

Agenda

Maryland Pain Initiative

11/23/2002

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20 North Pine Street
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Note taker: Micke A. Brown (Secretary)

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See Attachment

Special notes: Next Meeting: January 21, 2003

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Welcome & Year in Review

By: Karen Crosby

See handout with presentation

Announcement of Maryland Pain Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) members from MPI: Peter Staats, Michael Gloth, Marie Thompson, and Jack Schwartz.

Committee Reports

By: Committee Chairs

1) Finance: Andre Bathalon reported on revenue sources from grants and fundraising efforts over 2002. Expenses were minimal to cover food expenses for meeting and APS exhibit fee. Potential sources for future funds were suggested, such as Community Health Charities of Maryland, AACPI grant pending and ACS grant renewal in second year (Letter of Agreement to be secured by Sherry McCammon). Fundraising Committee to continue work. John Giglio volunteered to either chair or co-chair committee with Andre. Part-Time Coordinator funding is major priority for 2003. Financial report pending: Jeanne Hornsby to work w/Andre on template. Checking account to be opened as soon as tax-exempt status finalized.

2) Advocacy & Policy: John Giglio introduced Jack Schwartz from the MD Attorney General office; Key strategies suggested were: recruitment of decision-makers such as, AARP, MHA, BPQA to MPI, monitoring and readiness to work with delegates 2003 session, availability to SAC. See handouts on AACPI draft application/proposal & possible pharmaceutical (restrictive) legislation to cut Medicaid costs. Jack reviewed role of law enforcement in Maryland that focuses on diversion and fraud regarding controlled substances; education on risks of deception & prevention of fraud to healthcare professionals; supports appropriate medical access of opioids.

3) Membership: Marcia Strittmatter provided several handouts demonstrating growth of membership and 2003 goals. Updated membership listing was included. Marcia will update with new officers & board. MPI has grown from 59 members in 3/02 to 123 in 11/02.

4) Public Awareness & Outreach: Mary Vargas presented goals that include collaboration with membership committee to develop a Speaker's Bureau. Spring 2003 program for Maryland Healthcare Journalists in next objective. I Can Cope Program following the annual meeting is meant to train MPI members as presenters on Cancer Pain.

5) Maryland Cancer Plan was updated by Karen Kaiser: See attachment; Recognition of MPI member who contributed: Gail Katz, Michael Gloth, Mary Baluss, Mary Vargas, Yvette Colon, Susan Nesbit, Tim Key (ad hoc) and Karen.

Elections of New Board & Officers

By: Attendees

Board of Directors votes were tabulated from Willingness to Serve notices received by Karen Crosby prior to this meeting. Those were announced. The new board met and held private elections of officers. Other MPI members were excused from the location during this exercise.

Results of Officers Elections: President: Mary Baluss (2003-2005); Vice President: Mary Lou Perin (2003-2005); Treasurer: Andre Bathalon (2002-2004); Secretary: Sherry McCammon (2003-2005).

Results of Board of Directors (2003-2005): Mary Baluss, Andre Bathalon, Micke Brown, Tom Carroll, John Giglio, Kathryn Herbert, Shannon Leidig, Karen Kaiser, Tim Key, Sherry McCammon, Lynn McPherson, Mary Lou Perin, Mary Vargas

Approval of Minutes

By: Micke Brown

Discussion: The October minutes were reviewed.

Debate: No corrections were made

Conclusions: Minutes were approved for October 2002.

Action items: Micke will take minutes for Annual meeting as final activity for outgoing secretary.

Person responsible:
Micke

Deadline:
1/21/03

Website Update

By: Yvette Colon

Discussion: Improvement has included new Maryland State graphic and linking to other Maryland organizations such as CHC. New logo is pending by Carol Harper. Ideas for expansion were requested.

Debate: Status of clearinghouse site for Maryland Pain Treatment resources, as potential site. Pain Hotline for Maryland (800-492-3805) was suggested. Problem that it is a service for healthcare professionals not consumers. Contacting Hospice Medical Directors for Hospice Network of Maryland another resource.

Conclusions: Mary Lou Perin discussed the challenges with data collection by MD/ASPMN. Over 100 letters were sent out with minimal responses. Tim Keay suggested that physicians might not want to participate if direct contact from patients may result. Micke suggested that MPI form a task force to continue this project and work with industry members of MPI. Last Acts summary from Maryland may be helpful resource.

Action items: Micke will chair task force. Lynn McPherson, Tim Keay and Henry Farkas volunteered. Micke will contact industry representatives in the beginning of the new year.

Person responsible:
Task Force

Deadline:
Ongoing

Phone Line		By: Karen Crosby	
Discussion: Need for direct phone line was raised for credibility of organization and preparation for coordinator.			
Debate: Hard line versus cell phone			
Conclusions: Established permanent line was approved by vote.			
Action items: To be discussed as agenda item for January meeting.		Person responsible: Board action required	Deadline: Pending
Coordinator Position		By: Micke Brown	
Discussion: Micke shared example of one job description provided by Pat Trotta (Conn. ACS). More examples are being sent from Georgia Brown (PA. CPI). Contacting Delaware initiative was suggested.			
Debate: Qualifications and hiring as soon as funding secured is priority item			
Conclusions: Task force was formed with Micke, Karen Kaiser and John Giglio.			
Action items: Fine-tune job description and present to board.		Person responsible: Task Force	Deadline: 01/21/03
Meeting Structure		By: Group	
Discussion: Tabled for next meeting since several officers are not present			
Upcoming Events		Group	
Complementary Alternative Medicine presentation suggested for next educational section of meeting			
I Can Cope Training to follow this meeting. Lunch included.			
Adjourned at: 1130			
Next Meeting: January 21, 2003			