



**Quarterly Meeting**  
**Date: June 19, 2007**  
**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

**Present:** Karen Kaiser, Kathryn Herbert, Will Rowe, Jayme Halko, June Winkler  
Tim Keay

**Participants by Conference Call:** Micke Brown, Lynn McPherson, Wendy Toler

**Absent Board Members:** Mary Vargas, Carol Billett

**Meeting** called to order by Karen Kaiser at 5:15pm

Jayme Halko was introduced. She is the State Ally Development Consultant for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals particularly interested in Education and Advocacy Initiatives. They are donating \$1000 to MPI.

**Minutes** of the April 10, 2007 meeting were approved. Will be sent to Yvette Colon to put on the web site.

**Executive Board Report:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen reported that the current status of our 501C3 is provisional  
**ACTION:** Karen is working with Jeannie Hornsby to get permanent status

Mary Vargas is not available for this meeting but did send an email with the following information:

1. Letter from IRS acknowledging receipt of our request for official 501C3 status. Will reply within 120 days.
2. Invoices received from Karen Kaiser, Anita Tarzian and Diane Hoffman and has written checks to each.
3. Will open a separate account for the MHCCF grant of \$17,000 +
4. Current balance in main account is \$18,847.44. Has not received any bills from APF for food or teleconferencing
5. Request someone else take over the position of Treasurer

**ACTION:** Wendy Toler volunteered to be treasurer and June Winkler will keep the books. June will pick up materials from Mary and transfer to Wendy.

**ASPI CONFERENCE:** Kat Herbert wants to know about selecting workshops. Since Will Rowe, Micke Brown and Gail Katz are also attending the conference, they will all coordinate to ensure representation at the various workshops

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**Recruitment:**

1. Dr. Tim Keay will contact Dr. Goll after Micke Brown resends information to Dr. Keay about how to contact him.
2. Wendy Toler will contact Mary Ann Antony
3. Karen Kaiser has emailed Mary Emma Middleton (ANA)
4. Mary Bennett should be invited to one of our meetings to discuss Recruitment
5. Jayme Halco will talk with Amy Goldstein regarding how to involve physicians

**Grant Updates:**

MHCCF: Karen presented a report last Thursday. We asked for an extension and it was granted. A pilot group of pharmacists completed the survey and a focus group met. Lynn McPherson reports that 75% of them thought most issues were important although often only 50% were doing a specific activity. The focus group suggested that we work toward getting the survey to the large pharmacy chains. APF has formed a partnership with Rite-Aid and Lynn asked if we could have Rite Aid pharmacists take the survey. Will Rowe will find out the name of the person to contact at Rite-Aid. The Training will be available thru the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy web based program

ASPI: June Dahl recommended closing out grant. Public Listening will continue. Anita Tarzian and Karen Kaiser will notify participants by letter.

Power over Pain: Shannon notified Karen and Micke by email that she can no longer lead the Public Listenings in Washington County. We would like the group to be more independent, determine their own leadership, decide if they want to continue and submit to us a proposal on how MPI can help them.

**ACTION:** Education Committee needs to provide Instructor Guide, packet and handouts regarding how a Health Care Professional to work with group.

**Partnering with Board of Physicians:** Wendy wants us to work on providing education for physicians about pain and opioid abuse. Hospice is content to let MPI handle the methadone issue. Med Chi's Physician Newsletter may be a forum for discussing methadone or a in a CME program. The Advocacy Committee should consider incorporating this into the. Perhaps incorporating information from the letter from Jack Schwartz would be helpful.

**ACTION:** Education and Advocacy Committees need to address this on their agendas, possibly as a CME program. Wendy had a preliminary discussion with Marcia Wolfe and will get back to her.

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**Coordinator Report:**

1. Met with Yvette Colon. Resolved junk mail problems.
2. Working on distribution lists with Lisa Nuth.
3. Meeting with M. Vargas to get treasurer documents
4. Working with Karen on 2 Research projects
  - a. Butterfly Connection (LAF)
  - b. Pharmacist Training (MHCCF)
5. No current need for software for laptop.

**AHA-NASID Guidelines:**

Will Rowe is having difficulty finding the right contact person.

**Pain Care Policy Act:**

HR 1020 will be re-entered and renamed in 2007 and will be presented to the House and Senate at the same time. There will be a separate bill for the Military.

**Letter from Express Scripts:** was distributed by Dr. Tim Keay. The letter alerts Dr. Keay about a cancer patient's opiate prescriptions from multiple pharmacies. Will Rowe will forward a copy to Micke Brown and Lynn McPherson. Will and Gail will refer it to the Pain Care Forum.

**Article on OxyContin and Dr. Keay's response:** was distributed to Board.

We need to be proactive. Perhaps now is the time for us to invite the "Sun" to one of our meetings. APF could identify someone to speak positively. Gwen Herman may know someone. Will Rowe will follow up.

**Pain Awareness Month:** is September. Both committees are asked to think of ways to promote it.