



Monthly Meeting
Date: May 13, 2008
5:00 to 6:45 pm

PRESENT: Gail Katz, Alva Hutchinson, Kathryn Walker, Megan Potter, Lynn Tieu, Jayme Halko, Karen Kaiser, Dr. Tim Keay, Danelle Avery Buchman, June Winkler

PARTICIPATING BY CONFERENCE CALL: Karlynn BrintzenhofeSzoc, Chair of D.C. Pain Collaborative; Dr. Michelle Grant-Ervin, D.C. Pain Initiative; Wendy Toler and Micke Brown, and Victoria Wells from DC ACS.

ABSENT: Renee Benzel, Carol Billett, Lynn McPherson, Beth Murinson, Suzanne Nesbit, Bonita Pennino, Natalie Powers.

PAIN SURVEY: Wendy Toler and Karen Kaiser met earlier today with Dr. Linda Simoni-Wastila, RPh, PhD in the Health Services Research Department at the University of Maryland. She is interested in doing the analysis of this survey and the raw data from the previous survey. It would take about 5 – 7 weeks. Some questions need to be added which Karen and Wendy will develop. They will be considering more focused and scientific questions e.g. “Did you have a problem getting your Rx filled?” The core set of questions would remain the same. The goal is to start field testing July 1, 2008 after hiring a surveyor who would make the calls. It was suggested that a small advisory group be formed which would include someone from DC, if they are interested in participating. The funding will be solicited from Purdue Pharmaceuticals and Abbot Laboratories.

PAIN SUMMIT: Gail Katz reviewed the Planning Committee outline of the conference entitled “Future Directions in Pain Care: Pain Summit 2008.” The Board agreed with the title, purpose and suggested attendee list. The tentative

agenda for the day was also reviewed. Micke Brown suggested Mary Bennett or Gwen Herman to speak about “Power Over Pain” program. Karen Kaiser suggested Anita Tarzian in addition to Diane Hoffman, JD. Dr. Keay asks, “What do we want the audience to take away from the summit?” Action – tasks, adopt FSMB Model Policy for the Use of Controlled Substances for the treatment of pain from Scott Fishman’s book, “Responsible Opioid Prescribing.” Victoria Wells asks that we consider doctor’s concerns about treating pain. Other suggestions were to cut Dr. Giordano from the agenda and move the focus groups to earlier in the day. Incorporate into the agenda our State policy score presented by Aaron Gilson from the Pain and Policy Studies Group was recommended. The focus for speakers and program should be “What is the problem?, What is the solution?, What is the task?”. Karen Kaiser suggests that we include regulatory/policy arena and prescription monitoring plan in the agenda or focus groups. Danelle Buchman reports for the logistics committee that we have narrowed the place down to 2 possible hotels; Four Points Sheraton and Marriott at BWI. Paul Battle at ACS has only received suggested attendees from 3 people. Postcard with save the date needs to go out as soon as possible. Funding of \$12,000 has been approved by the American Cancer Society. We may charge a fee of \$20. per person. Funding for Summit is being pursued. Kathryn is working with Abbott Labs, Wendy will pursue Purdue Pharmaceuticals, and Wendy will take care of completing the W990 needed for applications. We expect 75 – 100 attendees from the DC/MD area. DC is expected to pay a proportionate amount. We need to put a “Save the Date” note on our website with a contact person to be named. “Topics in Pain Management” could be used as pre-conference reading. Will Rowe distributed copies. Gail, Kathryn, Karen and Victoria will have a conference call on May 15th at 1pm. June will send a reminder with the conference call number.

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