

Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics / Tennessee Pediatric Society

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, February 7, 2004, 10:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

<p>PRESENT:</p> <p>David Kalwinsky, MD, President Quentin Humberd, MD, Vice President Martin Herman, MD, Secretary/Treasurer John Ring, MD, Immediate Past President</p> <p>Greg Blackmon, MD, President, Knoxville Pediatric Society Charles Campbell, MD, Fellow At-Large East TN Pat Davis, Fellow At-Large Middle TN Tim Gillespie, MD, President, Memphis Pediatric Society Bob Lembersky, MD, Program Chair Melinda Lucas, MD, Fellow At-Large East TN Chetan Mukundan, MD, Fellow At-Large Middle TN Keith Thompson, MD, President, Davidson Co Ped Assn Pat Wall, MD, Membership Chair</p> <p>EX-OFFICIO:</p> <p>Joe Lentz, MD, Past President Iris Snider, MD, Past President Arnold Strauss, MD, Chair Dept of Pediatrics, Vanderbilt</p>	<p>GUESTS:</p> <p>Suzanne Berman, MD, Synagis Task Force Gene Caldwell, MD, Honorary Legislative Chair Rufus Clifford, MD, TPS Foundation Board Member Tim Givens, MD, Chair, Ped Emergency Medicine Committee Chris Greeley, MD, Child Abuse Advisor Andrew Gregory, MD, Sports Medicine Advisor Mary Keown, MD, Membership Committee member Russell Leftwich, MD, Antibiotic Use Advisor Ed Perdue, DDS, TN Society of Ped Dentistry Ray Walker, MD, TN Academy of Family Physicians</p> <p>SPEAKERS:</p> <p>David Hollis, MD, Chief Medical Officer of TennCare Vicky Gregg, President and CEO of BCBS of TN David Moroney, Medical Director of BCBS of TN</p> <p>Jerry Narramore, Dept of Health, Immunizations Joe Beaver, Dept of Health, Immunizations</p>	<p>STAFF:</p> <p>Catherine M. Fenner Executive Director</p> <p>Ruth Allen EPSDT Director</p> <p>Jacque Clouse Coding Educator</p> <p>Cathy Jolley Financial Manager</p> <p>Patrice Mayo-Ligon Program Director</p>
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTIONS AND MOTIONS
<p>Call to order, Introductions & Ballot Results</p>	<p>Dr. Kalwinsky opened the meeting at 10:05 with introductions. It was noted that the results of the Board elections were: Quentin Humberd as Vice-President; Martin Herman as Secretary-Treasurer; Melinda Lucas as Fellow At-Large, East TN; Chetan Mukundan as Fellow At-Large, Middle TN; and Gerald Presbury and John Hill as Fellows At-Large, West TN. The Bylaws changes were approved almost unanimously, and the response to the question "Would you prefer to vote on future ballots and bylaws changes electronically?" was: 58% yes, 29% no, 13% no opinion.</p>	

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TennCare Discussion	<p>Dr. Snider introduced Vicky Gregg and Dr. David Hollis. Ms. Gregg spoke on the root causes of the TennCare problems and speculated that TennCare will not go away, but that benefit limits will be placed on pharmacy and other services. She encouraged the group to brainstorm on how disproportionate funds should be used by hospitals. The state needs clear data and stability, as currently 15% of the population are driving 75-80% of the cost.</p> <p>Dr. Hollis reported that the McKinsey report is scheduled to be released on Feb 11. There will be suggestions and options in various areas. Evidence-based disease management and focusing on the patient were stressed. The consent decrees will continue to shape the program. Dr. Hollis also thanked the group for being so helpful whenever he has needed advice from the pediatric perspective.</p> <p>Dr. Hollis noted that he will look to TNAAP to continue to work with the Bureau through an expansion of our current contract. Dr. Lentz commended Dr. Hollis for being such an asset to the Bureau.</p>	
Foundation Update	<p>Dr. Humberd reviewed the current status of the Tennessee Pediatric Society Foundation as described in the Foundation Board meeting minutes dated February 3rd. Dr. Strauss reported on the financial status (\$5000 has been collected to date).</p>	
Immunization Registry	<p>Mr. Narramore and Mr. Beaver presented the status of the TN Immunization Registry. Tennessee Web Immunization System (TWIS) is being piloted in 35 practices, and Dr. Berman, being in one of those practices, reported that it is working well. They hope to have the registry available for all practices by the time school starts this fall. Dr. Ring reported on two national immunization conferences being held to advance the use of registries such as this.</p>	
TNAAP- Who are we?	<p>Ms. Allen showed the PowerPoint presentation developed for audiences such as MCO Directors, TennCare officials, and other interested parties, which summarizes the activities of the Chapter as well as those of the EPSDT grant we have with the Bureau.</p>	
Legislative Report	<p>Ms. Fenner reported that there are 4 residents scheduled to spend a month with her during this legislative session. She also reviewed 4 pieces of legislation that are considered priority at this time: supporting the school nutrition and the tobacco preemption bills and opposing psychologists' prescribing and the mandate that doctors practice in TN for 5 years following their training in a public TN medical school. An alert will be emailed to members regarding two Day on the Hill events (CHART and TMA). Dr. Lentz reported on the creation of the Legislative Committee, the plans to use the website, and the plea to contact Cathy before contacting legislators other than one's own.</p>	

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Local Ped. Society and Regional (Fellow At-Large) Reports	<p>Dr. Thompson reported that the Davidson County Pediatric Society had a recent educational dinner and that he would invest more time in recruitment for the Chapter.</p> <p>Dr. Gillespie reported that the Memphis Society had a social/business event, but that numbers are diminishing. They are trying to do more community awareness such as health fairs and bike rodeos.</p> <p>Dr. Blackmon reported that he would like to use KPS to build more membership for the Chapter, with a social gathering being planned for spring. He suggested having a cocktail hour connected with our CME sponsored by all of the local pediatric societies.</p> <p>Dr. Campbell reported that as Fellow At-Large, he contacted members from all of the large practices and several small practices and that most seem aware of the resources that the Chapter offers.</p> <p>Dr. Wall asked for help on his Membership Committee from the local pediatric society presidents as well as all the other leaders. This topic will be further explored at the retreat.</p> <p>Dr. Herman stated that the emails he has sent out following Board meetings were appreciated by his constituency.</p> <p>Dr. Davis is working on ways to get women with little time involved.</p>	
Discussion and Action Items	<p>Cover the Uninsured Week- Ms. Mayo-Ligon reported on the creation of the second annual event, and reminded us of last year's efforts, which were not a particular good use of staff's time.</p> <p>TNAAP 50th Anniversary- Ideas to celebrate our anniversary included a fundraiser for the Foundation and/or a silent auction. We will decide in April and have AAP's draft plan for their 75th anniversary to review then.</p> <p>Office-based surgery- Dr. Ring reported that Joe Weinberg has addressed the issue of office-based surgery / pediatric sedation by sending a letter on behalf of the Chapter to the Board of Medical Examiners regarding the proposed rules and regulations.</p>	<p>MOTION: To have a rep in attendance at the opening, but no one staffing a booth.</p> <p>ACTION: Staff will get the latest plan from the AAP for their 75th anniversary.</p>

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	Retreat Accountability Grid- Members were asked to review the grid and either complete those items not checked off and inform staff when completed.	
Consent Calendar	The consent calendar consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the November 15, 2003 Board meeting • Approval of new members • Approval of Executive Committee's recommendation of the annual evaluation of the Executive Director 	MOTION: To approve the consent calendar.
Awards, Meeting Evaluations	All attendees were encouraged to complete the assessment form for the Board meeting. Dr. Ring presented AAP Special Achievement Awards to Dr. Pat Davis and Dr. Mary Beth Overton, both for their work with our EPSDT grant. Dr. Kalwinsky presented a plaque and gift to Dr. Ring in gratitude of his service as President. Dr. Lentz presented Ms. Fenner with a gift certificate collected from leaders and staff to commemorate her 10-year anniversary as TNAAP's Executive Director.	
Future Dates	Spring planning retreat and board meeting: April 23-25, 2004 at Fall Creek Falls State Park Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference: September 17-18 in Nashville Annual CME and Awards Lunch: November 13, 2004 in Nashville	

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Fenner
Executive Director