

# MARYLAND INITIATIVE

Quarterly Meeting  
Date: April 10, 2007  
5:00 to 7:30 pm

1 **Present:** Gail Katz, Tim Keay, Will Rowe, Karen Kaiser, Micke Brown, June Winkler

2 **Participants by Conference Call:** Wendy Toler

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4 **Absent Board Members:** Carol Billett, Mary Vargas, Lynn McPherson and Kathryn Herbert

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6 Meeting called to order by Karen Kaiser at 5:15pm.

7 Welcome and introductions were made. Minutes of the January 29, 2007 meeting were approved.

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9 **Executive Board Report:**

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11 **New MPI Coordinator:**

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13 June Winkler was introduced to the group. Micke and Karen are assisting June with her orientation to MPI. MPI notebooks are now in our possession, on  
14 site at the APF office and will be stored in the MPI file cabinet following June's review of the contents.

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16 **ACTION:** June will meet with Yvette Colon to gain restricted computer access to APF shared files for MPI electronic files. Micke has set the stage for  
17 June to meet with Lisa Nuth to review the Convio system capacity, verify MPI database updates and begin integration steps, so that Convio can be used  
18 for membership communications and policy alerts: national and Maryland based.

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20 **Treasurer's Report:** Mary was not available to deliver the report. A call was placed and voicemail message was left.

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22 **Tax Return & 501-C3 status**

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24 A financial report and update to the Board is needed. Since our 501C3 status was provisional data from 2002 -2004 is required for submission. It was  
25 due on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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27 **ACTION:** Jeannie Hornsby, APF accountant, is assisting MPI with the necessary preparation. The tax return was prepared and signed.

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29 **Accounting software upgrade**

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31 June has been reviewing our current software, Quicken, and comparing it to Quick Books. She has agreed to maintain our financial records and work  
32 with the MPI Treasurer and APF accountant on necessary reports, etc. Software improvement may be required.

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34 **ACTION:** June will talk with Jeannie about Quicken or other accounting software programs. All approved spending up to \$500 for software.

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36 **Recruitment Update:** Board members reported on their contact assignments and results. Micke reported that Dr. Gloth declined to serve but  
37 appreciates our persistence. He agreed to work with the policy committee. Helen Hatchett declined this year due to health priorities but agreed to serve  
38 on a committee as needed. Micke reported that Mary Shoenberger (ASPMN Maryland Chapter) from GBMC shared that one of her physicians, Harold  
39 Goll MD, might be a potential candidate.

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41 **ACTION:** Micke Brown will email Dr. Keay with Dr Goll's contact information. Tim will investigate and provide his recommendations at the next meeting.  
42 Will Rowe suggests Jamie Halco from AstraZenica and will contact her. Wendy Toler will ask a primary care physician and a nurse practitioner, Mary  
43 Ann Antony, NP. Karen will ask Mary Emma Middleton of the American Nurses Association. Carol Billett was assigned to recruit potential Johns Hopkins  
44 candidates. Karen and Micke have forwarded contact information about Fannie Gaston-Johansson, who developed the Pain-O-Meter.

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46 **Review of Elected Officers for 2007:**

47 President	Karen Kaiser
48 President-Elect	Kathryn Herbert
49 Secretary	Carol Billett
50 Treasurer	Mary Vargas

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52 **Board Survey on Meeting Schedule:** A revisit and discussion about preferential times and dates for the remaining year ensued. Participation continues  
53 to be sparse. A suggestion about performing a board/member survey was made. Gail Katz thinks it is good that the committee meetings are the same  
54 time as the Board Meeting and suggests meeting every other month at the beginning or end of the day. Survey is not needed because the Board can  
55 make the decision. The 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues is suggested. Micke stated that last minute changes in the planned schedule have contributed to confusion and  
56 limited availability for some whose schedules are less flexible. Verifying that holidays are not interfering with planned meetings is also necessary.

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58 **ACTION:** Karen will check the calendars of Lynn McPherson, Kathryn Herbert's and her own for suggested days in even months. June will check for  
59 holidays or other conflicts. A change in the yearly meeting schedule will be announced within the next 4 weeks.

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61 **Grant Update:**

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63 **ASPI Grant:** Anita Tarzian and Karen Kaiser are conducting focus groups with 2 couples with the Public Listenings group in Washington County.  
64 Findings will be referred to education committee for focus studies.

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**Maryland Home and Community Care Foundation Grant:** A survey is being developed for the certificate education program for retail pharmacists. Curriculum development will be the next phase.

**Lance Armstrong Foundation Grant:** The Butterfly Connection project is moving slowly. Johns Hopkins hired a nurse through Pediatric Hospice and they are setting dates for training.

**Pain Improvement Partnership Program Grant:** nothing has been done

**APF Power Over Pain Grant:** Year has ended. Progress of Public Listening expansion has stalled due to coordinator changes and local leadership inertia. Caring Voices in Washington County have not met this year and have decided to begin meeting again in the early summer. Micke and Karen will try to investigate further. POP monies have not been spent; Education Committee should decide what activity could use this funding which match the goals of the POP grant.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Education Committee: No report

**New Education Committee Membership:** Kathryn Herbert, Lynn McPherson, Tim Keay, Carol Billet, Mary Vargas, and Crystal Sanniez.

Board Charges are:

1. Plan Pharmacist Program, Survey and Curriculum this summer
2. Power Over Pain – Training for Professionals, development of materials, Awareness campaign at UMMS.
3. Outcomes of pediatric pain control study (T. Keay)
4. Recommend Studies needed on Plan of Care forms
5. Finalize a speakers bureau (Micke has draft of those who have expressed interest in the past; she will forward to Kat)

**ACTION:** Kat will be notified of her committee members and charges. Micke will forward supporting documents as needed.

### Public Policy/Advocacy Committee:

**Methadone Issue:** The Attorney General's office gave an "unofficial ruling" to respond in a timely manner. An official ruling needs to go through the Legislature. There is no change in practice but physicians are not well educated about its use and dosing parameters. Dr. Keay suggested an article by David Weissman at [www.eperc.mcw.edu](http://www.eperc.mcw.edu) fast fact # 171. We decided to do nothing now and let Hospice take the lead. It could become an MPI issue under public policy

**ACTION:** Karen will check with Lynn McPherson

**State Pain Report Card:** Micke has contacted Dr. Gloth about what we as a state can do to improve our score and is waiting for a response from him. We might consider working on a collaborative statement by the healthcare professional boards in support of adopting the FSMB model policy .

**ACTION:** Consider physician to physician contact with Lisa Williams at the Baltimore City Medical Society. Advocacy committee are charged to work this issue.

**Regulatory:** ASPMN Maryland Chapter is concerned about the recent Board of Nursing (BON) position on opioid range dosing. National ASPMN has a joint statement with the American Pain Society about his issue in response to past JCAHO reviewer actions. A request from Maryland ASPMN was made to invite MPI on a joint letter to the BON.

**ACTION:** Micke and Karen will work on a draft of a joint statement to the Board of Nursing and forward it to the Executive Board for review/approval.

**Prescription Monitoring Plans:** A new bill did not come before the State Legislature in 2007. It is anticipated that Maryland may lose some Federal funding according to the goals of NASPER 2006.

**Pain Care Policy Act:** Gail reported the newly announced goals of the American Cancer Society Federal Pain Initiative as:

1. Institution of Medical Conference on Pain Care
2. Authorization for establishing a Pain Consortium at NIH to coordinate pain issues.
3. Pain Care Education and Training Grants
4. Public Awareness

Micke commented that these are the same key components of the National Pain Care Policy Act of 2007, now in draft and current sponsorship is pending. ACS, along with other members of the Pain Care Forum, which include MPI and APF are working in collaboration to support this bill. There is a legislative task force working on critical strategies that will hopefully assist this legislation into law by year end. One essential objective is that this bill has bipartisan support and introduced in both houses of the government at the same time. More reports will be forthcoming. MPI will be asked to endorse a new consensus document within the next month or so.

**New Advocacy Committee Membership:** Will Rowe, Wendy Toler, Helen Hatchett, Micke Brown, Sherry McCammon, Gail Katz, Karen Kaiser, Michele Lonchar and Amelia Carvalho (while she continues her internship with APF).

Board Charges are:

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1. Discuss and plan strategies to improve state policy grade: consider collaborative statement from regulatory boards on model policy for opioid prescribing.
2. Recommend/plan a Project or Activity for Pain Awareness Month in September.

**ACTION:** Will Rowe will call the committee for a meeting as they will not be meeting today

**Announcements:** There will be a Pain Care Forum on June 14, 2007. Dr. Jim Thompson will speak at the luncheon about the Pain Care Policy Act.

Carolyn Quattrochi is no longer at the Attorney General's office.

American Heart Association NSAID Guidelines are problematic for those with pain. Will Rowe suggests setting up a conversation with the American Heart Association to find out what they are thinking.

**Coordinator's Updates:** None at present time. June expressed her enthusiasm about joining the MPI team and looks forward to learning and working with the Board and other volunteers.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES:**

**ASPI Annual Meeting:** is in Boston June 23 – 24, 2007. Gail Katz, Micke Brown and Mary Bennett will be attending. Mary and Micke are presenting for APF on Saturday about POP in action. Will is attending as well as others from APF.

**ACTION:** Karen will email Gail Katz to remind her to ask in Boston how other groups obtain their representatives. Karen will ask Kathryn Herbert to attend representing us.

No sub-committee meetings were held.

**Next meeting is: June 19, 2007 from 5-8pm: Committee will have the option to meet following the Board meeting.**

## **Adjournment**

Recognizing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Recorded by: June Winkler, April 10, 2007

Reviewed by: Micke Brown and Karen Kaiser on May 25, 2007.

Approved by MPI Board:

Supporting documents: None