

**Federation of Pediatric Organizations Executive Director's Report**  
**American Board of Pediatrics Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Durham, NC**  
**June 5 – 9, 2008**

My activities as Executive Director continue to focus on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and communication with the leadership of member organizations.

**Strategic Plan**

Jean Bartholomew and I have been working with the leaders of the six strategic initiatives to begin their activities. I will serve as Secretary to each working group, participate in conference calls, record minutes, and facilitate action of the group. These groups will identify the strategies and outcomes under each initiative. Here is a summary of their activities and a list of participants:

**1. Leadership Academy.** The group will inventory and catalogue within pediatric organizations/community re: leadership skills, encourage collaboration among pediatric organizations, find out and track those who have been trained and attempt to determine what has happened to them since the training, and ask whether their aspirations have been realized. There is the need to engage all organizations and target young pediatricians.

**Members of the Working Group**

Bob Perelman, MD, AAP  
Aaron Friedman, MD, AMSPDC  
Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, SPR  
Susan Guralnick, MD, APPD  
Gil Liu, MD, AAP  
Rob McGregor, MD, APPD  
Ken Roberts, MD, APA

**2. Positioning Pediatricians in Leadership Positions.** The group, led by Jim Stockman, will prepare a list after mapping out key organizations for potential leadership positions for pediatricians. The next step will be to externalize list and circulate to FOPO members for their input. In addition, he will determine key pediatric leaders to approach and tap their knowledge about the nominating process for the organizations identified. The goal is to identify individuals who can move into positions of leadership.

**Members of the Working Group**

Jim Stockman, MD, ABP  
Carol Berkowitz, MD, AAP  
Renee Jenkins, MD, AAP

**3. Global Health.** Dr. Alden reported on the group's activities. The first step will be an inventory of national activities using a questionnaire of FOPO member organizations. Individuals were identified to be added to the initiative, including Dr. Bill Keenan. The issue of international resident experiences was considered and it was suggested that this may be an opportunity for an innovation project through the R<sup>3</sup>P Project.

**Members of the Working Group**

Errol Alden, MD, AAP

William Keenan, MD, AAP

Robert Armstrong, MD, AMSPDC

Judith Palfrey, MD, AAP, APA

Bonnie Stanton, MD, AMSPDC

Peter Szilaygi, MD, APA

Alvin Zipursky PGPR (Programme for Global Paediatric Research)

**4. Health Insurance for All Children and Youth in the United States Position**

**Statement.** The Board of Directors approved the position statement by a unanimous vote. An article has been accepted for publication regarding the statements in the Position Statement. In the fall, the Position Statement will be presented as part of a media event in coordination with the AAP's Washington Office and a presentation of the important access issues for children.

**Members of the Working Group**

Peter Szilaygi, MD MPH, APA

Tina Cheng, MD MPH, APA

Lisa Simpson MBBCh MPH, APA

Jay Berkelhamer, MD, AAP

**5. Child Health Research.** Dr. M. Schleiss reported that a number of individuals had been identified (12-14). He will develop a questionnaire for the working group to lay out thoughts toward the goal of having an informational meeting at the 2008 PAS, followed by a series of conference calls and review of key literature. Karen Hendricks will be included on this initiative. A general pediatrician will also be identified to become involved in this working group.

**Members of the Working Group**

Mark Schleiss, MD, SPR

Bill Hay, MD, APS

Steve Abman, MD

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Larry McAndrews, NACHRI  
Joe Neu, MD  
Norm Rosenblum, MD  
Philip Warren Shaul, MD  
Larry Stanberry, MD  
Richard Wasserman MD, AAP

**6. GME Funding.** The group met after the FOPO meeting in a conference call with Bob Dickler from the AAMC, who provided an overview of the history and politics of GME funding. Future activities have not yet been determined.

**Members of the Working Group**

Aaron Friedman, MD, AMSPDC, ABP  
Jay Berkelhamer, MD, AAP  
George Lister, MD, APS, ABP  
Larry McAndrews, NACHRI

**Task Force on Women in Pediatrics**

Bonnie Stanton leads this effort and has divided her group into subgroups focusing on part-time training and employment, and child care. The Task Force is examining the part-time issues for trainees and junior faculty separately. Bonnie will present a report at the next FOPO meeting in September. Members of the Task Force and I have submitted a manuscript with Gail McGuinness entitled, "Part-Time Training in Pediatric Residency Programs: Principles and Practices." The Task Force hosted a Symposium on Part Time Research-Intensive Faculty/Fellows at the PAS meeting in Honolulu in May 2008 and may produce a publication related to the issues facing investigators who desire part-time careers. There will be a face-to-face meeting of the Task Force on Women in Pediatrics in conjunction with the AMSPDC Executive Committee and the start of the AAP NCE on October 10-11, 2008 in Boston, MA.

**Website**

We contracted with Captus Communications to update and enhance our website. The website will support activities related to the strategic initiatives with the capability of performing surveys, hosting discussion boards, or serving as a repository for information such as educational activities related to leadership skills.

**Journal of Pediatrics Articles:** Two articles have been written. "The Federation of Pediatric Organizations Strategic Plan: Six Strategic Initiatives to Enhance Child Health" is in press and another article, "Health Insurance for All Children and Youth in the United States. A Position Statement of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations," is

accepted for publication and will appear in the section, Notes from the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, in the Journal of Pediatrics.

**FOPO supported the reauthorization of Title VII funding and the creation of National Pediatric Research Consortia.** There were two unanimous votes of all seven FOPO member organizations in support of the reauthorization of Title VII funding and a bill to create National Pediatric Research Consortia. These important endorsements represent the importance of acting as a united pediatrics community on matters of policy that may impact child health.

The next meeting of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations will take place in Washington, DC at the AAP Washington Office on September 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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