

Agenda

Maryland Pain Initiative

01/21/2003_
American Pain Foundation (APF) Office:
201 North Charles Street
Room 1650
Baltimore, MD

Meeting called by: Mary Baluss (Chair)
Type of meeting: Board of Directors
Facilitator:
Note taker: Sherry McCammon (Secretary)

Attendees: Mary Baluss, Andre Bathalon (Treasurer), Carol Billett, Tome Carroll, John Giglio, Karen Crosby, Jeanne Hornsby, Karen Kaiser, Tim Keay, Sherry McCammon, Glenn Schneider (Guest), Marcia Strittmatter

Agenda topics

Financial Report

By: Jeanne Hornsby
and Andre Bathalon

Financial Report: Jeanne Hornsby reported our Banking Account's Net income as \$8,529.78.

Discussion: Need to establish protocol for withdrawing funds. Mary Baluss suggested that MPI should have its own letterhead.

Conclusions: Members voted that 2 people would need to sign checks if greater than \$500.00. First signature would be the Chair, second signature would be the treasurer. Members approved for funds to be spent for MPI stationary.

Action items: Finalize protocol for withdraw of funds.
Order Stationary.

Person responsible:
Andre Bathalon
Jeanne Hornsby

Deadline:

Glenn gave presentation on the Health Care For All plan. Highlights from the presentation. 1. The plan is universal- all Marylanders will have access to quality and affordable health coverage. 2. The plan is built on private sector coverage- The goal is to expand coverage in the private sector whenever possible. 3. All employers and individuals in our state must make a “fair share” contribution to achieve health care for all. 4. The plan does not rely on state general fund revenue to support it. 5. The plan will improve the quality of life and health of every person living in Maryland.

In addition, the plan proposes 1. expanding the small group market, 2. requiring every Maryland business to contribute, 3. requiring every Maryland resident to contribute, 4. reducing the cost of prescription drugs and keeping the state’s largest health insurer, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield a non-profit entity and reforming it to better serve the public and its subscribers.

The plan will cost \$669 million annually (30 million for the first year startup). There will be no net increase in state general fund spending and we will not create large, new bureaucracies to service all the uninsured.

To review plan visit www.healthcareforall.com Please send any written comments or concerns ASAP to the Maryland Citizens’ Health Initiative at 2600 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218 or phone 410-235-9000 or fax 410-235-8963, email: healthy@mdinitiative.okrg

Discussion: Much discussion from members throughout the presentation. John asked if HCFA could assist MPI by including information in the plan on pain management and include a pain medication list. Glenn suggested that MPI look at Small Group market website www.mhcc.state.md.us/smgrpmtk/cshbp/cshbp_brochure.htm and the plans benefit package. See above for the website for HCFA. Glenn also advised that MPI submit this information to him ASAP. John also asked if HCFA could assist MPI with building our coalition. Glenn will keep MPI posted about future legislation for the plan.

Conclusions: MPI will submit pain management information and submit a list of pain medications to HCFA. MPI will contact Glenn

Action items: Submit information on pain management and list of pain medications for health care for all plan. Contact Glenn to attend a HCFA meeting and to try to give an MPI presentation for HCFA committee.

Person responsible:
Mary Baluss, John Giglio

Deadline:

Approval of the Minutes		By: Mary Baluss
Discussion: The November minutes were approved.		
Debate: Corrections: Under attendees, Arnie needs to be changed to Amie and Patricia Hoge's name needs to be deleted. Under Announcements of MD Pain Scientific Advisory Committee, Peter Staats name needs to be deleted.		
Conclusions: Minutes were approved.		
Action items: Corrections will be made.	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	Micke Brown	
Review Job Description for Part-time Staff Position		
Discussion: Amy Myers assisted with writing job description with comments from board. This position will be made possible from grant money from AACPI (\$10,000) and ACS (\$5,000). Feedback was given and will be submitted back to Amy. Need to promote job announcement through various channels. Also discussed process for hiring applicant and for applicants to apply for position.		
Debate:		
Conclusions: Forward job announcement to MPI members, Maryland Public Health Association members, Health Care For All, Career Placement offices, Maryland Association of Non-profits, University of Maryland School of Social Work, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, APF website and MPI website. Members can also forward to individuals contacts. Applicant will need to submit letter of application, CV and one writing sample by email. Email address to be determined.		
Action items: John will give feedback to Amy to revise job description and announcement. John and other members will promote position. Mary Baluss and Andre will sit on committee to interview applicant. John will talk to Bonnie about creating an email address for applicants to apply for the position.	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	John Giglio, Mary Baluss, Andre Bathalon, Amy Myers other MPI members.	

Fundraising Report

By: John Giglio

John Giglio reported that MPI will apply next year to become one of the affiliating agencies of Community Health Charities (CHC) after MPI obtains 501B status and our books have been audited. MPI needs to demonstrate that we meet CHC’s criteria. Amy Myers will work on foundation grant proposals. The plan is to meet with a variety of foundations.

Discussion: The question was raised, “Where do you go in Maryland to receive good pain care?” John suggested that we consider a management resource guide (hard copy and available on website). Tom Carroll has a few contacts that could assist with a pain management resource guide.

Debate: Concerns regarding how to classify resource guide since there is not criteria available.

Conclusions: To pursue the idea of working on a Pain Management Resource Guide with resources in Maryland and to start working on foundation grant proposals.

Action items: Amy will work on foundation grant proposals.

Person responsible:
John Giglio, Tom Carroll, Amy Myers

Deadline:

Advocacy

By: John Giglio

Discussion: John Giglio asked Sherry McCammon to connect with Bonita Pennino, Advocacy Chair to see if she can keep MPI updated about the status of the Pain Management Advisory Council and any legislation for pain control.

Debate:

Conclusions: Find out status of Pain Management Advisory Council and any pain control legislation.

Action items: Sherry will contact Bonita.

Person responsible:
Sherry McCammon

Deadline:

Open Forum	Group
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Mary Baluss asked members to think about ways that the members can work within the subcommittees- conference calls, email etc.

Tim Key announced that he is the new Chair of the American Medical Directors Association which will be responsible for reviewing pain management guidelines. Tim is willing to use this connection to share with MPI for feedback.

New MPI phone line- John recommended that someone needs to be appointed to check voicemail messages on a daily basis. It was suggested that we first monitor the type of calls/questions that we are receiving.

	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Upcoming Events	Group
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The American Cancer Society will be holding an "I Can Cope" Facilitator's workshop including the Pain Module session on February 14, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (**Pain Module 3:00 – 4:30 pm**) at the Weinberg Building, Room 1387 Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins.

Lunch and parking will be provided. Please call 1-800-787-4337 to RSVP by February 7th. Space is limited.

	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Adjourned at: 8:30 pm		

Next Meeting: **February 25, 2003 at 6:00 pm**