

**Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics**

**CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004**

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**Chapter Finances**

**Annual Chapter Dues:**

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fellow                         | Dues: \$140     |
| Specialty Fellow               | Dues: \$140     |
| Chapter Affiliate              | Dues: \$140     |
| Candidate Fellow               | Dues: \$125     |
| Post-Residency Training Fellow | Dues: \$35      |
| Resident Fellow                | Dues: no charge |
| Associate Member (Ped DDS)     | Dues: \$100     |
| Retired/Emeritus               | Dues: \$35      |

**Annual Income:** \$ 390,000  
**Annual Expenses:** \$ 360,000  
**Reserves:** \$ 67,000

**Do you have a separate foundation?** Yes.

**Does your chapter carry Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance?** Yes

**Describe your chapter's annual budgeting process. Who oversees the financial management of your chapter?**

Last July, the Chapter hired a part-time Financial Manager, who works with the Executive Director (ED) to prepare the annual budget for the Chapter. The Executive Committee reviews the budget and recommends it to the Board. The Secretary/Treasurer reviews monthly financial statements prepared by the Financial Manager. The on-going financial management, including payroll and federal and state tax reporting, is the responsibility of the Financial Manager, and is overseen by the Executive Director.

**What is your chapter's tax status?** 501(c)(6)

**Chapter Grants**

If your chapter has received a grant(s), please provide the name, focus area and the amount received.

| Grant Name         | Focus Area                         | Amount    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Bureau of TennCare | EPSDT                              | \$219,500 |
| Rickets Prevention | Rickets, Vitamin D supplementation | \$3000    |

| Chapter Membership           | <u>2003/04</u> | <u>2002/03</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Voting fellows:              | 622            | 697            |
| Resident fellows:            | 177            | 186            |
| Non-voting fellows:          | 58             | 59             |
| Post Residents in Training:  | 41             | 26             |
| Chapter affiliates:          | 156            | 74             |
| Associate Members (Ped DDS): | 21             | 17             |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:</b>     | 1075           | 1059           |

**Chapter Committees, Task Forces and Advisors**

| <b>Name</b>                             | <b>Chairperson/Contact Person</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Adolescence                             | Ovidio B. Bermudez, MD            |
| Antibiotic Use                          | Russell Leftwich, MD              |
| Bioethics                               | Ellen Wright Clayton, MD          |
| Breastfeeding                           | Margreete G. Johnston, MD         |
| CATCH                                   | Judy Wood, MD; Laura Powell, MD   |
| Child Abuse and Neglect                 | Christopher S. Greeley, MD        |
| Child Health Finance                    | Iris G. Snider, MD                |
| Children with Special Health Care Needs | Quentin Humberd, MD               |
| Council of Past Presidents              | John C. Ring, MD                  |
| CoPEC                                   | Mick Connors, MD                  |
| CPT Coordinator                         | Joel F. Bradley, Jr., MD          |
| Disaster Preparedness                   | James O'Donnell, MD               |
| Emergency Medicine                      | Timothy G. Givens, MD             |
| Environmental Health                    | Tom Mitoraj, MD                   |
| Fetus and Newborn                       | Mark S. Gaylord, MD               |
| Foster Care                             | John A. Murphy, MD                |
| Healthy Lifestyle                       | Elizabeth M. Andrew, MD           |
| Infectious Diseases                     | Kathryn M. Edwards, MD            |
| Injury and Poison Prevention            | Melinda A. Lucas, MD              |
| Legislative                             | Joseph F. Lentz, MD               |
| Membership                              | Hershel P. Wall, MD               |
| Program Committee                       | Robert B. Lembersky, MD           |
| RSV Task Force                          | Suzanne K. Berman, MD             |
| Sedation Task Force                     | Joseph A. Weinberg, MD            |
| Sports Medicine                         | Andrew J.M. Gregory, MD           |

**GOALS**

**Does your chapter have a mission statement? If so, please indicate below:**

The Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics / Tennessee Pediatric Society is committed to being a leading voice, advocate and authority for the physical, mental and social welfare of infants, children and adolescents, as well as for the pediatricians who care for them.

**Does your chapter have a written strategic plan? Yes**

**What goals has your chapter developed? Please list:**

Leadership Skill Development

- Objective 1: Provide opportunities to train new leaders.
- Objective 2: Identify potential participants for leadership training.
- Objective 3: Mentoring

Chapter Infrastructure

- Objective 1: Table of organization, communication and reporting.
- Objective 2: Board composition
- Objective 3: Nominating committee restructure
- Objective 4: Create Foundation

Communication

- Objective 1: Communicate value of Chapter to membership
- Objective 2: Have staff present at local pediatric societies and hospitals
- Objective 3: Personal phone calls
- Objective 4: Explore other communication tools

**How did your chapter go about developing these goals?**

Board members and chapter staff identify potential areas of focus, from which the President and ED select priorities. In April 2003, we met at Montgomery Bell State Park, and under the guidance of an excellent facilitator, we drafted these goals.

**How are you measuring the attainment of these goals? Please be specific.**

Midway through our fiscal year, we brought our facilitator back in to address our Board via speakerphone, during which we reviewed the goals we had set and accountability thereof. Volunteer leaders and staff were charged with completing action plans.

**Please identify areas of particular accomplishment in meeting defined goals as well as areas in need of additional work in the future.**

Leadership Skill Development: We significantly revised and expanded our *Leadership Manual* and distributed it to our leaders. A committee is currently being developed to help plan a Leadership Conference for 2005. Most Board members accounted for mentoring at least one individual during the year.

Chapter Infrastructure: We produced an organizational chart that explains the staff and Board relationships within the Chapter and promotes two-way communication with the membership. Committees, task forces and advisors are utilized as needed to accomplish a task, tackle an ad hoc problem and /or sustain a long-term commitment to an issue. To enhance our ability to communicate with our members, we added a second Fellow At-Large Board member to each Grand Division of the state (east, west, and middle), for a total of six Fellows At-Large. This change provides a team for each region, allows for better coverage of our members, and ensures better attendance at Board meetings. The Board also revised the Bylaws to restructure the composition of the Nominating Committee.

Communication: To better communicate who we are, we produced a membership brochure that identifies the value of membership and provides a membership application. Additionally, we developed a PowerPoint presentation that provides a history of the Chapter and features its

current programs. We also revamped the Membership Committee, which is already off to a great start spurring the full Board to be invested in the process.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### ***Advocacy for Children:***

Legislation: We assisted with the successful passage of the school nutrition bill.

Rickets Prevention: We implemented a program to prevent rickets in infants and children with an educational campaign on vitamin D supplementation.

Nutrition/Obesity: Our Healthy Lifestyle Committee is awaiting word on a grant application submitted to pilot walk/run exercise programs in schools.

EPSDT: Our effort in carrying out our EPSDT grant from the state results in more children receiving EPSDT exams from competent providers and increased efficacy and documentation of examinations. The link to treatment is made, and the medical home concept is supported.

### ***Advocacy for Pediatricians:***

Legislation: We assisted with the successful defeat of the psychologists prescribing bill.

TennCare: We have representatives to the task forces and committees working on the Governor's TennCare reform plan. Through meeting with TennCare officials and MCOs, as well as through our EPSDT grant, we are able to advocate for the state's pediatricians.

CHAT: We assisted with the development of the Children's Hospital Alliance of Tennessee (CHAT) to represent children's hospitals' issues on the state and federal levels.

Coalitions: Various Chapter leaders represent our concerns during each of the meetings of the Tennessee Medical Association, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians.

### **Describe quality improvement activities, as they relate to pediatric practice, that your chapter has undertaken, if any?**

We have conducted several mock EPSDT and coding audits in our members' offices. As part of our visits to individual practices, we use a questionnaire to gather data on EPSDT and coding quality issues. This information is used to continually improve our educational materials and used in dialogue with the state about program issues. We also surveyed TennCare MCOs and BHOs in Tennessee to elicit data on coding, billing and compliance.

### **How does your chapter conduct legislative activities?**

Our Executive Director serves as our lobbyist for the 5-6 month session each year, and she willingly "trains" anyone who will take the time to spend with her. This year marked the sixth consecutive year that pediatric residents have devoted a month to this rotation to fulfill their advocacy requirement. This year, 4 residents and 5 other members spent time on the Hill with her.

### **Please indicate the status of legislation efforts noted in your report:**

Legislative efforts this year have been successful. We worked with the Tennessee Medical Association and the Psychiatrists Association to defeat the psychologists prescribing bill. We worked with the Heart Association, the Dietetic Association, and the Children's Hospital Alliance of Tennessee to pass the school nutrition bill. One of our member pediatricians provided testimony, and we attended the signing of the bill by the Governor. Also, the ED and Legislative Committee Chair assisted with development of the Children's Hospital Alliance of Tennessee

(CHAT) to represent children's hospitals' issues on the state and federal level.

### **Professional Education:**

EPSDT and Coding: Our EPSDT Director and Coding Educator offer EPSDT and coding educational sessions to our members as well as to the family physicians. A "menu" of services is available, and members may receive trainings on-site at their practices or by attending regional training sessions in their area.

CME Conference: The Chapter offered its first CME event in over ten years in November 2003. The conference, *Common Pediatric Heart Defects: A Focus on Murmur Evaluation and Emerging Management Strategies*, utilized subspecialist pediatrician members as planners and presenters. The main objective of the course was to provide primary care practitioners with the skills needed to accurately interpret pediatric murmurs and categorize them as innocent versus pathologic. The course elaborated on emerging strategies in the management of common pediatric heart defects. Additionally, information on the childhood obesity epidemic and its relationship to early cardiovascular disease was presented.

Pediatric Emergency Care in Tennessee: The second annual emergency conference was held in Memphis in 2003 with faculty presenting from the Comprehensive Regional Pediatric Centers. The purpose of the conference is to assist pediatric emergency providers of all levels by offering cutting edge practical information on the management of pediatric emergencies.

Newsletter: Our newsletter, *The Tennessee Pediatrician*, is our primary ongoing source for educating and informing the members.

The Pediatric Emergency Messenger: This newsletter is written and produced by the Chapter's Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine, to inform the membership of best practices in emergency treatment of children and in injury prevention.

### **Public Education:**

Education on Child Passenger Safety: We recently developed a patient education brochure explaining the law (effective July 1, 2004) regarding child passenger restraint and use of booster seats.

Rickets Prevention Campaign: We sent educational materials to pediatricians, family physicians, WIC nutritionists, and hospital nursery supervisors on Rickets prevention through vitamin D supplementation to be posted in their patient areas.

Bike Helmet Brochures: Our brochures continue to be in demand from the pediatric and public sectors, prompting us to secure funding for a reprint (currently undergoing).

### **Research:**

Tennessee Pediatric Society Foundation: The Chapter's Program Director researches grant opportunities that match the mission of the Chapter and the Foundation, keeps record of these, and applies for grants when appropriate.

Practice Manager Survey: We developed and used a needs assessment for Practice Managers to gather information on continuing and redesigning our current Practice Managers Network.

EPSDT/Coding: We surveyed TennCare MCOs and BHOs to gather data to help us best design our EPSDT and Coding training and resources for members.

PROS: We have identified a new PROS Coordinator for the state, who is anxious to get started.

### **Service for Members and Community:**

Newsletters: The Chapter produced 3 editions of the *Tennessee Pediatrician* newsletter with Chapter and AAP news, announcements and educational articles. The Chapter's Pediatric Emergency Committee sent its newsletter, the *Pediatric Emergency Messenger*, to the membership three times a year.

Foundation: The establishment of the Tennessee Pediatric Society Foundation makes us newly eligible for grants and donation to support programs that provide services to the community that benefit the health and safety of children.

Child Passenger Safety: The Chapter produced a brochure for distribution in pediatrician offices explaining the new law regarding child restraint and booster seat use.

Rickets Prevention: The Healthy Lifestyle Committee produced educational materials for pediatricians, family physicians, WIC nutritionist, and hospital nursery supervisors to post in their offices, advising on the importance of Vitamin D supplementation.

CME: The Program Committee arranged accreditation for its education conferences to provide Category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

EPSDT and Pediatric Coding Education: TNAAP has EPSDT and coding education programs and resource materials available for members. Individual training programs were conducted at pediatric practices and regional locations across the state. TNAAP promoted the availability of these educational resources by participating in nine (9) Tennessee Medical Association Insurance Workshops across the state and the Annual Conference of the Family Practitioners Community Forums. TNAAP participated in various community forums regarding children's health including The Healthy Children's Summit (organized by Tying Nashville Together, a faith-based organization focused on improving the lives of those in their communities) and the Annual Policy-Maker's Forum.

### Improving Health Systems:

Our grant with the Bureau of TennCare to improve EPSDT services across the state has been renewed through June 30, 2005, allowing the Chapter to accomplish important work over the past year in improving health systems. We have surveyed the TennCare MCOs and BHOs on billing, coding, and reimbursement to enable us to best inform and train our members.

We have recently convened a Pediatric Council based on the AAP model which includes pediatric managing partners representing large groups from across the state.

TNAAP has recently negotiated an expansion of our grant with TennCare that will allow us to offer training to pediatricians regarding Developmental and Behavioral Health Screenings. These trainings will be offered on-site at member practices and as regional sessions by a Chapter Developmental Services Coordinator (to be hired).

Our Chapter continues to strive to be the voice of providers and children, as TennCare impacts all areas of providing health care to children in our state. We have been included in the details and input towards the Governor's TennCare Reform Plan, and have Chapter representatives on the task forces to deal with children in state custody and the Preferred Drug List Committee.

## CHAPTER STRUCTURE

### How often does your chapter's executive committee or Board meet?

Our Board of Directors typically meets quarterly, while our Executive Committee handles business between the Board meetings, usually via e-mail or conference calls.

### How many chapter meetings were held? Indicate the name, date, purpose (i.e., business, educational), location and attendance of each meeting beginning July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004:

| Meeting                           | Date              | Purpose   | Location  | Attendance |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Board Meeting                     | August 16, 2003   | Business  | Nashville | 24         |
| <i>Advancing the Frontiers of</i> | Sept. 12-13, 2003 | Education | Memphis   | 170        |

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|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| <i>Pediatric Care in Tennessee</i>         |                   |                |                             |     |
| CME: <i>Common Pediatric Heart Defects</i> | Nov. 15, 2003     | Education      | Nashville                   | 100 |
| Annual Awards Luncheon                     | Nov. 15, 2003     | Chapter Awards | Nashville                   | 120 |
| Board Meeting                              | Nov. 15, 2003     | Business       | Nashville                   | 26  |
| Board Meeting                              | Feb. 7, 2004      | Business       | Nashville                   | 31  |
| Board Meeting                              | April 23, 2004    | Business       | Fall Creek Falls S.P.       | 23  |
| Strategic Planning Retreat                 | April 24-25, 2004 | Business       | Fall Creek Falls State Park | 21  |

**What type of orientation or leadership development is provided for new officers and new committee chairpersons within your chapter? Please describe:**

President David K. Kalwinsky, MD, attended the ASAE CEO Symposium with the ED, as is our tradition, providing them with skills for a productive two-year administration. It is the role of the Chapter President to contact new committee chairs and provide them with training and guidance. This year, we also developed a new and comprehensive *Leadership Manual* with background, policy, expectations and resources for all of our officers, committee chairs, and advisors.

**What activities does your chapter engage in to support the continued growth and development of its leadership?**

The Chapter's annual strategic planning retreat for board members, committee chairs, and advisors energizes and mobilizes attendees in their leadership roles, as well as provides them with a chance to network with others in the Chapter.

Through our grants, Chapter leaders have the opportunity to serve as Medical Directors on specific projects such as the EPSDT initiative and the Developmental Behavioral Screening project. They also have the opportunity to participate in committees and work-groups with state policymakers and other health care leaders from across the state. Our leaders are able to develop advocacy skills by accompanying the ED to the state legislature and becoming involved in the Chapter's legislative efforts. This year, five members accompanied the ED on the Hill.

Whenever possible, the Chapter sponsors members to attend any available conferences to enrich the knowledge base of the Chapter. The Chapter sponsored three members, including its VP and a resident, to attend the AAP Legislative Conference. New Chapter President, David K. Kalwinsky, MD, also attended the ASAE CEO Symposium with the ED.

The Chapter also benefits from regularly providing continuing education to all staff. Our ED continues to serve on the AAP ED Steering Committee (her 10<sup>th</sup> year) as Immediate Past Chair.

**Does your chapter engage in mentoring activities?**

At our 2003 strategic planning retreat, we identified mentoring as a leadership objective and board members and committee chairs agreed to each mentor one person into involvement. At this year's retreat, several of the leaders reported having mentored a young, new, or previously uninvolved member.

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**What do you consider to be the one activity, which has engendered the greatest participation of your chapter's membership?**

For the first time in over 10 years, our Chapter offered a CME event in November 2003. The conference drew over 100 attendees and was held in conjunction with a Board of Directors meeting, and our Annual Awards presentation. The conference, *Common Pediatric Heart Defects: A Focus on Murmur Evaluation and Emerging Management Strategies*, utilized sub specialist pediatrician members as planners and presenters. The meeting provided 4.5 Category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Evaluation form results rated all aspects of the conference very highly. The meeting was so successful that the Program Committee recommended and the Board approved continuing the annual meeting each fall, with a CME conference, Annual Awards Luncheon and Board of Directors meeting on the agenda.

**Describe all membership recruitment activities:**

This year, we developed a *Membership Benefits* brochure that is readily distributed to pediatricians at staff visits to offices, at regional and statewide conferences, and in our recruitment mailing. The brochure includes a membership application, describes the Chapter's programs, and identifies staff with contact information. A recruitment mailing is sent to non-members at least annually and includes a letter of invitation, Chapter fact sheet, membership brochure, a current Chapter newsletter, and identification of resources and programs available to members.

The Chapter's Pediatric Coding Educator has visited over 100 member offices this year and have made contact with over 1700 pediatricians, family physicians, and office staff. Non-members in these practices see first-hand the benefit to their practice and are encouraged to become members. All staff members promote the Chapter in their various roles, participating in activities statewide.

Fellows At-Large identify non-members in their regions and make personal contact to encourage membership. We also continue to circulate lists of non-members to active key Chapter members, to personally recruit their peers.

As the number of Chapter educational events has multiplied, we have begun charging member and non-member rates for registration; this tangible member benefit alone makes membership worthwhile.

**Describe all membership retention activities:**

Our ever-increasing accomplishments and member benefits are enhancing retention. Many new programs have begun over the past few years, as staff size has increased to 5, with a 6th position being added. Benefits to members now include legislative advocacy, networking, coding education, mock audits, EPSDT resources, educational conferences with CME accreditation, and Chapter publications. The widespread, direct contact is new for us, as our Coding Educator travels extensively across the state providing training and chart review in member offices. This is a tangible, valuable, highly sought benefit.

New members receive a welcome packet, which includes a letter, history of the Chapter, fact sheet and most recent newsletters. Before dropping members because of non-payment of dues, we send them a notice reminding them that they have not paid; this usually results in a fairly good return from those who had inadvertently overlooked the invoices from the Academy. We also distribute a list of the non-renewing members to Board members and ask them to contact those in their area of the state. Often, that personal contact results in membership renewal. This year we saw the single highest retention level in at least ten years-- going from 725 last year to 773 this year.

**Does your chapter have a Medical Student membership category or club? No**

**Please describe activities in your chapter that engage AAP Section (medical subspecialists and surgical specialists) members.**

The Chapter's CME conferences concentrate on specialty areas of pediatrics, geared to the generalist pediatrician, with planning and presentation by member subspecialists. The 2003 event topic was pediatric cardiology, and the conference planned for 2004 will focus on pediatric developmental and behavioral health.

Many of our subspecialist members serve in leadership and representative roles for the Chapter. Our current President is an academician and pediatric oncologist. Our immediate past president is a specialist in critical care, and our VP is one of the few board-certified developmental pediatricians in the state. Subspecialist members have taken leading roles in the Chapter's educational publications and programs as well. Our Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee produces its own newsletter, *The Emergency Messenger*, three times a year that is sent to all of the membership. The content focuses on emergency medicine for the generalist pediatrician audience. They have partnered with other organizations to offer an annual pediatric emergency medicine conference, the second of which was held in September 2003 in Memphis with a third planned for this September in Nashville.

**Please describe activities in your chapter that engage Academicians.**

The pediatric department chairs from the five academic medical centers in Tennessee serve as ex-officio member of the Chapter Board of Directors. Of those five, one is the current Chapter President, another is a past president who now serves as the President of our Tennessee Pediatric Society Foundation, and still another is the Foundation's Secretary/Treasurer.

**In what ways does your chapter address membership diversity (i.e., a broad spectrum of members, including young physicians, senior members, minorities)?**

We strive for diversity in our Board, committee chairs, and committee members. We have representation from women, young physicians, members of different minorities, and individuals from various countries of origin. Our Board and committees consist of general pediatricians in active practice as well as sub specialists and full-time academicians. The Chapter President makes an effort to include such diversity in committee appointments and in instructions given to the nominating committee for all elections to Chapter leadership positions.

**In what ways does your chapter involve residents in chapter activities?**

Our ED/lobbyist provided legislative internships for four residents during this year's legislative session, and we sponsored one resident to attend the AAP Legislative Conference in DC. We offer a significant discount to residents registering for our CME conferences (\$20 registration rather than the \$75-\$100 regular fee), as an incentive to attend. AAP Resident Representatives from the four teaching institutions in the state are invited to attend each of our Board meetings.

**Please list individual members in your chapter who have made considerable contributions toward achieving your chapter's goals:**

**Elizabeth Andrew, MD**, Chair of our Healthy Lifestyle Committee, has been actively pursuing grants to support the projects of her committee, including a Rickets Prevention Campaign to educate pediatricians, family physicians, WIC nutritionists, and hospital nursery supervisors on vitamin D supplementation. She has planned a program for walk/ run exercise clubs in schools and participated in forums and press conferences on nutrition and obesity.

**Robert Lembersky, MD** accomplishes a tremendous amount for the Chapter in his role as Program Chair. He helps plan a two-day pediatric emergency conference each year as well as

the Chapter's new annual CME conference.

**These members assist the Chapter by serving in leadership roles within the AAP:**

Iris Snider, MD- District IV Vice-Chair  
Joel Bradley, MD- CPT Coding expert  
Russell Chesney, MD- Committee on Pediatric Research; Pres., American Board of Pediatrics  
Andrew Spooner, MD- Section Chair, Computers and Technology  
John Ring, MD- Committee on Drugs

**CHAPTER AWARDS**

**List Awards Given:**

Senior Pediatrician of the Year: Conrad Shackelford, Jr., MD  
Special Achievement Awards: Robert. B. Lembesrsky, MD  
For tremendous effort toward TNAAP meetings and advancement of Chapter programs.  
Legislator of the Year: Representative Robert W. Briley  
For leadership efforts to prevent injuries to children by enhancing the child safety seat law.  
Friend of Children Award Senator Joe M. Haynes  
For leadership efforts to prevent injuries to children by enhancing the child safety seat law.  
Friend of Children Award Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP  
For outstanding pro-bono legal services to establish the Tennessee Pediatric Society Foundation, providing TNAAP with new program opportunities to benefit children's health and safety.

**This completes the reporting section and the ten-page limit.**

**Once finalized, copies of this report will be automatically forwarded to:**

- **Your District Chairperson**
- **Your District Vice Chairperson**
- **Barb Dayment, Chapter Services Assistant, AAP Division of Chapter and District Relations**

**Summary**

**Please summarize, in 1-2 paragraphs, your chapter's MAIN activities. This summary will be used for press releases and promotional pieces, should your chapter be selected for an award (for example, how would you describe, briefly, what your chapter is all about?)**

The Tennessee Chapter continues to be a leader on the legislative front, not only advocating for pediatricians and children, but training members and residents in legislative advocacy. The Chapter is a resource on TennCare and provides information on EPSDT and coding. Our new 501(c)(3) arm, the Tennessee Pediatric Society Foundation seeks grants and donations to support projects benefiting the health and safety of Tennessee's children. We are now providing educational conferences with CME credit to members. Our Child Health Finance, Emergency, Healthy Lifestyle, Membership and Program Committees are particularly active in helping to carry out the work of the Chapter.

**BRIGHT IDEAS AND GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**After reviewing all the reports, the District Vice Chairpersons (DVC) Committee identifies successful projects that it believes are innovative and worth sharing with other chapter**

officers. These projects are called “Bright Ideas,” and information regarding the activities is incorporated into the *Compendium of Chapter Annual Reports*.

To assist the DVCs in their effort, please briefly highlight projects below which you consider to be bright and innovative. Although projects may have already been listed in the “Chapter Activities” section of your annual report, please describe them here. Important: please include contact persons and their phone numbers so that these may be published along with the listing.

Legislative Internships for Pediatric Residents: Allows residents a month of training in legislative advocacy to fulfill their advocacy requirement.

Catherine M. Fenner, Executive Director, phone (615) 383-6004

Child Passenger Safety Law and Brochure: Tennessee’s new law, with updated booster seat and restraint requirements. The educational brochure was developed for distribution to parents through their pediatricians’ office.

Catherine M. Fenner, Executive Director, phone (615) 383-6004

Tennessee Pediatric Society Foundation: The purpose of this new 501(c)(3) arm of the Chapter is to carry out programs that benefit the health and safety of Tennessee’s children, funded by grants and donations.

Patrice L. Mayo-Ligon, Program Director, phone (615) 599-6359

EPSDT Folder and Resources: This packet includes comprehensive EPSDT resources and reference materials and information on key EPSDT and Pediatric codes.

Ruth E. Allen, EPSDT Director, phone (865) 927-3030

Presentation on Chapter: "Who We Are": This PowerPoint presentation provides history on the Chapter and identifies its current programs.

Ruth E. Allen, EPSDT Director, phone (865) 927-3030

Coding Education: The Chapter’s Coding Educator extensively visits member practices to help improve their coding efficacy and reimbursement.

Jacqueline F. Clouse, Coding Educator, phone (865) 670-8891

Mock Audits: The Coding Educator performs chart reviews and mock audits for member practices.

Jacqueline F. Clouse, Coding Educator, phone (865) 670-8891

Membership Benefits Brochure: The *Membership Benefits* brochure provides a membership application, describes the Chapter, and features its programs.

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