



## **MARYLAND PAIN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING MAY 12, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Gail Katz, Jayme Halko, Kathryn Walker, June Winkler, Tim Keay, Larrissa Scruggs, Mary French

**PARTICIPATING BY TELEPHONE:** Renee Benzel, Natalie Powers, Micke Brown, Suzanne Nesbitt, Carol Billett

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** American Foundation will be moved out of their current space by July 1, 2009 but will remain on the same floor and retain the Suite number of 710.

**SUMMIT SUMMARY:** Kathryn distributed and reviewed the Summit Summary. We also need to review the flip charts created at the summit and other issues.

The flip charts will be brought to the next meeting and put on the wall for review.

Letter to attendees will be sent by mid June and include some thoughts and request feedback. Those receiving the letter will be invited to the July meeting, with an email follow up reminder. Those who agreed to continue to work on this are Kathryn Walker, Gail Katz, Tim Keay, Larrissa Scruggs and Jayme Halko. Survey needs to be on our website. Kathryn will send copies to Tim Keay and Micke Brown. We need to order 13 more copies of the Scott Fishman book, one for Lynn Tieu and the rest for Gail Katz to take to the Prescription Monitoring Program Board meeting on June 1, 2009. June will order immediately and have them sent to Gail Katz.

**POLICY MEETING:** This was a discussion to follow up on improving our state grade. Gail Katz is checking with Sandy Rosenberg to determine the best approach to changing words in current law. MPI membership list needs to be shared with APF so that it can be added to their database. APF can isolate lists by state. Lisa Nuth is the contact person at APF and will be available in Mid June to review the list with June Winkler.

It was agreed that we probably need to advocate rather than lobby for change. We will invite Delegate Waeche's assistant to our July meeting.

There was a Maryland Advocacy Report in 2004 and it is on the APF website. In addition, Michael Gloth wrote a paper in 2006. Conference call discussion will be held on May 21, 2009 around 3pm. Larrissa Scruggs will send email notification

**PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM:** The Advisory Board will meet on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Gail Katz and Gwen Herman are putting the meeting together. Former Attorney General Curran will be speaking for the 1<sup>st</sup> hour and be joined on the phone by Dr. Heit and Aaron Gilson. Beth Murinson is sending some information to Gail. Gwen has a pain patient who will be speaking.

**FIBROMYALGIA PROJECT:** The Governor has ordered a proclamation for today until August 31, 2009. Jayme will forward the Petition to the Board. It is also available on the APF website.

**COLLABORATIONS:** Massachusetts, Kansas and two other states have brought Nursing Boards together with the state pain initiative. This will be on our July agenda to discuss further.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 14, 2009 4:30 – 6:00 pm

**American Cancer Society**

**8219 Town Center Drive**

**White Marsh, MD. 21236**

Gail will send directions to June to send with meeting notice and minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Kathryn Walker is expecting a baby in September, so July will be her last meeting. Larrissa Scruggs will be in New York during June and July