

Maryland Pain Initiative
Model Regulatory Program Meeting
Friday, November 7, 2003
Minutes

Present:

Mary Baluss,	President, MPI
Will Rowe	Executive Director, APF
Micke Brown	Executive Board Member, MPI
Yvette Colón	Communications, APF
Catherine Jackson	Interim Treasurer, MPI
Matt Bromley	AACPI

The American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives has developed a Model Regulatory Program to help state pain initiatives assess and influence state regulations dealing with pain management. This meeting was called in order to discuss the grant to MPI.

Matt presented the programs that are currently taking place in CT and NM. Connecticut Pain Initiative held a Pain Summit that brought legislators and clinicians together. They have also taken on a project to evaluate the Prescription Monitoring Program. New Mexico held a 2 day Pain Management Conference with representatives of the Boards of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy were invited guests. A set of recommendations were developed and presented to the State Legislature.

Discussion centered around the direction of MPI work that is required to remain relevant and effective. It was highlighted the MPI concentrated its efforts to promote the establishment of the Maryland Pain Advisory Council and also to have MPI members selected to that council. The Advisory Council has been meeting every month and will submit a report that provides final recommendations to the Governor by September of 2004. There has been little communication to or from the Advisory Council to date. Because of the importance of the council's work and the desire of the MPI to play a vital role in the outcomes of the council, it was decided that this is the best target for utilizing the AACPI grant support.

The role & status of hiring a coordinator for MPI was also discussed. It was noted that sustaining active contributions from volunteer members is challenging due to time constraints. Will Rowe of APF proposed that they would be willing to work with the MPI in providing a staff person that would be able to fill that role in accordance with funding provided by the MPI. Currently a job description is being developed and will be presented to the Board.

Due to the timeline requirements of the grant and need to actively engage MPI members, a Strategic Planning Meeting has been scheduled for December 13, 2004. This will be held separately from the tentative, December 11 dinner & annual meeting currently in the planning phase. As

soon as the meeting site is confirmed, more information will be forwarded to all MPI members.

Action items:

Will: Outline what the APF can allocate to the MPI based on current resources (MPI funding, in kind donations) along with a job description. (2 weeks)

Matt: Redo the Model Regulatory Program contract and send to Cathy Jackson. (2 weeks)

Send a proposal for a list of ideas to present to the Maryland Pain Advisory Council based on current regulations, guidelines, recommendations and evaluations. (3 weeks)

Mary: Contact Jack Swartz and Michael Gloth, MD regarding an assessment of the Maryland Pain Advisory Council and their availability to speak at annual meeting on 12/11 (1 week)

Micke: Contact Marie Thompson regarding an assessment of the Maryland Pain Advisory Council and also Karen Kaiser regarding the University of Maryland space for December 13th meeting. (1 week)

Yvette: Send the new job description developed by the APF to MPI Board Members with a timeline for review and edits. (3 weeks)

Cathy: Attend the Maryland Pain Advisory Council -(November 19) and issue a report to the MPI regarding the proceedings. (1 week after meeting)