This report represents Appendix Cancer / Pseudomyxoma Peritonei Research Foundation (ACPMP) ’s responses to Charting Impact, a joint project of BBB Wise Giving Alliance, GuideStar USA Inc, and Independent Sector. Charting Impact uses five simple yet powerful questions to encourage strategic thinking and help organizations share concise information about their plans and progress toward impact.

Appendix Cancer / Pseudomyxoma Peritonei Research Foundation (ACPMP)

**Mission:**
(1) facilitating appendix cancer and pseudomyxoma peritonei patient and physician education, (2) issuing grants to fund promising research that will improve the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of appendix cancer and pseudomyxoma peritonei, and (3) finding a cure for every patient diagnosed with pseudomyxoma peritonei and/or appendix cancer.

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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?

(1) Establish the first centralized charitable organization to fund PMP and appendix cancer research (goal achieved, July 2008). (2) Raise $100,000 to award our first grant in 2009 (goal achieved, November 2009). (3) Create and maintain a short list of priority research that will produce near-term results in improving the quality of life and curability of PMP and appendix cancer patients. (4) Play a leading role in the dissemination of accurate information regarding PMP and appendix cancer both to the patient and to medical communities. (5) Raise a minimum of $1 million to fund promising research within 3-5 years (goal achieved, December 2013). (6) Help researchers find a cure for PMP and appendix cancer.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?

(1) Raise funds through events organized by the patient community. (2) Partner with physicians and their institutions to facilitate the education of the medical and patient communities and improve the diagnosis and treatment of PMP. (3) Partner with the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) to administer the Research Grant Program to ensure funds are going to the highest and best use and to monitor usage of funds after grants are awarded.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?

The organization is composed of a volunteer board, with each member taking responsibility for a core area (Fundraising, Education, Research, and Communications). Fundraising is primarily achieved through a web-based platform that allows the patient community to set up fundraising events and collect donations.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?

Progress is acheived with each grant issued by the organization and the corresponding research that is produced by the grant recipients.

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?

ACPMP has awarded $950,000 in the form of 20 research grants that have resulted in 11 published studies in peer-reviewed journals with another $150,000 to be issued at the end of 2017. We have co-hosted and sponsored annual patient-physician symposiums from coast to coast across the United States, and awarded physician scholarships to major international medical and scientific conferences focused on the understanding and treatment of appendix cancer and PMP. We will continue these efforts as we pursue our goal of finding a cure for every patient diagnosed with appendix cancer and/or pseudomyxoma peritonei.