



**MARYLAND PAIN INITIATIVE
BOARD MEETING AUGUST 12, 2008
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Kathryn Walker, Gail Katz, Natalie Powers, Jaymie Halko, Danelle Avery Buchman, Suzanne Nesbitt and June Winkler

ON LINE: Lynn McPherson, Renee Benzel, Micke Brown, Victoria Wells, Carol Billett, Wendy Toler, Beth Murinson and Karlynn Brinczenhofe Szoc

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wendy Toler

MPI account	\$ 6,472.00
LAF account	\$ 33,238.05
MHCCF account	\$ 16,787.61

We paid 50% of the cost of the survey to Mason-Dixon Polling. Total cost \$33,500.00

WEBSITE: Notices have been submitted and added to Website.

DHMH Advisory Council: Council being formed to be involved in the Prescription Monitoring Program. Gail Katz and two other people have applied to serve on this council.

PAIN SURVEY: Alpharma has denied our request for \$10,000. Purdue has approved \$15,000, American Cancer Society has given \$6000. Cephalon and Keene are pending response and request was not submitted to Wyeth. We need \$32,000. Larry of Mason-Dixon Polling will have a summary for our October meeting. The survey is being done now for 17 days. Purdue wants to partner with us for Media Coverage. American Pain Foundation may be able to help with this. We need to establish a communications committee from now until October. Micke serves on the APF communications committee and Jaymie Halko is willing to help. We also need representation from DC. Along with Larry and Purdue and help from APF staff, we should be able to handle the Media Coverage. Wendy will send out her notes about the survey. Beth Murinson noted that the Summit was not in the most recent Pain Monitor from the American Pain Foundation. Because the Summit is "invitation only" we need to be careful how we publicize it. We also need to advise ASPI that we are holding a Summit.

PAIN SUMMIT:

Projected cost is \$15, 129 and includes printing and postage costs.

Projected income is \$3,000 from registration and \$17,000 from funding.

Program Committee will send an email to the Leaders of Focus Groups arranging a conference call for the end of September to discuss how we hope a facilitator will facilitate and get a group to re-focus on solutions and positive steps.

Proclamation from Governor could be presented at the Summit in October and featured as part of the agenda

Question was raised about inviting Delaware and Pennsylvania representation. Some from the American Cancer Society have been invited.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

June D. Winkler