



# Women In Government

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## *“Legislative Champions Against Chronic Pain” Task Force Meeting*

Holiday Inn Select – Old Town Alexandria  
480 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
Tel. 703.549.6080 Fax. 703.684.6508

### Friday, June 3, 2005

8:00 – 8:15am

**Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Susan Crosby  
Executive Director/President  
Women In Government

Senator Beverly Hammerstrom  
Chair, Women In Government  
Board of Directors  
Michigan State Legislature

**Facilitator:**

Wanda Filer, M.D.  
President  
Strategic Health Institute

8:15 – 9:00am

**Chronic Pain Clinical Overview**

Wanda Filer, M.D.

9:00 – 9:15am

Q & A

9:15 – 9:40am

**Video Presentation:**

“The Fight Against Pain; Treating Your Pain, Who Decides?”  
ABC Nightline

9:40 – 10:30am

**Chronic Pain Policy: An Advocacy Perspective**

Mary Vargas, J.D.  
Pain Advocate  
Maryland Pain Initiative

10:30 – 10:45am

Q & A

10:45 – 11:00am

**Break**

11:00 – 11:30am

**Chronic Pain Policy:  
Legislative Impact on States**

Dave Joranson, M.S.S.W.  
Director  
Wisconsin Pain & Policy Studies  
Group

11:30 – 11:45am

Q & A

11:45 – 12:45pm

**WORKING LUNCH**

12:00 – 12:30pm

**Governmental Barriers in  
Accessing Chronic Pain Care**

Myra Christopher  
President and CEO  
Center for Practical Bioethics

12:30 – 12:45pm

Q & A

12:50 – 1:45pm

**Group Discussion: Barriers and  
Solutions to Chronic Pain  
Policy**

Wanda Filer, M.D.

1:45 – 2:00pm

**Analysis, Consensus, and  
Agenda Setting for Day Two**

Wanda Filer, M.D.

2:00pm

**End of Session**



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#### **Saturday, June 4, 2005**

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| 8:00 – 9:00am  | <b>Group Discussion: Evaluating Existing Programs/Legislation and Creation of Task Force Mission and Goals</b><br><br>Wanda Filer, M.D. |
| 9:00 – 9:45am  | <b>Develop Action Plan for 2005 and Beyond</b><br><br>Wanda Filer, M.D.   |
| 9:45 – 10:00am | <b>Summary of Meeting</b><br><br>Wanda Filer, M.D.  |
| 10:00am        | <b>End of Meeting</b>   |