



Quarterly Meeting
Date: November 13, 2007
5:00 to 6:45pm

Present: Dr. Tim Keay, Karen Kaiser, Will Rowe, June Winkler

Participating by Conference Call: Kat Herbert, Micke Brown, Carol Billett, Wendy Toler

Minutes: of September 11, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: PNC (formerly Mercantile) bank sent just a few checks for each of our accounts and Mary Vargas has those for the regular account. Wendy will order a supply of checks. She is now the contact for our bank accounts.

Regular Account balance as of 11/13/07	\$17,606.10
LAF Account balance as of 11/13/07	\$46,820.40
MHCCF Account balance as of 11/13/07	\$17,554.00

Recruitment:

Dr. Keay has spoken with Dr. Goll, Pain Specialist at GBMC. He is unable to attend our meetings but is interested in feedback from us. Suggested that we make a set of questions for him.

Natalie Powers, PharmD, Medical Services Liaison for Cephalon is interested in serving on the Board but she needs to check her company for permission. Kat Herbert has spoken with her about education e.g. small journal club, research or full/half day on Pain and Addiction in the event she can't serve on the Board.

Will Rowe suggests that we should be reaching out to all pharmaceutical companies. Several years ago a letter of recruitment was sent. We need a project to get people involved, such as a "Summit".

Micke Brown will talk with the Medical Services Liaison at AlPharma, Renee Benzel. Kathryn Herbert will talk with Lynn Chu, a resident in Pain at Union Memorial. Micke will speak with Beth Murison, a pain physician at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Karen Kaiser will speak with Thelma Wright, a pain physician at University of Md. Carol Billett will contact Chris Johannsen's mother at Hopkins School of Nursing. Kathryn Herbert will contact Megan Potter and Dr. Pitts, a podiatrist.

We could have a project of contacting local organizations such as the Lupus Foundation and the Arthritis Foundation for a liaison from their group.

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Board Officers for the next two years:

The following people were named to serve in these positions which begin January 1, 2008:

President – Kathryn Walker

Vice-President – Dr. Tim Keay

Secretary – Carol Billett

Treasurer – Wendy Toler

No vote was called for since we needed to confirm that Wendy was willing to continue as Treasurer and she was no longer on the conference call. We will ask Mary Vargas how we elect these people.

Board of Nursing Letter:

ASPMN/JCAHO convened a group to discuss analgesia via catheter.

Hospice patient profile shows them using anesthetics as analgesics.

Karen Kaiser will check with CMS (Dr. JoAnn Lynn 410-786-5800) about their ruling regarding range dosing. Kathryn Herbert will check the history at Union Memorial. They had range dosing orders removed two years ago.

Grant Updates:

LAF (Lance Armstrong Foundation) Grant: Interim report is due. Karen is in touch with Sue Potts. The survey is not being done at Hopkins because no one person is invested in it who can make it happen. University of Maryland has converted the adult data base for Pediatrics and they have identified a physician who is very interested. Pediatric Palliative Care meets once a month to discuss cases. Karen Kaiser and Nancy Hutton will discuss barriers to getting the surveys done and how to get around them. Karen will also ask LAF to roll over payment from last year's contract. Sinai Hospital should start the surveys soon.

ACS (American Cancer Society) request for funds from last year has not received a response. A new proposal is being prepared for this year to fund a new pain survey to compare with the one done in 2004. The last one was done with a Purdue Grant and was done by Mason Dixon Polling. We can redo and modify the previous one. We need to find out the cost then and now. Micke will check with Lennie Denzing and let us know at next meeting. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

MHCCF (Maryland Home and Community Care Foundation) Postcard to Pharmacists is in the hands of the Institutional Review Board. We are awaiting approval

ASPI conference: Kat Herbert reports that it was a great experience. Massachusetts people were very helpful in telling her about networking, point people and a network of organizations. She also picked up a pain tool card. She is checking the Massachusetts website regularly and has been invited to attend one of their Board Meetings.

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Programs/Speakers: The goal is to generate more attendance at Board Meetings. Possibly move meetings to different hospitals, have a panel discussion, offer CEUs. CEU would require CV of the presenter, objective of program, questions and evaluations. Kat Herbert suggest that we have Dr. Pitt speak when we meet at Union Memorial. Maybe we could get Scott Fishman for one of our meetings.

Guidelines for Medical Boards: MPI wants to promote Scott Fishman's book as an important piece of literature. To that end, Karen will write a letter to the Federation of State Medical Boards supporting the distribution of the book to physicians, being willing to provide speakers to promote the book, and help identify potential state funds. All approved this effort. There is a website for state specific issues. Micke notes that is is an opportunity to connect with the Medical Board around model guidelines. Scott Fishman is expected to be in the area in the spring and Will Rowe will let us know the date. Contact at Med Chi is the Executive Director, Dr. Martin Wasserman.

Pain care policy update: Will Rowe reports that the briefing November 8th on HR 2994 went well. Michael Frederick, Medical Director of Hospice in Morgantown, W.V. is an ally.

State Legislative Issues: Bonita Pennino will update us on this. Karen will talk to her since she wasn't able to call in.

Goal for 2008: To complete Pain Survey and decide how to use the results. Perhaps a summit like the one held recently in Texas.

Meetings for 2008: Every other month beginning in January. Dates to be determined.

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