

CHRONIC PAIN PUBLIC LISTENINGS – EXPLORING THEIR IMPACT
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I. Power Over Pain Program

A. American Pain Society and Alliance of State Pain Initiatives joint effort

B. Public Listenings

1. Description
2. Maryland Implementation
3. The problem

II. Study Aims, Design, Sample

III. Study Results

A. Critical Components of Chronic Pain Public Listenings (focus group findings)

1. What's in a name?
2. Importance of person, place, caring, acceptance and reaching out

3. Barriers

4. Facilitators

5. Participant identified benefits

IV. Additional findings – the Ah-ha's of research

A. Challenges of living with chronic pain

1. Personal

2. Medical system barriers - New insights to state wide problems

B. Challenges of research and advocacy efforts for those living with chronic pain