

Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Tennessee Pediatric Society  
**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Saturday, October 22, 2005, 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

<p><b>PRESENT:</b></p> <p>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  Melinda Lucas, MD, Fellow At-Large, East TN  Gerald Presbury, MD, Fellow At-Large, West TN  Steve Riley, Fellow At-Large Middle TN</p> <p><b>EX-OFFICIO:</b></p> <p>Russell Chesney, MD, Chair Dept of Pediatrics, UTM  Joe Lentz, MD, Past President, Nominating Committee Chair  Hays Mitchell, MD, Past President  Iris Snider, MD, Past President, Child Health Finance  Committee Chair</p>	<p><b>GUESTS:</b></p> <p>Suzanne Berman, MD, YP Committee Member  Tom Catron, PhD, Director, GOCCC  Michelle Fiscus, MD, YP Committee Member  Andrew Gregory, MD, YP Committee Co-Chair  Veronica Gunn, MD, Medical Director, GOCCC  Eddie Hamilton, MD, Rep to Governor;s Children’s Cabinet  Jeanette Martin, MD, Member  Dave Tayloe, MD, District IV Chair</p>	<p><b>STAFF:</b></p> <p>Catherine M. Fenner  Executive Director</p> <p>Ruth E. Allen  EPSDT Director</p> <p>Cathy Jolley  Financial Manager</p> <p>Janet Smith  Coding Educator</p> <p>Deborah Usry  Developmental Services  Coordinator</p> <p>Kim Windham  Program Director</p>
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<b>Call to order and Introductions</b>	Dr. Humberd called the meeting to order at 8:10. Introductions and announcements were made, including regards from Dr. Kalwinsky, and thanks for the good wishes concerning his father’s death. Our newest staff member, Janet Smith, was welcomed.	
<b>Consent Calendar</b>	The consent calendar was approved, which included the minutes from the April 30, 2005 meeting and the list of new members that have applied since the spring meeting.	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the consent calendar.
<b>GOCCC Report</b>	Dr. Catron and Dr. Gunn discussed the operations of the Governor’s Office of Children’s Care Coordination, including TEIS and obesity.	

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<b>Child Health Finance Committee</b>	<p>Dr. Snider reported on meetings of our Pediatric Council, which is comprised of managed care organizations and spearheaded by TNAAP. The goal of the Council is to meet with the private insurance medical directors regarding immunizations, vision, etc. (not reimbursement issues in order to avoid anti-trust violations). She also reported on the ChildHelp project, which is a pilot program in Montgomery County funded through our Foundation to support care managers in pediatric offices.</p> <p>Dr. Snider communicated a request from the TN Medical Association to support their medical liability reform measures.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> A motion was made, seconded and approved to verbalize the Chapter's support for medical liability reform and to request support—monetarily or otherwise--from our membership for the TMA's effort to pass such reform.</p>
<b>EPSDT Report</b>	<p>Ms. Allen reported on the results of the FY05 EPSDT office visits and trainings, including EPSDT and coding and developmental behavioral screenings. Ms. Fenner commended her for a job well done in recruiting our new coding educator so quickly.</p>	
<b>Membership Report</b>	<p>Inalink: Ms. Fenner summarized the membership recruitment campaign conducted through the Inalink Corporation. Over \$3000 was collected from 23 new members. The campaign cost \$2000. It was agreed that the campaign was worthwhile and the real task now is proving Chapter value and retaining them as members in years to come.</p> <p>Non MD Membership category: There has been some interest from RNs NPs, etc, wanting to become members of the Chapter. The Board decided to adopt this new membership category and let the Membership Committee define details such as amount and definition.</p> <p>The Board also chose to adopt the proposed dues increases for the FY06 billing cycle, based on the need to increase our reserves (35%-50% of annual operating expenses is nationally recommended for reserves, and we currently have 25%, or 16% if you take the Foundation debt out of the equation). Those currently paying \$140 will increase to \$150, those currently paying \$125 will pay \$135, and post-residency training fellows will increase from \$35 to \$50. Emeritus members will remain at \$35, while residents will continue to be comped members at no charge. It was also suggested that we review an increase of dues every 3 years.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> A motion was made, seconded and approved to add a non-MD membership category.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Membership Committee will define the new membership category and set the dues amount.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> A motion was made, seconded and approved to raise membership dues as proposed on the handout for FY06.</p>
<b>Foundation Update</b>	<p>Ms. Windham reported on the Health in Progress (HIP) grant she is working on with Beth Andrew. All 5 pilot middle schools in the Nashville area are underway.</p> <p>Dr. Chesney encouraged members to give gifts to the Foundation on behalf of loved ones and explained the concept of the Foundation. He suggested we conduct one more mailing for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Dr. Chesney and Ms. Windham will strategize on ways to maximize the end of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign for the Foundation.</p>

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<b>PDFA</b>	Ms. Fenner reported on the progress of the methamphetamine education campaign currently underway with the Partnership for Drug Free America. Only a handful of members have volunteered to be trained, so recruitment efforts are ongoing, especially in the Knoxville and Chattanooga media markets.	
<b>Financial Reports</b>	Ms. Jolley and Dr. Herman reported on the close of FY05 revenue and expenses, which resulted in a significant increase in reserves. However, much of that is money that the Foundation owes TNAAP in staff time. Projected numbers for FY06 were also discussed.	
<b>Meetings</b>	<p>Dr. Lembersky reported that the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference in Chattanooga last month was very successful, having 190 attendees and giving us a net profit of \$32,500 (to be split with the TN Emergency Services for Children).</p> <p>After discussion regarding the low turnout for today's CME event, the consensus was to not continue holding a CME conference each year, unless there is a burning issue or great idea, with volunteer commitment attached.</p> <p><b>Next Board meeting:</b> February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville  <b>Spring meeting and Retreat:</b> TBD, but expect a Friday night Board meeting followed by a Saturday retreat in late April or early May.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Fenner  
Executive Director