



**Quarterly Meeting**  
**Date: February 26, 2008**  
**5:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Present:** Kathryn Walker, Yvette Colón, Rebecca Novak, Micke Brown, June Winkler, Renee Benzel, Lynn Tieu, Jayme Halko, Mayssa Sultan, Suzanne Nesbitt, Gail Katz, Karen Kaiser and Natalie Powers.

**Participating by conference call:** Carol Billett, Wendy Toler

**Absent:** Dr. Tim Keay, Lynn McPherson, Will Rowe, Beth Murinson, Megan Potter

**Introductions and Welcome to new members:** Yvette Colon and Rebecca Novak are here from the American Pain Foundation; Renee Benzel, one of our new board members, a Rockville resident who works with AlPharma and Mayssa Sultan, a National Urban Fellow serving as an APF intern..

**New Web Site:** was prepared and shown to us by Yvette Colón of APF. She will be the contact person for any updates. The website address is <http://www.marylandpaininitiative.org>. Archives include past strategic plans, surveys and minutes. All of the content was moved from the previous web site and needs to be updated. She can make additions or corrections in one or two days if they are sent by email. We can add conferences, links and possibly have a Board password to communicate with each other. Compliments to Yvette on her work and achievement to improve the website were reflected by the members.

**Action:** June, Micke and Jayme will serve as the website committee. They will review content and work with Yvette to update the site on a regular basis. Updates will be reported at our meetings. Anything with a cost or controversial will be submitted to the Board.

**Board Roster:** was sent out by email but has further corrections to be made

**Action:** June will make corrections and send out revised roster

**House Bill 525:** Prescription Monitoring Program had a hearing on February 1, 2008 which was attended by Kat Walker and Karen Kaiser. There will be a subcommittee meeting about it on February 27, 2008. The bill is sponsored by Delegate Sue Cullen and appears to be the same one that was vetoed by the Governor two years ago. Question was raised about the software available to monitor if passed. It will be handled by DHMH.

**Action:** Gail Katz will attend the subcommittee meeting tomorrow. Kat and Karen will forward copies of their testimonies, as submitted, for the official legislative record. June will archive and include on the MPI website.

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**Pain Survey:** The reasons for re-doing the 2002 survey are to see if there are any changes in the results and to have it available for discussion at the Pain Summit. Dr. Gloth's issue with the original was that it did not have scientific weight. We could add questions of a scientific nature to the original 49 questions. We would like to have an equal comparison with the last one if possible. Rebecca Novak was at Purdue when the original one was done and we should give them the first right to sponsor it again. We could market it on the basis of MPI having a new president, new web site, and preparing for a Pain Summit. Rebecca added that APF (American Pain Foundation) received a grant to raise pain awareness in 25 markets. The markets have not yet been determined. She also provided us with the names of two other companies to consider for the proposal to do the survey.

**Action:** June will send the survey to the other two vendors and ask them for a proposal of price and time line. Also check the cost for 5 more questions and whether the data analysis would be different if not done by the original surveyor. June will send an email to the Board when the proposals are received.

**Pain Summit:** Suggested dates are September 19 or 22, 2008 9am – 3pm. The American Cancer Society has allocated \$12,000 grants for each region to have a pain summit. We could partner with DC and have access to two grants totaling \$24,000. We are thinking in terms of 100 – 150 invited guests representing DHMH; Legislature; Boards of Nursing, Dental, Medical and Pharmacy Schools; Medical Residents, Attorney General's office. The topic would be Scott Fishman's Model Guidelines and our Pain Survey. Possible location would be a hotel in the Airport area. Dr. Fishman has been invited to Keynote.

**Action:** Micke Brown will confirm with Scott Fishman about dates of his availability.

Gail Katz will check with Danelle Buchman about how to apply for grant and follow up about CME's with June Dahl.

June Winkler will check with hotels about cost and date once the date is set, as well as the Weinberg Foundation about a Short grant for underserved populations.

Karen Kaiser will send an article on Pharmaceutical Company grants.

Wendy Toler will let Kathryn know how to obtain a grant from Jazz Pharmaceutical.

**Future Meetings:** The next meeting will be on April 8, 2008 at 5:30 in the APF Conference Room. Because of the Pain Summit work to be done, we will meet monthly between now and September on the SECOND Tuesday of the month.

**Action:** June will send a list of the meeting dates to each Board member for their calendar.

Submitted 3/28/08 by June Winkler, MPI Coordinator

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Approved