

MARYLAND PAIN INITIATIVE

Quarterly Meeting May 24, 2005

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

1 **Present:** Gail Katz (Chair), Karen Kaiser (Chair-Elect), Micke Brown (Coordinator), Sherry McCammon (Secretary),
2 William Rowe (Director), Tim Keay, MD (Director), Matt Gainey (Director), Joseph Berman, MD (Director), June
3 Winkler, Carol Billett (Director), Helen Hatchett.

4 **Participants by Conference Call:** Tamara Sloan-Anderson

5 **Absent Board Directors:** Mary Vargas (Treasurer), Catherine Jackson (Chair-Emeritus), John Schildt, MaryAnn
6 Schildt, Lynn McPherson, Shannon Leidig, Kathryn Hebert, Kathy Smolinski.

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8 Meeting called to order by Gail Katz at 10:15. Welcome and introductions were made.

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10 April minutes were reviewed and approved with no requests for correction or modification.

Treasurer Report: (Unofficial)

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12 Gail Katz reported that MPI has approx. \$15,000 in account plus there is an additional \$5,000 from ACS grant for
13 capacity building. Karen Kaiser reported that MPI was just awarded an additional \$10,000 grant from AACPI- for the
14 qualitative research project on the public listenings activities in Maryland. A brief review of the research questions
15 was provided. This grant will run from June 2005 – May 2006.

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18 **Action:** Gail will contact Mary Vargas and receive an updated balance sheet.

New Elected Board Members:

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20 Gail Katz, (Chair), Karen Kaiser (Chair Elect), Cathy Jackson (Chair- Emeritus), Sherry McCammon (Secretary),
21 Mary Vargas (Treasurer), Will Rowe , Shannon Leidiq, John Schildt/ Mary Ann Schildt (shared position), Katherine
22 Hebert, Lynn McPherson, Tim Keay, Matt Gainey, Joseph Berman, Carol Billett.

Critical Discussion Items

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25 **1. Fundraising-** Discussion of fundraising activities ensued.

- 26 • MPI will receive a \$1500 honorarium from the Pain & EOL program at Allegany College of Maryland in
27 Cumberland on May 25. Six MPI members volunteered their services as speakers and program
28 developers as in-kind donation from their work affiliations to provide this opportunity. Over 80
29 participants are pre-registered to attend this event.
- 30 • Maryland Power Over Pain T-shirts were shown; these will be used as saleable goods for fundraising
31 during public awareness events & posted on the website. The first supply of shirts was acquired through
32 donation and discounts for silk-screening through the work of the Power Over Pain committee. The cost
33 is \$9.50. Each MPI officer was given a free shirt.
- 34 • Letters were sent to Pharmaceutical Companies requesting funding interest. Matt Gainey suggested
35 that we resubmit 2 requests to Purdue, one for an educational project with a copy to him and one for an
36 advocacy project with a copy to Cathy Jackson. Joe Berman shared that the State Health Department's
37 Office of Health Care Quality (www.dhmf.state.md.us/ohcq) has funding sources. MPI should submit a
38 grant proposal for a project on geriatric pain issues. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities should
39 be targeted; education programming for families and caregivers around pain rights and advocacy
40 training was suggested.

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43 **ACTION:** Will Rowe will make follow up calls to pharmaceutical companies. Karen Kaiser will submit proposals to
44 Purdue, one for education and one for advocacy. Karen Kaiser, Gail Katz, Micke Brown, and Sherry McCammon will
45 work on grant proposal to submit to Office of Health Care Quality. Joe Berman will review.

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47 **2. Coordinator Position-** Micke Brown's 1 year term expired and has been extended for a temporary period of time.
48 Need funding for a new coordinator position was discussed. Grant development to include activity support from the
49 coordinator role should be a consideration. Review of job description and expectations of role is essential. It was
50 agreed that at least a part-time position of 16-20 hours per week would benefit the functioning and growth of MPI.

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52 **ACTION:** Micke Brown will work with Executive team to modify job description and discuss job postings.

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1 **3. Membership Committee Leadership:** The needed for a volunteer from Board to work with a new coordinator
2 once hired to assist with recruiting new members and organizations and supporting the current membership was
3 emphasized. The website and updated brochure could be used as tools to help with recruiting new members.
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5 Micke reported that Barbara Friedman at APF submitted a suggestion to invite MPI members into the APF database
6 system. A proposal to be sent to the MPI leadership was recommended to illustrate how this could be a useful
7 resource as in-kind support from APF is forthcoming. Will Rowe shared that part of the database will have an
8 advocacy component that state pain initiatives can use this database and email tool (Conveo software) for state and
9 local issues and in turn that APF can use for federal issues. AFP will be submitting a proposal to the AACPI
10 Advisory Council next week and in turn to each of the state pain initiatives.
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12 Karen Kaiser shared a draft of an Advocacy Survey. Survey will be sent to Board for review.
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14 **ACTION:** Micke Brown has provided Barbara Friedman questions to consider while drafting the proposal for
15 managing information in a database. Will Rowe will submit a proposal to MPI about database and advocacy tool. All
16 board directors should promote MPI when attending meetings, events, etc. and refer those interested to the website.
17 Micke will send Advocacy Survey to Board for comments.
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20 **Professional Education Committee:**

21 Lynn McPherson has stepped down as chair and Matt Gainey will take over as Committee Chair. Matt would like
22 committee to will work on getting on agendas for various associations to raise awareness about MPI and for Power
23 of Pain program. The formal development of a speaker's bureau was recommended. Continual development of the
24 Pharmacy CE and the Pain & EOL program (pending response at tomorrow's program) should be foci of future grant
25 activities.
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27 **ACTION:** Matt will work with committee to contact various associations to get on agendas for meetings and
28 conferences. Karen Kaiser will forward the current speaker's list and Matt will update. Micke will send out an email
29 to membership to recruit new speakers. Matt and Micke will be participating in a continuing education program
30 tomorrow in Cumberland
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32 **Public Policy and Advocacy Committee:**

33 Maryland's PDL (Preferred Drug List) Testimony was heard in March 2005. There were 12 slots for testimony, 6
34 from Industry and 6 from public. Dr Michael Gloth gave testimony on behalf of MPI. The approved list only has two
35 long-acting opioids on the list, generic morphine and methadone. A conference call was held to discuss the hearing
36 afterwards. The issue is the need to control cost and, at the same time, have a variety of pain medications for the
37 general public. Medicaid Dept has been charged with creating a PDL; their focus seems to be cost to a much
38 greater extent than clinical completeness. Synergy is the company that is being contracted by the state to manage
39 the PDL. Two strategies were developed based on conference call. 1) Investigate who is on the committee and 2)
40 Find out each members' role in order to have influence with the right person before decisions are made. Joe
41 Berman recommended that MPI should formulate an argument prior to the committee hearing. Will Rowe
42 commented that a possible action alert could be to challenge the process of developing the PDL since the process is
43 flawed and possibly get some media attention. Joe also recommended that MPI possibly go to a legislator like
44 Sandy Rosenberg or John Cardin for assistance, particularly in investigating Synergy.
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46 **ACTION:** Sherry McCammon will contact someone in the Medicaid Dept. to learn about process. Questions? PDL
47 committee- What is it's role, what's the process, who's on the Advisory Committee, who's the chair, who do they
48 report to? How many patients had to go through prior authorization process for Rx? How has Medicaid been
49 dispensing analgesics and where is the access data? Sherry will also look into a legislator contacting Medicaid to
50 obtain Synergy's information.
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53 NASPER- National All Scheduling Prescription Electronic Federal money could be available to states to do
54 Prescription Monitoring programs. SB 518 is be marked up tomorrow.
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1 Will reported about Congressional hearings in September on HR 1020, Date: TBD. Congressman Deal will hold
2 hearings on Pain in America. Looking at two panels - one will have 3-4 patients and another one with caregivers.
3 Possible speakers: Mary Vargas, Richard Shea and Gail Katz. HB 1020 – 3 components to Bill: Education, Access
4 and Research.

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6 Will Rowe asked whether or not MPI would to coordinate a MD Legislator Event in DC on September 14, 2005
7 during Pain Awareness Month. MPI could hold a meeting in DC and invite Maryland US legislators to attend.
8 Possibly have Sen. Milkulski send out letters on her behalf or see if Congressman Cardin could help. See if a
9 legislator could help with securing a location. Carol Billett volunteered to chair to coordinate event and Sherry
10 McCammon will assist. Will is working on securing a 3-month coordinator for Hill events who could possibly assist
11 as well.

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13 Carol Billett will coordinate DC legislative event along with Sherry McCammon and will work with Will Rowe. Will
14 Rowe will keep MPI updated on SB 518 and HB1020
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Other Business:

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18 **AACPI Conference - June 8-11 in St. Louis:** Gail Katz, Micke Brown, Karen Kaiser, Shannon Leidig are
19 attending; Shannon and Micke are presenting.
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MPI Brochure

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22 Micke Brown has been working with Sherry McCammon on MPI brochure. There is no fee to use the American
23 Cancer Society's Creative Services Department for assisting with finalizing the brochure. The cost for print from the
24 ACS print shop is: Standard gloss coated paper, 3 colors (including black) \$99.00 for 1000, \$260.00 for 5,000 and
25 \$510.00 for 10,000. Gail suggested that we order 5000 based on shelf life; board motioned in favor of this expense
26 item.
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29 **ACTION:** Micke will send draft brochure to board for comments. Sherry will place order with ACS Print Shop.
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Adjournment:

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33 Recognizing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm
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35 Recorded by: Sherry McCammon

36 Reviewed by: Gail Amalia Katz

37 Approved by MPI Board:
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39 Supporting documents: Draft Ballot for Elections 2005; Committee Listing; Maryland State Advisory Council on Pain
40 Management Final Report: Executive Summary; MPI Professional Education Committee Conference Call Minutes-
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42 **Next Meeting is July 28, 2005 from 10am-2pm. Location: TBD.**
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