

# MARYLAND INITIATIVE

Quarterly Meeting  
Date: February 2, 2006  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Present:** Gail Katz (Outgoing Chair), Karen Kaiser (Incoming Chair), Will Rowe (Policy Committee Chair), Kathryn Hebert (Director), Carol Billett (Director), Lynn McPherson (Director), Veena Kamath (Pharm Student), Helen Hatchett, Micke Brown.

**Participants by Conference Call:** None

**Absent Board Members:** Mary Vargas (Treasurer: excused), Tim Keay MD (Director), Joe Berman MD (Director), Shannon Leidig (New Coordinator: excused)

Meeting called to order by Gail Katz at 1030 am.  
Welcome and introductions were made.

## **Executive Board Report: Gail**

**Subject:** Election of New Board of Directors was discussed: Nominations of eleven out of fifteen board posts were confirmed; Officer and Committee Chair vacancies were filled except for Chair-Elect position.

**ACTION:** Board slate was voted upon and officially accepted with understanding that remaining posts could be filled throughout the year. Kat Hebert was nominated for Chair-Elect. She was not able to accept nomination at the present time, but agreed to consider after time period allowed for personal and professional priorities to be evaluated.

**Treasurer's Report:** Verbal Presentation not available (Treasurer on Maternity Leave)

**Subject:** Summary Report from recent grant preparation activities: see attachment

Income: 2004: \$10,102.00

Income: 2005: \$21,500.00

SUBTOTAL: \$31,602.00

Expense: 2004: \$ 8,633.30

Expense: 2005: \$ 2,358.71

Expense: 2006 \$ 19.92

SUBTOTAL: \$ 11,011.93

BALANCE TOTAL: \$20,590.07

**ACTION:** See grant report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy Committee:** Will Rowe

**Subject:** Denial of access to pain care as illustrated by the Paey case in Florida and the DEA investigation of Dr. Hendler in Maryland created a lengthy discussion. The impact on patients when a pain provider is rapidly removed from practice is highly problematic in Maryland as it is in the nation. The access to care is severely curtailed which is reflective of other chronic conditions or disease states, like cancer. The example of what

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1 happened in Harford County when the primary pain provider for low-no income patients was unable to practice  
2 due to a massive MI was offered as what happens in rural Maryland in contrast urban settings. A variety of  
3 viewpoints was shared and dialogue around the role of MPI. A variety of strategies were suggested.  
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5 Micke shared that resources were quickly developed at APF in response to the Hendler activities. Copies were  
6 provided. She mentioned the ASPMN attempt to create a directory of pain providers in 2003 which was  
7 problematic. The MassPI resource model was discussed and is available for MPI review if interest. Lynn  
8 discussed the Oregon model and will obtain an example.  
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10 **ACTION:** Micke, Lynn, Kat and Shannon will work on the framing of a Pain Resource Directory for Maryland.  
11 Micke and Lynn will check about the development process used by MassPI and Oregon. They will try to have a  
12 draft directory ready to be used at the next meeting.  
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14 **ACTION:** Lynn will look into the feasibility of including a pain specialty query section or addition to the Hospice  
15 Network of Maryland physician survey soon to be distributed.  
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17 **ACTION:** Will volunteered to contact AACPI to alert them about our activity. He will inquire if SPIs they have  
18 dealt with the issue of physician(s) becoming unavailable suddenly and without the ability to make transition  
19 arrangements for their patients in any fashion.  
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21 **ACTION:** Gail will discuss strategy options with Eric Galley regarding what bill could logically include an  
22 attachment for making the Pain Advisory Council a permanent council for Maryland.  
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24 **ACTION:** The next MPI meeting will be dedicated to a problem-focused strategy session. Key decision-makers  
25 will be invited to attend that include the AG office, DEA, State Legislators, Health Department, Boards of  
26 Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. The meeting time will be changed to an evening venue at a local restaurant:  
27 April 19 from 6-8:30pm was proposed. Lynn McPherson will help secure the location. The regular quarterly  
28 meeting for April 27 will be canceled. Will agreed to forward the American Academy of Pain Medicine, et al.  
29 document that was created to guide practitioner's response to pain patients after Hurricane Katrina.  
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31 **ACTION:** Assignments accepted were: Karen Kaiser to invite Delegate Bobo and invite a contact from the  
32 Maryland Board of Nursing. Gail will invite Senator Hollinger and ask Dr. Berman about whom to invite from the  
33 Health Department and Dental Board. Micke will contact Dr. Gloth for his recommendations for Board of  
34 Medicine. Lynn will invite the Board of Pharmacy. Will Rowe will contact Jack Schwartz regarding whom to  
35 invite in the AG and DEA offices. Karen will draft a letter that Shannon will distribute by e-mail and snail mail to  
36 the invited participants as a follow-up to personal phone calls. Karen will try to get funding for this activity.  
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38 **Public Awareness Committee:** vacant  
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40 **Subject:** Status of POP campaign was postponed since Shannon was unable to attend. Final report to APF  
41 was submitted mid-January. Chair vacancy of this committee was discussed  
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43 **ACTION:** Gail volunteered to serve as Chair for 2006-2008.  
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45 **Professional Education Committee:** vacant  
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47 **Subject:** Pharmacy certificate program grant was submitted on time; status pending.  
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1 **ACTION:** Micke volunteered to serve as Chair for 2006-2008.

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3 **Fundraising Committee:** Karen Kaiser

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5 **Subject:** Restructuring of this committee to a grant writing workgroup was recommended. Currently, there is  
6 no person experienced or interested in global fundraising. Karen has strong interest in harvesting and writing  
7 educational or research grants. She is a committee of one, but has actively teamed with Lynn, Tamara (APF)  
8 and others during these opportunities. With MPI leadership responsibilities, her time is limited and the  
9 committee requires additional members. Shannon is working on refining a list of organizations for potential  
10 funding opportunities.

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12 **ACTION:** Committee was renamed as the Grant Committee and charged to mine opportunities for grant work  
13 that is compatible with the MPI mission.

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15 **Subject:** Karen reported on status of recent grant submissions. Lynn and Karen submitted a grant to the  
16 Maryland Home and Community Care Foundation focused on developing a Pain Pharmacy Certificate Training  
17 Program. Receipt of application before deadline has been confirmed.

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19 Ideas for LAF grant were requested. One idea around the development of a caregiver toolkit for pediatric  
20 cancer pain was presented by Carol Billet. Strong support was voiced about the potential collaboration with  
21 Johns Hopkins, UMaryland and Sinai. Other ideas included: adapt the ACS tool kit to survivorship with a focus  
22 on pain, create an End-of-Life toolkit for family & caregivers that include items such as parking and security  
23 passes for the major hospitals. Collaborating with Maryland End of Life Council leaders like Jack Schwartz  
24 and Cindy Rushton might be possible.

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26 A grant was submitted for additional funds for the AACPI Chronic Pain Listenings grant and response is due  
27 from the American Society of Pain Management Nursing soon. IRB approval has been obtained for this study  
28 and subjects are being actively recruited.

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30 **ACTION:** Karen and Carol will continue to investigate the above project. Karen will explore other potential  
31 opportunities identified by the group. Plans are to submit a letter of intent by March 1<sup>st</sup> if a suitable pain-related  
32 project can be identified.

## 33 **Membership & Capacity Upgrade Items:**

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36 **Subject:** APF presentation about Convio, mobilization project and MPI website update was presented by  
37 Yvette Colon. Convio provides communication capacity enhancement for MPI as well as dedicated action  
38 sections for policy awareness and action. Surveys can be conducted through this site. Website makeover is  
39 close to completion.

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41 **ACTION:** Shannon will contact all MPI members on email list and verify interest in continued membership. An  
42 Excel spreadsheet will be created with updated contact information: name, profession, address, telephone #,  
43 Fax #, email address. This will be imported into Convio and marked as MPI members. Members will have  
44 flexibility to opt in or opt out of offered features and communication. We will consider how to use this to engage  
45 future MPI members and leaders.

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1 **ACTION:** Micke will forward Yvette copy of the pharmacy project grant so she can review sections around  
2 electronic communications; she will review for possible capacity match with Convio features. Karen will ask  
3 Shannon to update and convert the membership list, which will be sent to Yvette.  
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## 5 **MISCELLANEOUS:**

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7 **Subject:** Howard County Volunteer Board Bank provides training to volunteers who want to be future board  
8 members. They also match organizations and volunteers. Karen expressed interest in recruiting  
9 volunteer(s)/board members from Howard County to work with MPI through this mechanism. Such volunteers  
10 may be helpful with public awareness activities in that county. She wanted others to see if similar programs are  
11 available in their counties.  
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13 **ACTION:** Karen will pursue the Howard County option. Others are to assess the potential for obtaining board  
14 members and volunteers in their county.  
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17 **Subject:** While grant funding will cover some of the Coordinator role, it is difficult to get money for on-going  
18 support. Will reported that APF has been successful in obtaining such funding via letter solicitation.  
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20 **ACTION:** Karen will ask Shannon to draft a letter for basic support that we can send out with Tamara's  
21 guidance. We will use this money for basic support such as the coordinator role.  
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## 23 **Adjournment**

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25 Remaining agenda items will be covered by electronic messaging or held for next meeting, the meeting  
26 adjourned at 1:45 pm.  
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28 Recorded by: Micke A. Brown on Feb 2, 2006.

29 Reviewed by: Executive Committee: Feb 14, 2006

30 Approved by MPI Board:  
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32 Supporting documents: Board of Directors List; Maryland Pain Provider Resource List from APF; MPI Account  
33 Summary 2006  
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