



## MARYLAND PAIN INITIATIVE

### BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

**PRESENT:** Jayme Halko, Kathryn Walker, Lynn Tieu, Megan Potter, Tim Keay and June Winkler

**PARTICIPATING BY PHONE:** Beth Murinson, Natalie Powers, Micke Brown, Carol Billett and Karen Kaiser.

**MINUTES:** of August 12, 2008 were approved with 2 corrections.

**ROSTER of Board Members:** needs to be updated. Members were asked to submit any changes to June and she will revise and distribute.

**GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION:** for Pain Awareness Month in September has been received. We will try to get it scanned for placement on our Web Site. June Winkler will get it framed for display or presentation at the Pain Summit.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Regular MPI account	\$32,294.51
LAF Account	\$33,237.45
MHCCF Account	\$16,781.36

Bill has been received for approximately \$29,000 for LAF account and will be included in next month's report.

**PAIN SURVEY:** is not quite finished but will be completed by the end of this week. A conference call will be scheduled by Wendy Toler to discuss the results. After the Pain Summit, an IRB proposal will be submitted for secondary analysis of the results. Gail Katz will check on the status of the other \$6000 committed by the American Cancer Society. The date for funding of the DC survey is past due and not received. Gail Katz will check on the status of this funding. Wendy Toler is to contact Tom Berry, Vice President of Policy at King to find out the status of funding from them. Check from Purdue is expected this week. June Winkler is writing thank you notes to each company who considered our request for funding the survey.

**WINZIP PROGRAM:** or something like it is needed to accommodate large files for grant request reports and survey information. WinZip is \$29.95 or \$49.95 and has multi-user capabilities. APF has a program called Share Point for group work. Karen Kaiser will talk to Yvette Colon at APF to

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see what they have and how we might use it. Also downloading to a CD is possible. Decision needs to be made soon as LAF report is due the end of September.

**PAIN SUMMIT:** Invitations have been mailed. Cover letters are done for the table leaders and speakers as well as sponsors. Registration is being handled by the American Cancer Society. Projected cost is \$15,000. Projected income is \$20,000. We are still owed \$1000 from Abbott. Hotel can accommodate 200 if necessary. Megan Potter and Lynn Tieu will arrange for box lunches. CME's will not be available on 10/24 but can be obtained from an email address that will be distributed with Scott Fishman's book. Gail Katz will check with ASPN about CME's for physicians only. Discussion about brochures or flyers from DC and Maryland Pain Initiatives being distributed, either with packets at conference or sent with a follow up letter. Although ours has not been updated with recent accomplishments, we can put updates on our Web Site or include in a letter. Kathryn will send a list of those who have and have not registered. Those who have not registered need a follow up call from the person who put their name on the invitation list.

**PLAN FOR MEDIA COVERAGE:** American Pain Foundation has approved 30 hours of in kind support and submitted a plan. Jayme Halko will chair a committee and will schedule a conference call to develop a time line. Others to be included are: Kathryn Walker, Gail Katz, Wendy Toler, Karen Kaiser, Larry from Mason-Dixon Polling, Micke, Tina and Rebecca from American Pain Foundation. Also to be included is someone from DC Pain Initiative, probably Karlynn. Micke will send out the note of the conference call.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** The minutes of the last four meetings need to be submitted to Yvette Colon. June will take care of this. We will also be adding results of the survey and information about the summit.

**BENZODIAZEPINE ISSUE:** Karen Kaiser has shared information from Marcia Wolf, M.D. of Maryland Pain SIG regarding this issue. Dr. Keay will call Marcia for clarification.

**ASPI CONFERENCE:** Gail Katz is registered to attend and will represent MPI.

**SUNPAPER ARTICLE:** Micke Brown will forward an article about Methadone which was in Saturday's issue of the SUN. We should respond to the editor.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** Karen Kaiser will be away 9/23 – 10/6  
Kathryn Walker will be away 9/18 – 10/5

**NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2008 5:pm at APF conference room.**

Respectfully submitted,  
June D. Winkler