Pain Advocacy: The Mayday Fund

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The Mayday Fund

Background

- Shirley Steinman Katzenbach (1917-1991) Philanthropist and Volunteer
- Established in 1992 to further her commitment to social and medical causes
- Fund Trustees adopted Ms. Katzenbach’s special interest in the treatment of pain as the Fund mission
- “M’aidez” or “help me”
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Mission:
• The Mayday Fund is dedicated to alleviating the incidence, degree and consequence of human physical pain

Principles:
*It is better to be a rifle than a shotgun*
• Creating meaningful change with modest funding.

*It is necessary to close the gap between knowledge and practice*
• Excellent research has led to a wealth of information
• Existing knowledge needs to be effectively used
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Application Guidelines

Mayday’s current grant-making targets --
- Projects that result in clinical interventions to reduce the toll of pain
- Pediatric pain
- Pain in non-verbal populations
- Pain in the context of emergency medicine
- Desire to remain flexible to respond as special opportunities are identified
The Work of The Mayday Fund

The Fund is engaged in a number of projects targeted to alleviating pain

Partnerships can expand reach --

- Currently, the Fund partners with the
- Donahue Foundation to support the “Implementation of a Stepped Care Model of Pain Management” at the West Haven Connecticut VA Hospital
- John A. Hartford Foundation, on its “Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Program.”
2010 Grants

• Pain Help: A Proof of Concept Trial to Prevent the Transition from Acute to Chronic – UNC, Chapel Hill
• Task Force on Nursing Home Pain – Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation for Nursing, Indianapolis
• Contribution to Promote the “Safe Use” of Pain Medications for Older Americans – American Geriatric Society
• PRN - Pain Resource Nurse Manual for the VA System – University of Wisconsin, Madison
• Educational Tools for Immunization Pain Management in Children – University of Toronto
• Acupuncture for Relieving Pain in Newborns – Arkansas Children’s Hospital Foundation, Little Rock
• PICH: Pain in Child Health: Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research – IWK Health Centre, Halifax
2010 Grants (cont.)

- Contribution to Pediatric Palliative Care Master Class – DC Pediatric Palliative Care Collaborative, Washington, DC
- Extension of a Longitudinal Study of Pediatric Chronic Pain – UCLA Pediatric Pain Program, Los Angeles
- Pediatric Pain Distraction Video for Parents, University of Iowa Foundation, Iowa City
- Childkind International – Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Hartford
- Contribution to the WHO’s Treatment Guidelines for Chronic Pain in Children – International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Houston
- Analysis of Biofeedback as a Therapeutic Intervention for Post Amputation Pain – Center for Pain Studies, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
2010 Grants (cont.)

• Exploratory Analgesic Dietary Intervention for Chronic Daily Headache – Program on Integrative Medicine, UNC, Chapel Hill

• Development of a Simple, Reliable Tool for Rapid Screening for Pain and Palliative Care (needs) in Hospitalized Patients with Advanced Cancer – Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center, New York

• Implementation of a VA Stepped Care Model of Pain Management – Yale University School of Medicine and West Haven VA Hospital

• Project STEP-ing Out: Sharing Best Practices in Pain Management Between Community Health Center, Inc. And VA Connecticut Healthcare System – Community Health Center, Middletown

• Pain Perceptions and Treatment in Intensive Care Units – Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark
2010 Grants (cont.)

• The Council on Foundations Philanthropy New York (Foundation Citizenship)
• Contribution to the International Pain Summit – International Association for the Study of Pain, Seattle
• Exploring the Impact of Opioid Contracts – A Consensus Meeting – Center for Practical Bioethics, Kansas City

• **TOTAL GRANTS PAIN IN 2010: $1,057,507.83**
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Emerging issues for research include:

- What accounts for the transition from acute to chronic pain
- How to expedite the transfer of knowledge to improve practice
- Overcoming the stigma of pain
- Progressive integration of multidisciplinary pain assessment and treatment into the fabric of everyday medical care
- Medical and regulatory issues regarding the use of opioid medications for chronic non-cancer pain
Mayday Fellows and Scholars Programs

Supporting leadership in the field through Fellows and Scholars Program

• Role Model Fellows
  - Legal Scholars through the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics
  - Currently, Research Fellowships through the John A. Hartford Foundation’s “Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Initiative”
Mayday Pain and Society Fellowship

Established 2004 – providing tools to reach the broader public

- Six Fellows per year
- 5 months coaching in media, policy and leadership
- To date, 30 Fellows have been trained to work
  - Media - print, broadcast and Internet resources
  - Policy makers at the local, state and federal levels
  - Identify and address gaps in the public’s knowledge about physical pain and its treatment
Mayday Pain Project

- Web based searchable resources for
  - Caregivers
  - People in Pain
  - Health Care Professionals
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