

Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Tennessee Pediatric Society
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, January 31, 2009, 12:45- 4:00pm

<p>PRESENT:</p> <p>John Hill MD, President Eddie Hamilton, MD, Vice-President Jeannette Martin, MD, Secretary-Treasurer Quentin Humberd, MD, Immediate Past President</p> <p>Allen Coffman, MD, Membership Chair Michelle Fiscus, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN and Co-Chair, Young Physician Committee Joani Jack, MD, Fellow At-Large, East TN Mary Keown, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN Bill Woods, MD, Jackson Pediatric Society</p> <p>EX-OFFICIO:</p> <p>Russell Chesney, Past President and Dept Chair, UT Memphis Jonathan Gitlin, MD, Dept Chair, Vanderbilt Alan Kohrt, MD, Dept Chair, UT Chattanooga Iris Snider, MD, Past President</p>	<p>GUESTS:</p> <p>Deanna Bell, MD, Mercy Children’s Clinic, Franklin Suzanne Berman, MD, CATCH grant recipient Monique Foster, MD, TN Resident Rep, UT Memphis Walter Harrison, MD, Member Lee Anne O’Brien, MD, Member Alan Roach, MD, Resident, Vanderbilt Lloydetta Stovall, MD, Member Michael Warren, MD, GOCCC Medical Director and Resident Liaison to AAP’s Committee on Federal Government Affairs Jennifer Williams, DO, District IV Resident Rep, UT Chattanooga</p> <p>Wendy Long, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Bureau of TennCare Theo Morrison, Contract Lobbyist Lee Wilson, Contract Marketing Director</p>	<p>STAFF:</p> <p>Catherine M. Fenner Executive Director</p> <p>Ruth E. Allen EPSDT Director</p> <p>Knox Brewer Program Director</p> <p>Cathy Jolley Financial Manager</p> <p>Janet Smith Coding Educator</p>
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Call to order, Introductions	Dr. Hill called the meeting to order at 12:45 following lunch, and introductions and announcements were made. Dr. Hamilton awarded the Foundation with a check for \$5000 from the Centennial Pediatrics Children’s Relief Fund, which were donated from the proceeds of their November golf tournament.	
Minutes	The minutes from the September 6, 2008 meeting were previously approved electronically.	

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Financials	TNAAP is fiscally responsible and stable. As of June 30, 2008 our cash reserves were at 30% of our annual budget. Our form 990 is being finalized by LBMC (outside accountants) and will be made available in pdf format to anyone that requests it. TPSF financials were reviewed, including the results of the September awards event and year to date donations.	
Website	Mr. Wilson reported that the site has been completed and will be up and running as soon as staff reviews the transferred content for changes. At that time, following the launch, Phase II will begin, which will focus on detailed review and content modifications.	
Annual Report	Dr. Hill directed attention to the Annual Report in the packets, which will also be posted on our website. This year's report, based on our activities during the 2008 calendar year, has resulted in TN being nominated for the Outstanding Large Chapter Award for the third year in a row. Awards will be announced on March 15, 2009 in Chicago during the ALF.	
Publications	The new designs of our two publications, the Prevention & Intervention News and the Tennessee Pediatrician, were applauded. It was noted that the similar but unique design is comparable to the two designs of the TNAAP and Foundation websites, all designed intentionally by Mr. Wilson as an entire marketing package.	
Ballot	Dr. Hill reported that Dr. Stovall and Dr. Frizzell will be the two candidates for Fellow At-Large for West TN, and Dr. Pat Davis and Dr. Cat Sipe Bottoms will be the candidates for Fellow At-Large, Middle TN. The ballot will be mailed within a month's time from the national office.	
Staff Retreat	Ms. Fenner reported that staff had a mid-year mini-retreat to assess where we are as a team and brainstorm on recommended changes. A summary was provided to the Executive Committee following the event.	
Foundation Report	Dr. Humberd, as the new Foundation president, applauded Dr. Thombs work as previous president and reported on the current status of the Foundation. He also shared his vision for the Foundation. Dr. Kohrt shared his experience with a medical home concept program he was involved with in Pennsylvania.	
Sponsorship Guidelines	Ms. Fenner noted the list of 2009 sponsorship opportunities in the Board packets that will be mailed to our 300 past and potential sponsors this week. This opened discussion of when, for what, and by whom we can expect money from pharmaceutical companies. It was suggested we look at our Bylaws to see what language exists regarding conflict of interest, and make sure it states we can take money but there will be no influence. It was also suggested that the Board meeting is a different receptacle than other venues in which we accept pharmaceutical support.	ACTION: Dr. Chesney and Dr. Keown will serve as a task force to review the Bylaws and make recommendations.
Tobacco Cessation	Dr. Williams reported on being appointed, along with Dr. Martin, by the AAP to attend the best Practices Conference in February. Its purpose will be to teach how to effectively educate new mothers not to smoke at home, teach nurses not to smoke, and implement policy in this area.	ACTION: Dr. Williams will submit an article for the next TN Pediatrician following the conference.
Pediatric Council	Dr. Snider reported on the stalling of the Council in the past, which was created to network with private commercial payers. She would like it to be revamped and ways to do so were discussed. It was agreed that new passion was needed from those that had not been previously involved to re-establish	ACTION: Dr. Berman, Dr. Harrison, and Dr. Bell agreed to work on the recreation of the Pediatric Council.

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	the relationships with the MCOs. A suggestion was made to blast email an invitation to be involved and participate in a conference call.	Dr. Seyler, Dr. Frizzell and Hamblen Peds may also be approached.
America's Promise	Dr. O'Brien reported that she will be representing TNAAP for an America's Promise summit in October. Nashville was one of 12 cities in the country to be chosen for this summit and effort, the idea being a consortium building effort—from community to private sector to government—in order to prevent high school drop-outs and make sure the students have the services they need.	
EPSDT	Dr. Warren reported on projects of the GOCCC (Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination)—those being a statewide care coordination effort targeted at adolescents, and providing practices with electronic health record standards for pediatrics and EHR equipment needed. They also continue to promote use of a common sports physical form.	
TennCare Report	Dr. Wendy Long gave an update on the tiers of reimbursement reductions within TennCare, should Medicaid be cut in the federal Stimulus package. If they do not get the federal relief needed, there may be a 7% cut across the board in reimbursement to providers which falls in Tier 2. Dr. Mark Gaylord's "white paper" on the Perinatal Centers was distributed to the attendees and given to Dr. Long as well.	
Legislative Report	Mr. Morrison reported on the oddities of this new General Assembly, making the assumption that most of the session will be spent with the legislators posturing themselves. Additionally, 3 bills were discussed. It was agreed that we would support insurance coverage on autism coverage up to age 16. We will also support the pneumococcal vaccination being given before entering day care. Finally, we agreed to support the bill banning smoking in cars with children inside.	
2009 Awards	It was agreed we would hold a Board meeting prior to the stand-alone awards event/fundraiser, as we did last year. This year we will shoot for an August date.	ACTION: Staff will check available Saturday August dates for availability at Fisk.
Future Meetings	*** Next Board Meeting: Sat, April 25, 2009, Fisk University, Nashville *** Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference: October 23-24, 2009, Chattanooga	

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Fenner, Executive Director