

MINUTES
Federation of Pediatric Organizations
October 5, 2009, 8:00 am – 1:30 pm
AAP Department of Federal Affairs Office, Washington D.C.

Organization	Representative
Federation of Pediatric Organizations	Dr. Theodore Sectish, Executive Director
	Dr. Bonita Stanton (AMSPDC), FOPO Chair
	Jean Bartholomew, Administrator
Academic Pediatric Association	Dr. Danielle Laraque
	Dr. Steven Selbst
American Academy of Pediatrics	Dr. Errol Alden
	Dr. David Tayloe
	Dr. Robert Perelman
American Board of Pediatrics	Dr. James Stockman
	Dr. M. Douglas Jones
American Pediatric Society	Dr. Judith Aschner
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs	Dr. Aaron Friedman
Association of Pediatric Program Directors	Dr. Ann Burke
	Dr. Susan Guralnick
Society for Pediatric Research	Dr. David Cornfield
Guests	Dr. Duane Alexander, NICHD
	Dr. Carol Carraccio, IPE
	Mr. Larry McAndrews, NACHRI
AAP Staff	Mark DelMonte
	Becky Fowler
	Jackie Noyes
	Cindy Pelligrini
Excused	Dr. Thomas Shanley, SPR

Dr. Stanton, FOPO Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 am and asked for introductions.

Executive Director's Report, Dr. T. Sectish

Dr. Sectish prepared a written report of activities since the February 2009 meeting. He highlighted the facts that

- FOPO is part of the PAS program planning committee and has been allocated one reserved invited science session annually. The next session will be devoted to a Mini-Course entitled "Leadership Skills for Academic Pediatricians.
- Initiative for Innovation in Pediatric Education (IPE) was created this past year. Rather than set up a separate organization, IPE was created as part of FOPO with a Charter, which was eventually adopted. Dr. Carol Carraccio was selected as the Executive Director and provided a summary of the IPE at this meeting.

- Dr. Perelman, Chair of the Leadership Academy Working Group, established further goals for this group and will be planning for the Mini-Course at the PAS meeting.
- The Positioning Pediatricians to Leadership Positions Within Organized Medicine Working Group led by Drs. Berkowitz, Jenkins, and Laraque immediately sought input for the NICHD Director to replace Dr. Duane Alexander. Dr. Sectish spoke to the NIH Director, Dr. Collins about providing input from the pediatric community.
- The GME Working Group is waiting for ACGME to settle the resident duty hours issue.
- The honoring of the St. Geme Awardee has been moved from its former slot and will be held during the opening ceremony for the PAS. The PAS members thought that the PAS plenary session needed to be more separate and distinct from other activities and after reviewing some framing issues, changed the order of the PAS sessions. Dr. Sectish communicated with the St. Geme family and they were comfortable with the change.
- The APA will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and hope to have a Canadian representative participate in their opening session.
- The Task Force on Women in Pediatrics will be chaired by Dr. Susan Marshall and will hold a meeting on November 11-12, 2009.

Dr. Stanton commented on the fact that Dr. Sectish keeps all the task forces moving and assists greatly with their planning efforts.

Report on Initiative for Innovation in Pediatric Education, Dr. C. Carraccio (copy of report attached)

Dr. Carraccio spoke of the evolution from the Residency Review in Pediatrics committee (R³P) to the IIPE and the goal is to address gaps in current training, the continuum of education, and flexibility in training.

Success Story (moving backwards from 2019):

- Transform GME in a way that improves quality of education and care
- Provide a rigorous process for studying outcomes of interventions
- Involve majority of pediatric community in innovation
- Dissemination of innovations that work.

To achieve these goals, the following were established:

- A support group that includes individuals with complementary skill sets to support individual projects
- A review committee consisting of Drs. Doug Jones, John Frohna, Patricia Hicks, Robert Englander, Carol Aschenbrener, and Robert Galbraith.
- A partnership with the APPD to develop and implement a learning collaborative within APPD, a collaboration to spread innovations. APPD approved matching IIPE funds to develop technologic infrastructure to support innovation.

Dr. Alan Schwartz will be working on funding strategies and will play a role in seeking NIH grants and private foundation grants.

There are 195 general pediatrics training programs in place at this time and there were 25 submissions to IIPE; 10 were invited to submit full proposals. Feedback was given to all principal investigators and the Review Group prepared documentation regarding strengths, need for improvement, etc. The timeline was adjusted for the deadline of submission of full proposals to September 30. The Review Committee will meet on November 4 to review criteria. Individual departments, and not the IIPE will handle funding of IIPE projects. In the proposed budget for Year 2, travel support for PI's will be requested of departments to travel to APPD meetings.

The intent of the Milestones Project by ACGME and ABP is to take each specialty to the next step. Next year's call for proposals will ask for proposals on studying milestones for the community.

Drs. Carraccio, Friedman, and Ballmer will be attending a meeting the week of October 12 at AAMC to discuss the 4th year of medical student training. If 4th year students are involved in competencies and skill sets, the students will come into residency ahead of the curve by addressing the educational piece in 4th year.

IIPE is an independent organization and FOPO will serve as the administrative home to provide feedback, guidance and wisdom; FOPO is not the managing board for IIPE.

Comments from FOPO members included:

- The IIPE needs widespread recognition and publicity.
- Would encourage some form of metrics; IIPE currently has a review form
- Dr. Laraque asked about diversity being connected with IIPE

Task Force on Women in Pediatrics, Dr. B. Stanton

Dr. Stanton reported that there will be a presentation on Women in Pediatrics at the PAS meeting. The task force is focusing on leadership, daycare, and flexibility in training. Mary Beth Gordon has surveyed about 3000 residents on work life balance issues and will present data at the meeting in November. AMSPDC has a task force seeking availability of daycare in academic centers. Dr. Alexander reminded all that applications for a part-time K01 award, for a one-year award, for at least 50-75% time, has been in place for approx one year.

Action Items

1. Minutes of the February 2, 2009, FOPO Meeting
The minutes were approved as written.
2. Financial Summary
Dr. Friedman, FOPO Secretary Treasurer, referred to the financial statements for FY09 (Fiscal year July 1 – June 30) in the agenda. This is the 2nd budget in effect under the new structure. The same assumptions may not be valid going forward, but no real expected change in income or expenses is anticipated. A Vanguard account was established and currently has approximately \$300K+. Dues were set in a proportionate arrangement and should continue in that fashion.

3. Strategic Plan, Dr. T. Sectish highlighted progressive on five initiatives:

- Leadership Academy, Dr. R. Perelman

Growing into an integrative project and organizations are assisting with a PAS leadership track. FOPO is setting up a leadership training collaborative and the intent is to work in more details on each goal. It is anticipated that a database will be created and refer to appropriate venues.

- Global Child Health Priorities, Dr. E. Alden

A meeting was held in Germany in July 2009 at which time, the participants sought to agree on core competencies for delivery of care and on a mutually-agreed upon curriculum that would help countries that did not have this in place to set this up. This is in process by the European Board of Pediatrics. A follow-up meeting will be held in spring 2010.

In addition

- A PAS track for presenting child health projects has been established
- Approximately 900 international individuals have registered for the 2009 NCE
- The working group is working on sustainable global partnerships, and has some new members
- Some of the individuals are working with the Gates Foundation to set up some follow-up plans and strategies for immunizations, resuscitations, etc.
- Dr. Aschner spoke about the need to clarify rules for international GME trainees to clear obstacles regarding institutional interpretation of HIPAA rules. It would be extremely helpful to set up some common ground rules to make this happen and perhaps by looking at existing methods, this can be accomplished. Also to be considered are safety issues for residents going abroad and residents coming here and to proactively review this and set up methods to avoid problems in this regard.
- Child Health Research, Dr. T. Sectish for Drs. Hay and Schleiss
 - PAS was asked for a slot for the Child Health Research issue and is currently taking on a workshop format
 - The working group identified a number of root causes for the decline of numbers of research scientist physicians such as level of funding of initiatives, how we're training, how we're setting up to train, overbearing administrative process to consider what can be done to encourage research during residency training.
- GME, Dr. A. Friedman

Dr. Friedman noted that what happens externally will have a large impact on GME funding, eg, resident duty hours, and how does pediatrics address this. A position paper is currently in process to address the issue of ACGME duty hours. Upcoming discussions are scheduled with AAMC. NACHRI is in a better position due to support by President, House, and Senate.
- Positioning Pediatricians to Leadership Positions Within Organized Medicine, Dr. T. Sectish

Preliminary discussions of this working group centered on what the pediatric community can do to proactively make this happen, how the community might be better informed, and how to influence dialogue toward selecting pediatricians.

They agreed that pediatrics should encourage the NIH Director to place a pediatrician on the search committee for Duane Alexander's replacement and to use FOPO as the guiding light.

- The Search Committee consists of NIH individuals, including an Institute Director plus two to four individuals from outside NIH.
- FOPO should provide recommendations quickly to Dr. Collins and begin with a letter and perhaps then meet with him. Dr. Sectish has already communicated with Dr. Collins.
- Dr. Alexander suggested identifying qualifications as well as names of individuals; important to communicate open door policy of the NICHD Director.

4. Proposal for a Task Force on Diversity, Dr. D. Laraque
Dr. Laraque spoke to the goal of this task force, "To promote the highest standards of health care for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults in the US through the promotion of diversity and inclusion in medicine." Currently in existence are:

- Linkages: APA Task Force on Diversity, SPR, AAP, HRSA Minority Centers of Excellence (address pipeline issues by developing health careers, collect students cohort approach, leadership training as part of faculty development), Hispanic serving health professions school: partnership for Latino Faculty Success, Title VII Faculty Development, NMA, CTSA community component and others.
- The AAMC: Group on Diversity and Inclusion (GDI) attempts to unite expertise, experience, and innovation to inform and guide the advancement of diversity and inclusion throughout academic medicine to align the efforts of GDI.
- A Steering Committee has been established.
- Support to establish this task force would be to:
 - Develop a FOPO strategic plan for diversity and inclusion
 - To develop formal collaborative with AAMC, DGI, NMA and others
 - To identify and support policies that would broaden the diversity of the pediatric workforce.
 - To support education needs of a diverse faculty in academic medicine
 - To explore with IIPE mechanisms for promoting excellence in ped training programs through diversity and inclusion
 - To support leadership development of a diverse faculty

Dr. Laraque thanked FOPO members for approving the formation of the Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion. Details to be worked out.

Reports

1. NICHD Update, Dr. D. Alexander

Dr. Alexander updated FOPO on NIH/NICHD budget issues. There will not be a large budgetary increase; Congress did not want to earmark any special initiatives. NICHD used some of their funding to provide support to investigator initiated research proposals and administrative supplements to grants already funded; some new initiatives will be considered. NIH has a new

Director, Dr Francis Collins. Acting Science Director has replaced Dr. Owen Rennert, Scientific Director. There will be no search to fill this position until a new NICHD Executive Director is identified.

Dr. Alexander addressed the reasons for his leaving the NICHD. The National Childrens' Study projected cost for 25 years was \$2.7B. Unfortunately the original estimate provided did not include overhead costs. Revised figures were presented in January 2009, at which time he was advised that the budget could not be revised, but only the amount approved by OMB is what is able to be provided. Dr. Alexander has accepted a position as Senior Scientific Advisor to Dr. Roger Glass at Fogarty. This is his last FOPO meeting and he thanked the FOPO members for the support given him over the years.

Dr. Sectish acknowledge Dr. Alexander's contributions to pediatrics over the many years, and he received a standing ovation.

2. AAP Department of Federal Affairs, AAP Representatives

Ms. Noyes spoke of the October 5 meeting with President Obama and the health care reform and decision needed by the end of the year.

Ms. Pelligrini reported that the government fiscal year began October 1 and it is not unusual for budget to be at this stage of approval; she presented budget resolution process highlights.

Mr. Hall distributed a chart of AAP priorities: Children and Health Care Reform Pediatric Issues Analysis; funding for CHIP program runs out in 2013; AAP is promoting continuation of CHIP and for the program not going into exchange.

Mr. DelMonte referred all to the Web site: NIH.gov/recovery; congress provides broad support for NIH; Children's National Program is receiving good support; Today is Child Health Day.

Ms. Noyes was recognized for her work at the AAP office and will retire at the end of 2009.

3. NACHRI Update, Mr. L. McAndrews

Mr. McAndrews expressed appreciation to the AAP for their work of the last few months and determining where an opportunity exists to promote pediatrics. Children will get discounted rates for drugs – 340B; working on loan forgiveness and working to get subspecialty groups covered by Medicare. Children's hospitals could still be very harshly impacted by loss of funding. Not making much progress in preventing Medicaid funding shortfall

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Friedman, MD
Secretary-Treasurer

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Judy Aschner – link to IIPE Web site

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