

Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Tennessee Pediatric Society
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, February 24, 2007, 12:45- 4:15pm

<p>PRESENT:</p> <p>Quentin Humberd, MD, President John Hill, MD, Vice-President Jeannette Martin, MD, Secretary-Treasurer</p> <p>Stephen Bauch, MD, Fellow At-Large, West TN Allen Coffman, MD, President, Hamilton County Pediatric Society Joe Lentz, MD, Nominating Chair, Past President Steve Riley, Fellow At-Large Middle TN</p> <p>EX-OFFICIO:</p> <p>Iris Snider, MD, Past President, Child Health Finance Committee Chair</p>	<p>GUESTS:</p> <p>Joel Bradley, MD, Coding Advisor Pat Davis, EPSDT Consultant Michelle Fiscus, MD, Co-Chair, Young Physician Committee Chris Greeley, MD, Child Abuse Advisor Andrew Gregory, MD, Co-Chair, Young Physician Committee Margreete Johnston, MD, Breastfeeding Coordinator Rudy Kink, MD, Chief Resident, UT Memphis Melinda Lucas, MD, Injury Prevention Advisor Dave Thombs, MD, TPSFoundation President Tom Voychehovski, MD, Psychosocial Advisor Julie Ware, MD, AAP Breastfeeding Coordinator</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS:</p> <p>Natalie Cooley, Fitwize For Children Mark Rogers, Fight Crime</p>	<p>STAFF:</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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Call to order, Introductions, President's Report	Dr. Humberd called the meeting to order at 12:55. Introductions and announcements were made, and Dr. Humberd reviewed some Operating Agreement rules for today's meeting. Dr. Humberd reported that we have been nominated for the Outstanding Large Chapter Award and discussed the components of the leadership academy agenda. He noted that the election for the At-Large Executive Committee will be held electronically following this Board meeting. He also discussed the national AAP committee vacancies and encouraged leaders to promote the upcoming START trainings amongst their peers (dates are on our website).	
Minutes	The minutes from the November 11, 2006 meeting were noted.	The minutes were approved.

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Financial Report	Ms. Jolley gave a brief overview on year to date revenue and expenses, including the reserves (currently at 21% of annual operating expenses; need to be at 30-35%).	
Foundation Report	Dr. Thombs reported on the status of the newly created TN Pediatric Society Foundation Board and goals for the Foundation. Ms. Jolley reported on the financial status of the Foundation. Ms. Windham reported on the HIP (Health in Progress) website (www.healthinprogress.com) and the Fitwize program. Natalie Cooley, owner of Fitwize For Children of TN, also explained the program.	
Violence Prevention	<p>Mark Rogers from Fight Crime gave the background on violence and child abuse prevention measures that Fight Crime has explored. The need for prenatal visits, especially for teenage mothers, was discussed, as well as bill that has been introduced which focuses on home visits by nurses for first-time moms. On a federal level, TNAAP will ask Sen. Alexander to support the Education Begins at Home Act (S 503 / H. 3628).</p> <p>Dr. Greeley reported on the recent Vanderbilt conference on home visitation programs that work and challenges of statewide collaboration. Dr. Humberd noted the number of TNAAP members already involved in some aspect of violence prevention, including Eddie Hamilton (Children’s Cabinet), Veronica Gunn (GOCCC), Mark Gaylord (Children’s Defense Fund), and Seth Scholer (Play Nicely), and suggested continuing dialog with our collaborators, including the children’s hospitals.</p>	ACTION: TNAAP will sign on to a letter developed by Fight Crime to Sen. Alexander encouraging passage of S. 503.
Legislative Update	A summary of 2007 legislation of interest was reported by Dr. Lentz (over 4600 bills were introduced). Bills involving handguns, sexual offenders, and sales tax on food are numerous. Medical liability reform and smoke-free workplace bills will be prominent on our agenda. Updates will be posted on our website this year for those interested.	
CoverKids	Dr. Humberd reported that the Director of CoverKids, pediatrician Andrea Willis MD, has been corresponding with the Chapter and plans to begin enrollment on March 1 st .	
TennCare Report	Dr. Snider voiced concerns and problems that she and others are having with the Department of Children’s Services (DCS). She also reported on the status of MCOs across the state.	
Care Management Initiative	Dr. Bradley gave some background of discussions with the state which has now led to the development of a proposal for a care management initiative, as an extension and enhancement of our EPSDT grant. The group gave its blessings to continue dialog with the state.	
Coding	Dr. Humberd introduced the idea of collecting information from practices regarding reimbursement and denials by payors for commonly reported pediatric CPT codes. He also mentioned collecting sample appeal letters to be shared with practices across the state. It was agreed that the information shared should be generic to protect the privacy of practices and payors related to dollar amounts for reimbursement.	ACTION: Smith will proceed with developing this resource.
Local Pediatric Societies	Dr. Coffman directed a discussion on the inactivity of local pediatric societies and how they fit with the state. Results of a survey conducted on the local societies were reviewed, and it was suggested that their reps serve in an ex-officio rather than voting capacity so that a quorum is more likely during the Board meetings.	ACTION: This discussion will continue at the May Board meeting, with dialog continuing between now and then.

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YP Grant	Dr. Fiscus reported on a Young Physician grant she has applied for through the AAP. The \$3000 would be applied to a dinner in Nashville to educate residents and young physicians on coding. Decisions on grant recipients will be made by April 1.	
Breastfeeding	Dr. Johnston has applied for a CATCH Visiting Professorship grant. Dr. Ware reported on the national Breastfeeding Section. TN is starting the first statewide Breastfeeding Coalition.	
Books From Birth	A proposal by the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation and the middle TN Kiwanis Club was reviewed. We will further explore more specific ways to make information about Books and Imagination Library available in pediatric offices.	ACTION: Fenner will meet with Kiwanis contact from Books.
Future Meetings	The next Board meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville. Members were also encouraged to attend the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference, which will serve as our annual meeting, in Memphis October 5-6, 2007. This year's Practice Manager Network Conference has been scheduled for June 15, 2007 in Franklin.	ACTION: Staff will post upcoming meeting dates in newsletter and on website.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Fenner
Executive Director