



**MARYLAND PAIN INITIATIVE
BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

PRESENT: Natalie Powers, Megan Potter, Tim Keay, Kathryn Walker, Danelle Buchman, Gail Katz, June Winkler and Will Rowe.

PARTICIPATING BY TELEPHONE: Micke Brown, Victoria Wells, Karen Kaiser, Suzanne Nesbitt.

MINUTES: of September 9, 2008 and October 14, 2008 were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MPI regular checking account	\$ 62,370.58
Lance Armstrong Foundation account	\$ 82,765.34
MHCCF account	\$ 16,768.68

SUMMIT REVIEW:

1. Some money was left over and will either be used for follow up expenses (mailing summit report and survey report), OR split among speakers.
2. 58 evaluations were received and need to be collated. They were all positive. There were 112 attendees, 96 of whom were registered and 20 no shows.
3. Press Coverage was minimal but Jayme will continue to work on it.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Collate data from evaluations.
 - b. Send out information about CME credits from the Fishman Book.
 - c. Create a report of the Summit and Survey.
 - d. Follow up letter to all participants (could be drafted now) and add to it how they can join us in the work of continuing the Summit.
 - e. More Fishman books needed, 15 for Gail Katz and 2 or 3 for Victoria Wells.
 - f. SUMMIT FOLLOW UP REPORT CONFERENCE CALL DECEMBER 9, 2008, 5-6PM
 - g. Include Focus Group Summaries in the Summit Report.
 - h. Create board committees for Education and Policy

SURVEY: for District of Columbia will be done in December.

Karen Kaiser will submit a report on the survey for the Website.

LEGISLATURE: December is the month when we should be preparing for the next session of the Maryland State Legislature. Micke Brown suggests that we follow legislation for language changes to help with our State report card on pain. Perhaps a meeting could be set between an MPI representative, Bonita Pennino and Eric Galley to get prepared. Will Rowe suggested a

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legislative briefing on pain be given to staff and aides. Pennsylvania presented their state report card. Nicole King-Campbell (aide to Delegate Walker) attended the summit and may be willing to help us set this up. Also, Paula Hollinger who is now with Alternative Medicine Board may be helpful with her knowledge of the Legislature

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: charged with making plans for the future using the survey as a base. Those who expressed interest in this committee are Danelle Buchman, Micke Brown, Suzanne Nesbitt, Natalie Powers and Lynn McPherson. They will discuss a series of lectures, explore CME's, consider a Summit every other year and look at a spring presentation with an update on policy. Other members of the Board will be solicited to serve on this committee.

POLICY COMMITTEE: charged with following the '09 Legislative session, Pain Report Card score improvement and Prescription Monitoring Program. Those who expressed interest in this committee are Larrissa Scruggs, Gail Katz, Will Rowe, Danelle Buchman and Micke Brown. Other members of the Board will be solicited to serve on this committee.

PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM: Gail Katz has been appointed to the Advisory Council and is chairperson of issues regarding patients. If the Prescription Monitoring Program will not make a significant difference, it will not be done.

ASPI CONFERENCE: Gail Katz attended this conference and reports that it was a good conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Karen Kaiser prepared a poster board about our survey process for the ASPI conference. It was also presented at the Maryland Hospice Network Conference.
2. Kathryn Walker and Micke Brown attended an FDA meeting regarding Remoxy/Embeda
3. Micke Brown reported on a Fibromyalgia Project which is being done by a Coalition with the American Pain Foundation. It is to advocate for better coverage by insurance companies. APF is sending a survey.
4. We should consider inviting Paul Ballard to one of our meetings. He is in the Attorney General's office.
5. Karen Kaiser is having difficulty identifying which conference calls get charged to the Lance Armstrong Foundation Grant. We need to find out from Premiere Conferencing if different moderator pass codes can be established so that we can separate charges.
6. Nursing Student inquiry will be referred to Karen Kaiser
7. ELNEC Pediatric Palliative Care Conference February 20 and February 21, 2009 in Sacramento, California
8. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 13, 2009 5PM