

Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Tennessee Pediatric Society
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, April 30, 2005, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

<p>PRESENT:</p> <p>David Kalwinsky, MD, President Quentin Humberd, MD, Vice-President Pat Davis, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN Martin Herman, MD, Secretary-Treasurer</p> <p>John Hill, MD, Fellow At-Large, West TN Bob Lembersky, MD, Program Chair Gerald Presbury, MD, Fellow At-Large, West TN Steve Riley, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN Pat Wall, MD, Membership Chair</p> <p>EX-OFFICIO:</p> <p>Russell Chesney, MD, Chair Dept of Pediatrics, UTM Iris Snider, MD, Past President</p>	<p>GUESTS:</p> <p>Margreete Johnston, MD, Breastfeeding Coordinator</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>Kim Windham Program Director</p> <p>Deborah Usry Developmental Services Coordinator</p>
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Call to order and Introductions	Dr. Kalwinsky called the meeting to order at 10:35am. Introductions were made and Steve Riley was welcomed as our newest Board member.	
Consent Calendar	The consent calendar was approved, which included the minutes from the November 13, 2004 meeting, the minutes from the February 12, 2005 meeting, the Internal Controls Policy, and the evaluation recommendation by the Executive Committee for the Executive Director (the Executive Committee formally met with the Executive Director for an hour prior to this meeting).	Motion: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the consent calendar.
Membership Report	Dr. Wall reviewed the list of members that had not yet paid their dues and asked the members attending to contact those that they know.	

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TennCare and EPSDT Updates	<p>Dr. Snider reported on the most recent developments in TennCare reform measures, which as far as we know, still protect children. She also reported on the development of the Pediatric Council, which met via conference call earlier this week. The goal of the Council is to meet with the private insurance medical directors regarding immunizations, vision, etc (non-reimbursement issues in order to avoid anti-trust violations).</p> <p>Ms. Allen reported that our EPSDT contract is being renewed at the same funding level as the current year (\$468,000) and that we have worked out a revised scope of services with the Bureau. She distributed the newest educational materials and car seat brochures, with kudos to Ms. Windham for designing the covers of the 3 manuals.</p> <p>Ms. Clouse reported on the number of office visits and audits she has conducted over the last quarter.</p> <p>Ms. Usry reported on the 37 practices that have been trained in the START program since it began November, which has surpassed our targetted number. It was suggested that Dr. Humberd's presentation be videotaped for use in training the trainers.</p> <p>It was also reported that Manny Martin and Conrad Shackelford are leaving the state departments, and that Dr. David Collier has replaced the role that Dr. Hollis used to serve. Dr. Collier will oversee our contract under Dr. Wendy Long's supervision.</p> <p>Dr. Kalwinsky led the group in applauding the EPSDT staff members and medical directors in jobs well done, which have in turn promoted such positive visibility for the Chapter.</p>	
Legislative Report	<p>Dr. Snider reported on the TMA's effort to pass medical liability reform (MLR) in the state legislature, which was recently rolled until next year.</p> <p>Ms. Fenner reviewed the status of numerous bills of interest in the state legislature. Particular interest was taken and discussed regarding psychologists prescribing, mental health screenings, thimerasol, and oxygen saturation. The format of bill listings for the general membership to review on the website was also discussed; it was agreed that our position on each bill should be included and that some bills that the membership might not understand the reason we are following should not be posted.</p>	<p>ACTION: Dr. Humberd and Dr. Davis will compile talking points against the mental health bill (SB545) which Ms. Fenner will distribute to legislators next week.</p> <p>ACTION: Ms. Fenner will add our position to the bill listing.</p>
Program Committee Report	<p>Ms. Windham reported on the Practice Manager Network Conference scheduled for June 24th. The registration forms will be mailed this week. The "save the date" card generated much interest, so we anticipate a good turnout.</p> <p>Dr. Lembersky reported that the Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine has been assisting with the planning of the conference in Chattanooga this fall (Sept 23-24), which is coming along well. Brochures are nearing completion. The Committee will be meeting during the Conference to discuss</p>	

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	<p>whether or not to continue with the annual conference next year. Proceeds of the 2005 conference will be divided between TNAAP and TN-EMSC. An auction event will be held the night of Sept 23rd, and auction items of any type have been requested (contact= vicki.cox@erlanger.org).</p> <p>Dr. Lembersky reported that the Young Physicians' Committee is planning the CME meeting for October 22nd, followed by a fun dinner event Saturday night at Jillian's / Dave & Buster's. The group agreed that a portion of the registration fee could be applied to dues to recruit new members. Various types of entertainment were discussed, including the hiring of a magician and skits performed by various TNAAP leaders.</p> <p>Ms. Windham reported on the status of the Membership Directory and advertisements received from individual members and practices.</p>	<p>ACTION: Dr. Lembersky will work with Dr. Wall regarding registration discount options.</p> <p>ACTION: Dr. Lembersky will continue to recruit talent and entertainment for the awards event.</p>
Foundation Update	<p>Dr. Chesney updated the group on the Grand Division fundraising campaign, which has generated approximately \$3500 to date. More donations were collected from members present.</p> <p>Ms. Windham reported on the Health in Progress (HIP) grant she is working on with Beth Andrew.</p> <p>New "public" Board member possibilities were discussed, and Dr. Chesney encouraged members to ask high-profile people in their communities for donations to the Foundation. Retired members were also discussed as potential Board members such as Gene Caldwell, Shane Roy, Bobby Higgs, and Conrad Shackelford.</p>	
Fellow At-Large and Committee Reports	<p>Dr. Davis reported that her email update to the membership following February's Board meeting was well-received. She plans to continue that mode of communication and will ask the other Fellow At-Larges to sign on to it.</p> <p>Dr. Johnston made herself available as a Breastfeeding resource for practices.</p>	
Future Dates	<p>Next board meeting: October 22, 2005 at the Embassy Suites Airport, Nashville, followed by the annual CME and awards dinner.</p> <p>Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference: September 23-24, 2005 in Chattanooga</p> <p>The Executive Committee will hold an interim meeting via conference call in August.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Fenner
Executive Director