

Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP)
Tennessee Pediatric Society
 Minutes Board of Directors Meeting
 January 29, 2011, 11:00 to 1:00 pm

<p>Present:</p> <p>Eddie Hamilton, MD, President Allen Coffman, MD, Vice President, Membership Chair and Chair of Chattanooga Pediatric Society Annamaria Church, MD, Fellow At-Large, East TN John Hill MD, Immediate Past President Kip Frizell, MD, Fellow At-Large West TN Cat Sipe-Bottoms, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN Quentin Humberd, MD, Chair Council of Past Presidents and TPSF Foundation President Michelle Fiscus, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN and At Large Executive Committee Member Lloydetta Stovall, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN</p> <p>Ex Officio:</p> <p>Xylina Bean, MD, Dept. Chair, Meharry</p>	<p>Guests:</p> <p>Deanna Bell, MD, Member Suzanne Berman, MD, Pediatric Council Chair Lee Anne O'Brien, MD, Member Iris Snider, MD, Chair Child Health Finance Committee Michael Warren, MD, GOCCC Medical Director Theo Morrison Joe Gigante, MD Russ Leftwich, MD</p>	<p>Staff:</p> <p>Ruth E. Allen Executive Director</p> <p>Laurel Davis Event Coordinator</p> <p>Shannon Hornsby Development Director</p> <p>Janet Smith Coding Educator</p> <p>Deborah Usry Coordinator, Training Programs</p> <p>Cristina Young Project Coordinator</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION / CONCLUSIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTIONS AND MOTIONS
Welcome/Introductions	Dr. Hamilton called the meeting to order with introductions at 11:00 pm.	
Minutes	Minutes of the December board meeting were previously approved electronically.	Approved.

Sponsor – Pfizer Immunizations	Donald Jones provided an update on recent Pfizer activities.	
President’s Report	<p>Dr. Hamilton provided a President’s report. Key points included:</p> <p>TNAAP successes (during challenging times for pediatric) such as new Executive Director and restructuring of administrative staff resulting in increased efficiencies and cost savings and a more cohesive team, realignment of the mission of foundation arm with that of chapter, Pediatric Council activities, meeting with new Commissioner of Insurance, and TNAAP’s nomination from AAP for large chapter award.</p> <p>Challenges such as crippled economy, MOC, CDC announcement on vaccine codes at “eleventh hour”, as well as the concept of Accountable Care Organizations and the need to better organize physicians.</p>	
Pediatric Council Update	<p>Dr. Berman provided a Pediatric Council update and distributed a summary of insurance companies and their current handling of new immunization administration codes.</p> <p>She also reported on meetings with payers, “qualified health care” provider rules, newborn coverage for employees with state plans, clarification of Pay-and-Chase rule “when parent is absent”, the requirement that insurance company websites include preadjudication tools (TCA 56-7-3303), TNAAP’s Pediatric Council success in convincing BCBST to pay AWP for FluMist and potential communication methods with TNAAP members regarding insurance issues.</p>	
Executive Director’s Report	<p>Ms. Allen distributed a list of priorities and recent activities/accomplishments. Priorities areas covered included: technology, financial items (including recruitment efforts for new Financial Manager), TNAAP/TPSF structure, overall coordination of activities/committees, and membership.</p> <p>Key activities since the last board meeting include: work on phone, email and database transition, moving web site maintenance and graphic design to new vendor(s), work on funding for coming fiscal year, development of membership recruitment strategies and staff orientation of membership resources through AAP, implementation of appropriate financial internal controls, development of financial policies and procedures, sponsorships and other relationship building (including newly restored relationships with CHAT and PEM conference committee members) and preparation for TennCare audit scheduled for March 1, 2011.</p>	

	Ms. Allen also distributed and reviewed highlights of the TNAAP AAP Annual Report.	
Membership/Elections/Nominating Committee and Annual CME Event	<p>Dr. Coffman announced the results of the recent FAL elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annamaria Church, MD, Fellow At-Large, East TN • Michelle Fiscus, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN (second term – also remains At Large Executive Committee Member). <p>The nominating committee has secured candidates for Secretary-Treasurer and is finalizing the slate for Vice President.</p> <p>Dr. Coffman advised that there will be a new focus on communications with members and an expansion of use of social media.</p> <p>Ms. Allen distributed a membership recruitment list to FALs.</p> <p>TNAAP is re-engaged as a co-sponsor of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine conference for our annual CME event. Dialogue and activity has included relationship building and expanding the conference topics to feature more programs of interest to general pediatricians.</p>	
Pediatric Council and Medical Home Committee	<p>Dr. Coffman introduced Dr. Russ Leftwich, who is with the Office of E Health Initiatives and the Chief Informatics Officer for TennCare</p> <p>He advised that his is available to participate in meetings across the state to discuss HIT and activities taking place in Tennessee. It was noted that Dr. Lefwich is the Chair of clinical work group for the health information partnership in Tennessee (HIP TN) and their first priority will be to connect with the immunization registry.</p>	
GPO	<p>Dr. Fiscus reported on slow progress on getting underway with GPO. She advised that there appear to be good discounts on certain medical supplies (such as a 40% for gloves) and a 26% discount on mobile phones.</p> <p>Vaccine discounts to not appear to be part of this. They are working on packets of Amerinet brand labeled samples to take into offices.</p>	

Legislative update	<p>The legislative session commenced on Jan 11, 2011. Mr. Morrison provided an update on legislative activities including budget hearings next week.</p> <p>Ms. Allen and Mr. Morrison visited with various legislators in January.</p> <p>TNAAP's "day on the Hill" will be conducted April 5 and April 26.</p> <p>In addition to legislative monitoring, TNAAP's 2011 legislative agenda will include passing sports concussion legislation (mirroring legislation passed in Washington) and defense of the TennCare contract. Several scope of practice bills are expected to be introduced including the Tennessee Nurse's Association expanding scope of practice to open independent practices.</p> <p>Specialty groups have had two meetings with TMA re: Tort reform.</p>	
Financial Report on Awards Event	<p>Ms. Davis reported on the October 2010 Awards Event with 95 participants.</p> <p>The net gain to the Foundation was \$5,872.</p>	
Dues Increase effective July 1	<p>The group discussed and approved a membership dues increase from \$150 to \$165.</p> <p>Associate members (except dentists) will pay 50% of member dues. Other dues remain unchanged (candidate fellow, emeritus fellow and post-residency training fellow).</p>	<p>MOTION: A motion was made, seconded and adopted to increase dues to \$165 per month and to reduce associate members dues to 50% of member dues, with dentist continuing to pay full specialty dues.</p>
Foundation Board Structure	<p>In follow up to the joint decisions made to more closely align Foundation and TNAAP activities, the decision was made to add the TNAAP V.P. and the most recently elected FALS from each region to the TPSF board.</p>	<p>MOTION: A motion was made, seconded and adopted to add the most recently elected Fellows At Large from each region and the TNAAP Vice President to the Foundation Board; FALS will also serve on the host committee.</p>

Future Meeting Dates/Adjournment	Future meetings will be held: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 16, 2011 (Nashville)• July 16th (Nashville)• Oct 22nd (Memphis - after PEM) The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.	
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Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Allen, Executive Director