

MINUTES
Federation of Pediatric Organizations
September 13, 2010
8:00 am EST

Organization	Representative
Federation of Pediatric Organizations	Dr. Theodore Sectish, Executive Director
	Dr. Maria Britto, SPR, Chair
	Jean Bartholomew, Administrator
Academic Pediatric Association	Dr. Danielle Laraque
	Dr. Steven Selbst
American Academy of Pediatrics	Dr. Judith Palfrey, President
	Dr. Robert Perelman
American Board of Pediatrics	Dr. James Stockman
	Dr. Alan R. Cohen, Chair, BOD
American Pediatric Society	Dr. Judy Aschner
Association of Pediatric Program Directors	Dr. Ann Burke
	Dr. Susan Guralnick
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs	Dr. Aaron Friedman
	Dr. Bonita Stanton
Society for Pediatric Research	Dr. Tom Shanley
IIPE	Dr. Carol Carraccio
NACHRI	Larry McAndrews
AAP	Mark Del Monte
Guests	Laura Degnon, Sarah Mooney, Webster, Chamberlain, and Bean, LLP Dr. Alan Guttmacher, NICHD Lisa Kaeser, NICHD

Dr. Maria Britto, Chair, of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:10 am.

POLICY REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

NACHRI Update, Larry McAndrews

Larry McAndrews addressed the reorganization of NACHRI and the merger/affiliation with CHCA. NACHRI and NACH are two separate organizations, with the same BOD. NACH is a 501-c-3 organization. The merger will have core functions for all and then some separate responsibilities. He also said he would be pleased to set up a Webinar to discuss the database of NACHRI and CHCA and is willing to share the database information with anyone requesting it.

AAP Department of Federal Affairs, Mark Del Monte

Mark Del Monte, Director of AAP's Department of Federal Affairs, provided an update on current federal legislative issues. September 23, 2010 marks six months from the passage of the Affordable Care Act and a number of the law's provisions affecting pediatric populations take effect on the that date. Among other items, the September 23rd provisions include a ban on pre-existing condition exclusions for children up to age 19, extension of dependant care coverage to age 26, *Bright Futures* services

provided with no cost-sharing, and the elimination of rescissions. The AAP along with the Public Policy Council has been working closely with Congress and the Administrative agencies in charge of implementation to ensure that the Affordable Care Act is implemented to provide the best possible outcomes for children and the pediatricians who care for them. Del Monte reported that there is a limited number of legislative days left before Congress recesses for the midterm elections and that a number of key child health priorities require attention such as embryonic stem cell research following the recent court cases, and reauthorization and expansion of child nutrition programs. Congress also has to act to approve federal spending bills for the 2011 fiscal year. Federal advocates are closely watching the outcomes of the November elections for potential impacts of on child health policy.

Public Policy Council (PPC) activities

Mark Del Monte reported that a PPC call is scheduled for Sept 14, concentrating on their session at the 2011 PAS meeting. More pediatric organizations/associations are establishing advocacy groups. Each PPC member was asked to review their internal advisory structure, and prioritize issues and identify possible representatives. The members will come together once more to decide on infrastructure and leadership.

Special Invited Presentation, Dr. Alan Guttmacher, NICHD

Dr. Alan Guttmacher, the new Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, attended the meeting and gave a presentation (copy attached to the minutes) to provide FOPO members a look at future opportunities and a review of scientific areas to explore. He said that the genome era will reshape pediatrics.

Regarding the NICHD Scientific Visioning Process, there will be a series of workshops from October 2010 through March 2011 based on the following themes: Behavior, Development, Plasticity, Reproduction, Pregnancy and Pregnancy Outcomes, Cognition, Environment, Developmental Origins of Health and Disease, and Diagnostics and Therapeutics. He has already populated the Workshop Organizing Committees with Chairs and Members around each theme. After the workshops are held, the leaders will synthesize white papers into a draft Scientific Vision in April 2011 and then convene a large multidisciplinary science meeting in May 2011 to shape the Vision further.

Dr. Guttmacher communicated that he would be happy to hear from each of the FOPO organizations directly about suggested attendees for the Workshops. Our FOPO member organizations should communicate suggestions for attendees directly ASAP to Katie Rush at: Katie.Rush@nih.gov.

Dr. Sectish extended an invitation to Dr. Guttmacher to attend the FOPO meetings held twice each year.

Report on IIPE

Dr. Carraccio noted there has been a limited response regarding Letters of Intent (LOI) due to a number of items:

- Lack of funds
- Lack of time to prepare and accomplish
- Concern about duty hours

In order to work on these issues, a workshop will be held during the time of the APPD fall meeting.

To encourage more LOIs a decision was made to:

- Streamline the process to be available through web-based application with pre-populating whatever information possible
- Provide a primer to assist with preparing LOI and participating in innovation
- With the blessing of the Oversight Committee, established a partnership with APPD LEARN and began discussions with AAMC, NBME sponsored eFolio Interoperability Initiative (EII)
- The opportunity for potential resources will be increased by partnerships with NBME and AAMC
- Goals for 2011 were outlined
- R³P: Flexibility in training, educational continuum

1. Executive Director's Report, Dr. T. Sectish

A summary of the Executive Director activities covering February 2010 to September 2010 was included in the agenda. Dr. Sectish briefly touched upon some of the recent activities.

- The preparation of the response to Dr. Nasca and the ACGME Duty Hours was finalized following a conference call of the FOPO Board of Directors.
- Review of activities of the task forces established after the Strategic Planning Session in 2007 and relooking at the initiatives. Dr. Sectish prepared a succession plan to refocus the efforts and infuse new people into these groups.
- Women in Pediatrics Task Force, led by Dr. Susan Marshall, will focus on pipeline issues (workforce), and transparency for promotion.
- Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion: Dr. Laraque invited anyone interested in participating to join the task force. A conference call to help get the task force off the ground will be scheduled.
- Leadership Academy: Promoting collaboration among member organizations and influencing PAS program committee. This task group has been an organizing force to ensure adequate programming about leadership topics at PAS. Other pediatric organizations also have similar training.
- Positioning Pediatricians in Leadership Positions: This task group proactively assisted FOPO leadership in the effort to offer names for the NIH Search Committee for the position of NICHD Director. Dr. Laraque asked about the NIMH leadership. The question was asked whether this working group should be more of an ad hoc one or a long-lasting committee. APS is working on this and Dr. Aschner will provide the name of the APS leader of these efforts. The Public Policy Council (PPC) could also assist in this effort. The issue was raised whether we should catalog the pediatric subspecialties that have national associations, eg, American Society of Nephrology, and whether pediatric identity would be lost. Is there a mechanism for nominating pediatricians in the federal government, the NIH, and influencing significant legislative change and maybe partner with the PPC in these efforts? Target three agencies before developing more. There was also discussion about targeting journal editor positions and program committees of national meetings.
- Child Health Research: A subgroup (Drs. Hay, Schleiss, Abman, and Cornfield) is leading an effort to discuss the problem of the "leaky" pipeline of physician scientists in child health research as part of a 2010 PAS workshop regarding clinician scientists in child health research. Thought is being given to sponsoring a national meeting to address the subject. Those who are planning the workshop will be meeting in January 2011, they will write a white paper, and they

will take a day to go to Washington to discuss the pediatric scientist issue. The suggestion was made to bring Mark Del Monte into the process to assist with the legislative piece and assemble talking points. Dr. Guttmacher suggested listing projects to be funded for these efforts. Dr. Laraque suggested media training should be included when developing scholarly products.

- Global Health: Working on developing an international curriculum; Helping Babies Breathe activity is on track; Bill Keenan making great strides in leadership of the IPA.
- GME: This work group met by conference call to discuss recommendations to respond to the duty hours recommendations from the ACGME. Larry McAndrews mentioned the possibility of a conference linked to a NACHRI conference. If so, this will need to get started soon.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of minutes of the February 8, 2010, FOPO Meeting.

The minutes were approved as presented.

B. Financial Summary

Financial Statements for FY10 were included in the agenda. There were no outstanding issues to discuss. Dr. Friedman noted the frugality of Dr. Sectish, and the fact that Dr. Sectish has accomplished a great deal with limited resources.

Dr. Sectish noted that when the Task Force on Women meets, FOPO covers room and food expenses. These meetings are held in conjunction with another national meeting. The question was asked whether FOPO would cover other expenses, eg, travel, for some of these meetings? The FOPO budget does not currently allow for these additional expenses.

C. Succession Plan for Members and Chairs of Working Groups/Task Forces

Dr. Laraque described the process of the Diversity Task Force, being new and how to get from developmental phase to the formative stage; the current group represents many organizations.

However, it is time to reorganize and reinvigorate work groups and how they function; enough diversity in the organizations to have a representative from each on each task force.

D. Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to update By-Laws

With the discussion of creating a 501-c-3 arm of FOPO, creating a succession plan for the Secretary-Treasurer, and in order to be consistent with planned changes and the activity taking place, the current set of Bylaws should be updated.

The plan is for Ted Sectish, Aaron Friedman, Jean Bartholomew, Laura Degnon, Secretary-Treasurer Elect, and one additional Board Member to meet by conference calls: 1) to discuss items needing revision; and 2) to approve draft revisions. This draft will be circulated to Board of Directors for final input and approval before the next FOPO Meeting on January 31, 2011.

E. Proposed Process for Selection of Secretary-Treasurer

The Bylaws state that the Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a three-year term. This individual may collect and disburse funds managed by the Federation in collaboration with the Executive Director. He or she shall prepare minutes of the meetings for circulation to Member Organizations. The Secretary-Treasurer approves expenditures in order to provide internal oversight of funds managed by the Federation. In carrying out these duties, he or she may delegate to appropriate staff.

In the original Bylaws, the Secretary-Treasurer was a one year appointment and the position followed the same rotation of organizations as the Chair position. That sequence is as follows: APS -> AAP -> ABP -> APA -> APPD -> AMSPDC -> SPR. This process was changed to a three year position and we appointed a Member with a longer term (Aaron Friedman – AMSPDC) so that there would be continuity in the position. Currently, each organization has a Member with a term that is longer than 1-2 years.

Aaron Friedman has served ably as Secretary-Treasurer, but he is now in his fourth year, so it is time for him to be succeeded. Following the sequence above, Tom Shanley from SPR is the Member with a longer term appointment to replace Dr. Friedman as Secretary-Treasurer. Since the SPR Secretary-Treasurer is the long-term representative, Dr. Shanley was recommended to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

ACTION: A motion was seconded and passed to approve Dr. Shanley as Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussion Items

1. Discussion of FOPO Corporate status vis-à-vis IIPE

As IIPE is developing, it would like to seek funding, but FOPO being a 501-c-6 is prohibiting that from happening. The IRS does not preclude receipt of monies to a 501-c-6 organization but are considered dues that represent a business expense and not deductible as a donor contribution. Thus, any sponsors looking for a deductible donation expense are not too likely to provide funds to IIPE.

If a 501-c-3 arm were to be set up, eg, NACHRI/NACH, then Dr. Carraccio could pursue grant funds. It is important for IIPE to be part of FOPO and get input from all of the pediatric organizations in FOPO. Also, a c-3 organization can pay its share of rent, etc., to a 501-c-6.

ACTION: A motion was seconded and passed for FOPO, a 501-c-6 organization, to create a new subsidiary, a 501-c-3 organization to perform educational functions of FOPO.

2. Strategic Plan

It appears that it may be time to have another strategic planning retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

2011 Meetings: January 31 and October 3, 2011.