

**MINUTES**  
**Federation of Pediatric Organizations**  
**February 2, 2009**  
**7:30 am – 1:00 pm**  
**AAP Department of Federal Affairs Office, Washington D.C.**

PRESENT: Theodore C. Sectish, MD, Executive Director  
Susan Guralnick,, MD, Chair, APPD  
Jean Bartholomew, Administrator

AAP: Errol R. Alden, MD  
David Tayloe, MD

ABP: James A. Stockman, MD  
M. Douglas Jones, Jr., MD

AMSPDC: Marianne E. Felice, MD  
Aaron L. Friedman, MD

APA: Tina Cheng, MD

APPD: Robert McGregor, MD

APS: Alan Jobe, MD  
George Lister, MD

SPR: Mark R. Schleiss, MD  
Tom Schanley, MD

AAP Staff: Karen Hendricks, JD  
Robert Hall, Assistant Director, AAP

NACHRI: Larry McAndrews

NICHD: Duane Alexander, MD

ABSENT: Kenneth B. Roberts, MD, APA

1. Call to order

Dr. Guralnick called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and asked for introductions. All member organizations of FOPO were represented.

2. Executive Director's report

Dr. Sectish, the Executive Director of FOPO, included in the agenda, a summary of his activities since the September 2008 FOPO meeting. He encouraged members to make use of the FOPO Web site for informational purposes and possibly for use by the working groups to discuss their issues and ideas. He noted that various working groups have generated publications. At today's meeting, there are two proposals coming forth for discussion and action. They are the entity for post R<sup>3</sup>P and a Task Force on Diversity.

3. Report on Residency Review and Redesign in Pediatrics (R<sup>3</sup>P)

Dr. D. Jones was present. He and Dr. Sectish described how this entity could/should operate.

The entity would consist of an Executive Committee, an Executive Chair, a Review Committee, and a Project Support Group.

The representatives are:

- ABP: Drs. George Lister and Steve Ludwig
  - AMSPDC: Drs. Aaron Friedman and Bruder Stapleton
  - APPD: Drs. Ann Burke and Robert McGregor
  - AAP: Dr. Amy Jost
  - RC Liaison: Dr. Steve Ludwig
  - ABP Liaison representative: Dr. Gail McGuinness (provide for continuity)
  - ACGME/RC Liaison representative: Dr. Jerry Vasilias (look at experiments and results as they develop as well as verifying that program requirements are being met).
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- Subcommittees: Search, Rules, and Budget
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- Administrative home: FOPO
  - Management services: Degnon is being considered for operation and support groups.

Succession issue will be determined at a later date. Governance will be articulated by a Charter to assure effective operation and function similar to the Pediatric Education Steering Committee (PESC). The committee will report to the FOPO BOD. This entity will have a close relationship with APPD and their Learning Collaborative (LEARN).

Needs:

- Proposal to come forward to work as an entity within FOPO
- Entity will operate independently
- Operate as a subcommittee of FOPO and majority rules
- The FOPO Board of Directors and its authority over this entity will be articulated in the Charter, to be approved by the FOPO Board of Directors, and delegate authority to this entity to operate independently
  - seek funding
  - have oversight by FOPO
- Develop a model and model/initiative fleshed out and detailed. Dr. Alden noted that security/oversight is provided by ACGME and ABP.
- Pediatric community needs to be involved as part of the next step; communications piece will be key to the pediatric community
- Executive committee will update all pediatric organizations
- Search for Chair of IIPE Executive Committee

**ACTION:** A motion was seconded and passed to proceed with development of a Charter and an understanding of the role of the Executive Director and Executive Committee for this initiative and distributed to members of FOPO for approval; FOPO will serve as the administrative home.

Clarification was made that the R<sup>3</sup>P was convened by support of the American Board of Pediatrics Foundation (ABPF) and not the American Board of Pediatrics. ABPF has committee funding for year 1 for \$300K.

#### 4. Discussion on IOM Resident Duty Hours

Dr. Sectish discussed the various points as described by the IOM report. ACGME is gathering data from organizations to use to support their opposition to changes of the resident duty hours. APPD and CoPS have been having a series of conference calls and FOPO members asked to have a summary of those calls distributed to FOPO members as they discuss the IOM report. AMSPDC will be discussing this at their March meeting. Concern was expressed about recommendations being made without proper evaluation and the impact on medical education. He noted that it could result in elimination of care to 1/3 of patients and this is a large issue. Several FOPO member organizations are preparing responses to the recommendations in the IOM Resident Duty Hours report. These reports will be forwarded to the members of the FOPO Board of Directors for review. (APPD and CopS at this point) Members present felt that there is potential with the IIPE for programs to propose innovations to cope with IOM resident duty hours.

#### 5. Minutes of the September 8, 2008, FOPO Meeting

The minutes were approved with request for a minor revision. The Ad Hoc Committee for R<sup>3</sup>P consisted of Drs. Aaron Friedman, Rob McGregor, Susan Guralnick, Doug Jones, Tina Cheng, and Guralnick and not just Drs. Sectish and Guralnick as the minutes indicated. They worked to propose a structure for R<sup>3</sup>P (Item 3).

#### 6. Financial Summary

##### A. Financial Statements FY09

The financial statements were included in the agenda and Dr. Friedman noted expenses are slightly below projected due to the fact that most work for strategic initiatives have been accomplished by conference call and not by actual conferences. Some meetings are planned to take place the first half of 2009 and expenses will ramp up as strategic initiatives become more active.

##### B. Proposed FY10 Budget

No inflationary item has been added to the FY10 budget. Therefore the proposal would be to have the new budget remain the same as that of FY09 except for some minor adjustments for certain items in the budget.

ACTION: A motion was seconded and passed to approve the FY10 budget.

#### 7. Joseph St. Geme Award

Information on the award and nominees was distributed to FOPO members previously. Each member organization took the opportunity to present their nominee of choice. Voting took place and each member organization was asked to prioritize the top three nominees. During the first round, the top three nominees were identified; on the second ballot, member organizations were asked to vote for only one of the three nominees.

Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts, was selected as the 2009 recipient of the St. Geme Award.

Dr. Tina Cheng notified the awardee via phone and a letter will be sent to Dr. Roberts and the PAS on FOPO stationery.

Dr. Stockman reported that the funds in the St. Geme account are dwindling and down to \$59K (largely in part to the downward surge in the stock market). A proposal will be needed to sustain and grow the fund. Dr. Friedman will look into this.

## 8. Strategic Plan

Dr. Sectish noted that all working groups have met by conference call; each Working Group Chair will report progress on the initiatives.

### A. Leadership Academy

Dr. Perelman was unable to attend the meeting and Dr. Sectish reported on the progress of this working group. This Working Group is presenting a proposal to the PAS Planning Committee to create a Leadership Track during the PAS Annual Meeting. FOPO Leadership Academy Working Group members would be responsible for organizing and facilitating programming at PAS in the Leadership Track consisting of 2-3 mini-courses or topic symposia. Topics to be featured include Team Development, Self -Reflection, Change Management, Time Management, Financial Management, Negotiation, Strategic Planning, and Conflict Management. Alan Jobe reported that the PAS offered FOPO two options for providing Leadership programming: 1) FOPO Working Group could select topics and submit workshops through the usual competitive review process; and/or 2) FOPO Working Group could offer suggestions for a Mini-Course before the end of July. Key contact for PAS workshops is Steve Selbst and for mini-courses, Bruce Gelb.

### B. Global Child Health Priorities

Dr. Alden reported for this working group. This Working Group has reviewed the current organized activities of FOPO member organizations. The AAP has a variety of global health activities. The Pediatric Academic Societies Planning Committee has elevated Global Health to become a major theme area in its annual meeting and named Drs. Mark Schleiss, Robert Perelman, Bill Keenan, and Alvin Zipursky to lead this effort. The Working Group has identified three priority areas to focus its efforts:

- A. Certification – International Pediatric Credentialing Collaborative.
- B. Global Health Rotations for Residents and Medical Students.
- C. Development of Regional Child Health Capacity through Sustainable Partnerships.

### C. Child Health Research

Dr. Schleiss reported that the Child Health Research Working Group is organizing a Topic Symposium at the 2009 PAS meeting entitled “Child Health Research Funding and Policy: The Imperatives and the Investments that America Needs to Make for a Healthier World,” facilitated by Drs. William Hay and Mark Schleiss. The topics and speakers are listed in the Executive Director’s report.

- There is a significant change in K awards – change in percent effort required. Decrease from 100% to 75% for 12 months with the promise to return to full-time after that period. Can request reduction in effort level. This will be a pilot test to verify that it does not dilute the training experience and is key for those who want a career in academics and have time for family as well.
- Dr. Melissa Parisi, new NICHD branch chief, was welcomed enthusiastically by NICHD staff.
- Newborn screening grant awarded – test newborn screening techniques as they appear – problems addressed before to assure when new techniques are introduced, they are as flawless as possible.
- National Childrens Study – Pilot has started in two sites in New York; may slow down due to funding concerns. Approximately \$3.1B has been allocated, but funding may still be insufficient to produce desired test data. This will be evaluated over the next several months and during pilot study.
- Status of Pediatric Pharmacology Research networks – legislation proves that this was successful; in last 5 years, a decision was made for PPRU not to continue as clinical trials, but be switched to U54 funding network of centers working cooperatively and collaboratively, with support from industry.

B. Department of Federal Affairs

Mr. Robert Hall was present to speak and distributed information on SCHIP. Ms. Hendricks provided material for the agenda book.

C. NACHRI Update

Mr. McAndrews spoke briefly on NACHRI's efforts to affect legislation involving the care of children.

D. Task Force on Women in Pediatrics

Dr. Stanton presented a summary of the work being done by the task force. She emphasized that the task force has been very active in meeting via conference calls and once at a face-to-face meeting in October 2008. They continue their efforts on flexible part-time training and childcare.

They're being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Aaron L. Friedman, MD  
Secretary-Treasurer

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#### D. GME

Dr. Friedman presented a summary and noted that this Working Group remains in the fact-finding and information-gathering stage to better understand the complexities of current funding mechanisms and the short term threats to GME funding and Dr. Friedman inquired if the group should concentrate on GME (without the funding) mainly due to the recent IOM report.

#### E. Pediatricians in Leadership Positions

Drs. Carol Berkowitz and Renee Jenkins now lead the group and a list of organizations has been prepared to be targeted as important organizations to have pediatricians within their leadership structure. The group will determine the nomination process within each targeted organization and the optimal strategies to position pediatricians in leadership positions. Please note that additional members are needed to join this working group.

### 9. Proposal for Task Force on Diversity

Members of the APA ad hoc Diversity Committee requested that FOPO consider developing a Diversity Task Force. A memorandum was included in the agenda outlining the reasons for this request.

**ACTION:** A motion was seconded and passed to consider establishing this task force. The APA ad hoc Diversity Committee would first be asked to prepare a charge for this committee.

The FOPO Board of Directors asked that the Ad Hoc Committee develop a more detailed plan and charge for the Diversity Task Force. This plan and charge will be circulated among FOPO Board of Directors and a formal vote will be taken. Dr Sectish will contact the Ad Hoc Committee to develop the plan and charge.

### 10. Reports

#### A. NICHD Update

Dr. Alexander said that they are

- Operating under contingency resolution of the 2008 budget and that goes until March 6.
- Budget is tied up with economic stimulus package and will likely not be discussed until after the Presidents Day holiday.
- NICHD (5% of NIH budget), \$30-40M and operating under severely curtailed travel, meetings, and using video conferencing to save money.
- 2010 budget still under preparation and will not be considered until mid February.
- NIH \$1.5B for extramural construction grants (not new, improvements); related to stimulating construction industry. NIH grants \$1.5M which would markedly limit grants in 3 year period; discussed awarding as two-year challenge grants, 750 in 2009 and same in 2010; 1/2M for intramural construction on NIH campus; provision for 400M for comparative effectiveness research with the anticipation that it would serve as a boon to research. No NIH Director named as of this time.
- Peer review has many changes for acceptance. New scoring, number of changes limited, and a number of others.