patients bill of rights
- Others

Other organizations, such as BPQA and NIH, should be consulted in the drafting process to determine their needs and gather support for MPI and build MPI as a coalition organization. Existing Pain Management Position Statements from national pain management organizations should be utilized, where appropriate. All MPI position papers should build from the MPI mission statement. The group should consider a major document with related sub-documents. Position Papers can be shared with state organizations and especially the State Pain Management Advisory Council.

Debate:

Conclusions: Positions Statements will be created for priority issues.

Action items:

Determine which MPI members are interested in drafting Position Statements and forming a workgroup.

Chose a chairperson.

Develop a list of possible topics and prioritize the list to present at the next meeting.

Invite Charlie Ceone to future MPI meeting

Schedule meeting w/ Ann Berger at NIH

Determine the status of and conditions associated with using supporting statements in the State Cancer Control Plan document.

Person responsible:

Tom Carroll

Workgroup, Tom to coordinate.

Workgroup

Eric Crispell

Tom Carroll/Karen Kaiser

Karen Kaiser

Deadline:

Prior to next meeting

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| Agenda Item #5 New Members | | By: Bonita Pennino |
| <p>Discussion: Skip Amass is interested in joining MPI. Skip is a retired pharmacist who is interested in pain management, and has attended National pain management conferences. He is a member of the ACS Mid Atlantic Board and ACS National Trustee as well as, a member of the ACS MD Government Relations Committee. Mr. Amass provided testimony during the MD GA in opposition to the electronic monitoring bill.</p> | | |
| Debate: | | |
| Conclusions: | | |
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| Action items: Add Mr. Amass' contact information to the distribution list | Person responsible: Marcia Strittmatter | Deadline: Prior to next meeting |
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| Adjourned at: 7:45 pm | | |
| Next Meeting: May 27, 2003 6:00 – 8:00 pm | | |