

Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Tennessee Pediatric Society  
**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Saturday, April 25, 2009, 12:45- 4:00pm

<p><b>PRESENT:</b></p> <p>John Hill MD, President  Eddie Hamilton, MD, Vice-President  Jeannette Martin, MD, Secretary-Treasurer  Quentin Humberd, MD, Immediate Past President</p> <p>Deborah Christiansen, MD, Fellow At-Large, East TN  Allen Coffman, MD, Membership Chair  Michelle Fiscus, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN and  Co-Chair, Young Physician Committee</p> <p><b>EX-OFFICIO:</b></p> <p>Xylina Bean, MD, Dept Chair, Meharry  Iris Snider, MD, Past President</p>	<p><b>GUESTS:</b></p> <p>Michael Warren, MD, GOCCC Medical Director and Resident  Liaison to AAP's Committee on Federal Government Affairs  Jeanne James, MD, Associate Medical Officer, Bureau of  TennCare  Theo Morrison, Contract Lobbyist  Lee Wilson, Contract Marketing Director</p> <p>Tracy Noerper, SUDIA (Southeast United Dairy Industry  Association)  David Thornton, Tennessee Titans #50</p>	<p><b>STAFF:</b></p> <p>Catherine M. Fenner  Executive Director</p> <p>Ruth E. Allen  EPSDT Director</p> <p>Knox Brewer  Program Director</p>
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<b>Call to order, Introductions, Presentation</b>	Dr. Hill called the meeting to order at 1:00 following lunch, and introductions and announcements were made. SUDIA, as sponsor of this meeting, brought Titans linebacker David Thornton to describe the NFL's partnership with the Dairy Industry. It was also noted that Firefly Grille donated the box lunches for the meeting.	
<b>Minutes</b>	The minutes from the January 31, 2009 meeting were previously approved electronically.	Minutes approved.
<b>Legislative Conference</b>	Dr. Hamilton reported on his attendance to the AAP Legislative Conference in DC last weekend. He attended along with Dr. Joan White, Dr. Jennifer Williams, Dr. Lisa Piercey, and Dr. Tiffany Lacoste.	
<b>Pediatric Council</b>	Dr. Hill reported that the following members have agreed to serve on the Pediatric Council: Eddie Hamilton (Nashville), Renee Salinsky (Morristown), Suzanne Berman (Crossville), Iris Snider (Athens), Cliff Seylor (Tullahoma), Kip Frizzell (Memphis), Bill Terrell (Memphis), Mary Keown (Nashville), Walter Harrison (Nashville). Dr. Hamilton reported on yesterday's meeting with	

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	Cumberland Pediatric Foundation to discuss the problem with payors under-reimbursing vaccines. The Council will focus on the individual payors and address the vaccine issue first and foremost.	
<b>Legislative Report</b>	Mr. Morrison reported that of the 2600 bills that were introduced, 74 have been passed into law so far. The focus this session has been on guns, gays, and abortion. They hope to adjourn by May 31.	
<b>Stimulus Package</b>	Dr. James reported that provider rates and GME dollars are intact. She suggested keeping a close eye on the funds made available for Information Technology (IT) and funds made available to groups that work with juveniles and their mental health services.	
<b>TennCare</b>	Dr. Snider voiced concerns with CSS clinics closing statewide in the next few months. The care coordinators in the state will then have to get the children to the appropriate specialty providers.	
<b>Recoupement of Payments</b>	Dr. Snider reported on the commercial side of payors that are writing providers telling them they need to pay back for overcoding in the past.	
<b>Dept Chairs</b>	Dr. Bean discussed Meharry's medical education financing challenges. Meharry is considering restarting their residency program. She also noted that the number of medical students at Meharry and Vanderbilt going into pediatrics is declining.	
<b>Foundation Report</b>	Dr. Humberd reported on the new Foundation Board members already approved by the Foundation Board: Drs. Mark Gaylord, Joan Chesney, and David Moroney. Knox reported that the applications to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the Healthy People 2010 Immunization grant have been submitted.	MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the 3 new Fdtn Brd mbrs. Due to lack of a quorum, an electronic vote will be held. APPROVED ELECTRONICALLY.
<b>Financials</b>	The IRS Form 990 is available for anyone that would like it. Ms. Jolley will be sending electronically the current balance sheets, the end of year budget (as of June 30, 2009) and the projected FY10 budget.	ACTION: Staff will provide financial reports as necessary.
<b>Young Physicians</b>	Dr. Fiscus reported on the recent conference calls of the YP Committee and the goals established by the Committee. The Committee will address the Vanderbilt residents three times in June.	
<b>Tobacco</b>	Dr. Martin reported for Jennifer Williams on the recent successful Grand Rounds held in Chattanooga on tobacco cessation. Dr. Hill suggested the Chattanooga team take their tobacco show statewide.	
<b>Awards</b>	The group discussed potential award recipients of Gov. Phil Bredesen and his wife, Andre Conte, and Lee Wilson as Friends of Children Awards. The latter was recommended by the Foundation Board in gratitude for his in-kind web and marketing designs and services. It was noted that to date two Senior Ped nominations have been received and that the deadline for all nominations is July 1.	ACTION: Staff will get electronic approval by the Board for these nominations and will communicate to the Governor. APPROVED ELECTRONICALLY.
<b>Future Meetings</b>	*** Next Board Meeting: Sat, September 26 2009, Fisk University, Nashville *** Awards event: Saturday, September 26, 2009, Fisk University, Nashville *** Centennial Pediatrics Golf tournament to benefit the TPS Foundation, October 7, 2009, Franklin *** Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference: October 23-24, 2009, Chattanooga	

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine M. Fenner, Executive Director