

MARYLAND INITIATIVE

Quarterly Meeting

August 18, 2005

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Present: Gail Katz (Chair), Karen Kaiser (Chair-Elect, Micke Brown (Coordinator), Sherry McCammon (Secretary), William Rowe (Director), Joseph Berman (Director), Carol Billett (Director), Helen Hatchett, Kathryn Hebert (Director) Lynn McPherson (Director), Laura Scarpali

Participants by Conference Call: Mary Vargas (Treasurer),

Absent Board Directors: Catherine Jackson (Chair-Emeritus), John Schildt, MaryAnn Schildt, Shannon Leidig, Tom Carroll, Kathy Smolinski

Meeting called to order by Gail Katz at 10:30. Welcome and introductions were made. Majority of meeting was a working meeting to discuss Pain Hill Visit.

Treasurer Report

Mary Vargas reported that we have about \$21,000 in account.

Critical Discussion Items

1. MPI Brochure
2. Pain Hill Visits
3. ACS Partnership Grant
4. MPI Coordinator Position Job Description

MPI Brochure

Sherry passed final draft copy of brochure around for final comments and approval. Carol Billett noticed that "state" was not listed under logo on front of brochure. Cost is \$224.70 for 5000 copies. 200 brochures will be mailed to Sherry McCammon at ACS for her and Gail Katz and the remainder will be sent to APF to store for MPI. Gail will give Sherry MPI Visa information for payment.

ACTION-

Micke will email Jane Kelly (ACS Creative Services) about front cover and to give final approval to print and shipping information.

Sherry will send MPI Visa payment information to the ACS Print Shop.

Pain Hill Visit

Event will take place on Wednesday, September 14, 2005. Rep Rogers speaks at 9:00 AM at steps of Capitol. Group Meetings with legislators (8 Representatives and 2 Senators). Event will be focused on advocating for H1020- Pain Care Policy Act. Talking points about bill are APF website under Advocacy Center.

H1020 Bill- Pain Care Policy Act: An easy way to remember the 3 key parts of H1020 is EAR.

1. E- Education
2. A- Access
3. R- Research

An email will be sent to all MPI members including: Info about Hill Visit on HB 1020 Health Care Policy Act, asking member to respond to attend the Hill Visit at the US Capitol and meet with their legislators OR ask member if they are unable to participate in the Hill Visits to make appointments with their legislators at home OR at minimum make a phone and send follow up information to their legislative health policy aid.

The 3-Tier Approach to getting members involved with advocating for H1020:

- I. MPI members who can attend Hill Visits
- II. MPI members make home visits
- III. MPI members make phone call and send follow up send letter and info to legislators.

Packets for MPI members will include Hill Visit information, H1020 bill talking points, Pain Facts, Pain Study, Articles. Sherry recommended that we use the Hook, Line, Sinker Technique for when members meet with their legislators. Will Rowe stated that the two main asks to the legislators should be: 1. Co-sponsor H 1020 and 2. Have legislators/ staff attend Hearing for H1020 (date has not been scheduled yet). A special ask to Milkulski should be, "Would you be the

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1 Sponsor of a Senate companion bill for H1020". MPI should also place pressure on Cardin since he will most likely be
2 the Democratic Candidate for Senate seat.

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4 Leave behind Packets will include; Cover letter, H1020, Pain Facts, Pain Study, Articles, and Contact info. Appointments
5 with Legislators need to be made at ASAP and will be made with all 8 Representatives and with the two Senators. These
6 can be cancelled if we do have any MPI members able to attend. Letters will be sent to all MD legislators inviting them to
7 join their colleague Rep Rogers on the steps at 9:00 am. Will Rowe shared that there is a possibility that Metronics could
8 work with Jerry Lewis to speak with Rep Rogers on the steps.

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10 Will Rowe raised the concern that not many states are coming. We might only be able to get 25 people total from
11 entire country so we may not want it to be called a rally. Back up plan could possibly be that Rep Rogers set up an
12 interview with the press. Kathryn suggested idea that because of the low number we could have buttons made "Each
13 one of us represent x many people back home. Sherry can send packets out to those MPI members who will be doing
14 lobby visits or need to meet with their legislators at home. Everyone is responsible for his or her own transportation but
15 carpooling is an option. MPI members will meet by 9:00 at Capitol Hill Steps. Further discussion is needed about details
16 regarding the day of the event.

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18 Carol Billet will make appointments with each of the US legislators in MD.
19 Will Rowe will draft a Dear Colleague letter to send to all of the MD legislators.
20 Carol Billet will send key points for email to MPI members to Micke.
21 Micke Brown will send an email out by Friday afternoon to all MPI members about event.
22 Carol, Micke and Sherry will hold conference call for those members able to attend the hill visits.
23 Sherry McCammon can send packets to MPI members able to make Hill Visits or home visits.
24 Further discussion about the day of event details is needed.

American Cancer Society Partnership Grant

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27 A grant evaluation needs to be conducted in order to apply for new grant. The grants are rolling grants and we can. The
28 money for the brochures will be paid for out of the ACS grant as noted on the ACS partnership grant application budget
29 and not from the Power Over Pain honorarium as noted in the May 2005 minutes.

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31 MPI needs to document all expenses to date and continue to document during the fall for ACS grant. Evaluation will be
32 sent to ACS by the end of the year.

Coordinator Position Job Description

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34 Gail Katz asked Karen Kaiser to take a look at the job description. MPI is having difficulty with funding position. Further
35 discussion is needed to look at creative ways to fund position. Gail suggested looking at having an intern to begin next
36 January.

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41 **ACTION-** Karen and Gail will talk further and make contacts with the various colleges.

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

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43 Micke suggested that we put a picture of T-shirt on website so that MPI can start selling them on the website.

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45 Mary will send a picture of the T-shirt to Micke to have it place on website to start selling the T-shirts.

Adjournment

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47 Recognizing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

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49 Recorded by: Sherry McCammon

50 Reviewed by:

51 Approved by MPI Board:

52 **Next Meeting is October 28, 2005. Location TBD.**