



**MARYLAND PAIN INITIATIVE
BOARD MEETING JULY 8, 2008
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Kathryn Walker, Beth Murinson, Will Rowe, Jayme Halco, Carol Billett , Dr. Tim Keay, Natalie Powers

PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE CALL: Wendy Toler, Michelle Grant Irvin, Karen Kaiser, Micke Brown and Victoria Wells

New Business:

DHMH is accepting applications for pain patients for the advisory council. Ideally they would like people with health care experience and an understanding of pain issues. Please keep this opportunity in mind for applying.

Karen brought up a conversation with Lynn McPherson regarding a before and after study to gain outcomes for the summit. Kat will follow up with those interested in subsequent meetings... Michelle Grant-Irvin and Wendy expressed interest. Michelle offered to send Kat information about other surveys she has used in the past.

PAIN SUMMIT:

Programming group to follow up on conference call to outline general guidelines. Suggested that this group convene on conference call to prep everyone and focus table leaders. Need goals and objectives for focus groups. Suggestion to post these if online registration is available.

PROGRAM:

No agenda changes were made at this meeting

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Programming group to follow up on conference call to outline general guidelines. Suggested that this group convene on conference call to prep everyone and focus table leaders. Suggestion for back up people to volunteer for focus groups in case too many people register for one table and multiple tables need to be formed.

LOGISTICS:

Invitations: suggestion to advertise Scott Fishman's book is included (good hook). People should be given two choices for focus group selections (1st and 2nd choices).

Registration: Danelle is following up on the use of BThere from ACS to register participants.

Budget: should we include exhibitor booths to raise extra money? Michelle said that there may be a perceived conflict of interest, Micke and Wendy agreed. The board decided not to use this as a source of income for the summit. Speaker fees seem high, and because the budget is tight, we will ask Gail to approach the speakers regarding this issue. There is still a question about budgeting; if we are underfunded for either the summit or survey can we move money around to either. Pharma money most likely cannot be moved. Danelle is working on answering this question. Will follow up if needed after speaker fees are addressed.

- 5K confirmed from DCCC

Media: APF volunteered to help with media support to promote survey results and summit. Kat will follow up with Gail/Danelle on role of ACS. Suggestion made to approach Purdue if they are interested as well. Micke suggested we designate point people to speak and prep patients on talking points to be prepared.

Invite List: suggestion to include Gwynn (pain support groups) and ask if her support group moderators would like to be involved. Invite list will be sent out again for comments- please send in feedback. Discussion surrounding the Blaustein List from Hopkins and how that can be used best. Beth Murinson offered to scrub the list and send out an appropriate number to add to the invite list. It was decided to cast the net wide even though the registration is limited.

Volunteers: Ten people will be sponsored by MPI to help on the day of the event. Other board members wishing to attend must pay the registration fee. Please submit names.

PAIN SURVEY:

Grants are outstanding at many places awaiting review (Alpharma, Purdue, Endo, Wyeth, Cephalon, King). Any last comments for the survey were due last week. A few additional comments may be accepted is done immediately (by tomorrow am), because the grant cycle takes approximately 45 days. Final costs are 27K, and the final survey design is directed towards looking at disparities in access issues (elderly, AA) and for DC oversampling to study income disparities is planned (income <50K). The deadline to

start the survey is the 3rd week in August. Comparisons to old data will be made by % only as there is no original data available. Raw data will be given to us from this survey collection.

- Budget: 20K from DHMH, 6k from ACS, and hopefully grant money to support the rest
- 50% payment is due before and 50% after survey completion

NEXT MEETINGS:

AUGUST 12, 2008 5:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 5:00 PM

OCTOBER 14, 2008 5:00 PM