

## October 2008 Liaison Reports

### AMA-RFS – Henry Lin

- Working in concert with AAP on legislation for medical education debt repayment (want to reinstate 20/220 pathway)
- Working with ACGME to ensure coverage of health benefits begin on first day of employment without a waiting period
- National campaign to cover the uninsured – “Voice for the Uninsured”
- Resolutions: eval of increasing RRC requirements, FMLA policies for residents and fellows, enforcement of Duty Hours to improve safety, and several others

### Section on Internal Medicine/Pediatrics – Jackie Meeks

- Medical student outreach: quarterly e-newsletters to medstuds applying for AAP membership who checked med peds interest
- Resident poster competition – two winners present posters at AAP med peds section event
- Documents revised and available at section website: Med-Peds 101, Med-Peds Fellowship Guide, Med-Peds Job Search Guide
  - Add to med student website?

### Section on International Child Health (SOICH) – Sheila Ravendhran

- Section giving financial and technical support to the Haitian Pediatric Society (HPS) to "empower" pediatricians in Haiti
- Resident travel grants – 14 distributed; consider encouraging residents to apply through local chapter first if grants available?
- International Community Access to Child Health (I-CATCH) Grants Program: designed to give financial and technical support to pediatricians in developing/emerging countries to implement a community-based health initiative to improve access to child health care – 6 awarded

### Section on Hospital Medicine (SOHM) – Julia Aquino

- Ongoing discussion at meetings about hospital medicine fellowship programs
- Working to establish an area on SOHM website specifically for residents – place to read listserv threads, access info about fellowship
- ? lobby to allow residents to join 1-3 sections at no cost (frequent burning issue of prior years as well....)
- 4 residents awarded \$500 travel grants to pediatric hospital medicine conference – write piece for newsletter for Section news journal
- Working to develop a list of possible mentors for residents interested in Hospital medicine

### Section on Home Care – Bea Zepada

- Attended meeting in Chicago 4/11/08; section interested to know what kind of meetings would interest residents; discussed future meetings, resident RRC requirements for Home Care/Medical Home; home visits for residents

### Section on Epidemiology – Odiraa Nwankwor

- Section has developed slides “Reading the Medical Literature” directed at residency programs; will be accessible through PediaLink
- Interest in recruiting more resident members; Section is trying to contact Program Directors to get them to disseminate info on how residents can join sections of their choice on graduation

### Section on Early Education and Child Care (SOECC) – Krista Smith

- First resident liaison, participated in conference call; provisional to permanent section July 1, 2008
- Section website ([www.healthychildcare.org](http://www.healthychildcare.org)) has resources for parents, child care providers, and health care professionals
- Discussing lack of curriculum re early education and child care in med school/residency programs; plan to develop EECC module and also possible power point presentations on topics such as child health care consultation, advocacy, and infectious diseases

### Section on Child Abuse and Neglect (SOCAN) – Katherine Snyder

- Katherine working to develop online education course that will standardize resident education on child abuse and neglect; collaborating with ACGME/RRC
- Developed a child abuse reference card for pediatric residents; to be included in next revision of AAP’s child abuse CD-ROM
- First child abuse pediatric specialty boards November 16, 2009; preparation course developed by SOCAN

### Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) – Benson Hsu

- Benson recently started role on Editorial Advisory Board of Practice Management Online (PMO) – helping to guide promotion and content of PMO in addressing issues relevant to the new pediatrician
- Section offers info for practitioners on Contract negotiations (PediaLink module, expensive), vaccine financing, quality improvement

### Section on Adolescent Health (SOAH) – Jennifer Chuang

- Section developed “Covering the Bases: Adolescent Sexual Health” – PediaLink module – free to residents?
- Website ([www.aap.org/adolescenthealth](http://www.aap.org/adolescenthealth)) is being redesigned and once complete will have a tab linking to section on residents
- Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health (PRCH) has developed web module for pediatric residents about adolescent medicine
- Lots of discussion about recruitment/retainment of resident members into section, section considering subsidizing portion of \$25 fee

### Pediatrics RRC – Meredith Riebschleger

- Reviewed 100 programs at April meeting
- Revised several subspecialty program requirements and approved first program for new subspec of Pediatric Transplant Hepatology
- Discussing possibility of adding a second resident member to committee to ensure presence of fellow and resident; would require ACGME executive committee approval, so not likely in near future

#### **Council on School Health (COSH) – Alex Blum**

- Learned about debate between medical home proponents who often feel school clinics fragment care and school health proponents who feel school clinics capture population that wouldn't go to physician otherwise and thus would not have a medical home
- Updated outcomes and objectives of COSH strategic plan

#### **Committee on Residency Scholarships – Bommy Hong**

- Resident liaison encourages residents to apply for scholarships and also encourage residents to be better financial managers using resources:
  - [Aap.org/ypn](http://Aap.org/ypn) section on financial planning
  - [Aamc.org](http://Aamc.org) – FIRST program for residents (financial planning)
- \$100,000 from McNeil continues in 2008 to continue with scholarships for residents in need; applications discussed at meeting
- Working on writing a review based on a survey to publish article about resident indebtedness

#### **Committee on Pediatric Research – Jessica Shand**

- primary responsibility is to review Resident Research Grants – funded 15 grants this year, 37 applications reviewed; most common barriers to being selected = inadequate mentorship or project not feasible during residency
- discussions about how to recruit residents into Physician-Scientist Development Program – allows protected time during residency for basic research

#### **Committee on Membership (COM) – Renee Matos**

- AAP changed recently to netFORUM – new database system for membership – however, now have annual billing cycle; need to communicate to AAP if this change is impacting resident and fellow members
- COM concerned about decline in membership of graduating residents (59% retention); programs not permitted to provide forwarding addresses; wonder whether residents could sign waiver intern year so that AAP can solicit addresses from residency program
- Student Assistance Foundation began offering loan consolidation in 2006; only processed 15 consolidations; due to changes in federal law regarding Student Loan industry, SAF not accepting applications since October 1, 2007; actively working to resolve this issue
- Discussions on extending Young Peds Connection to all members; waiting to see how program goes in YP section
- Supported formal addition of post residency training fellows to Section on Residents (name change)

#### **Council on Community Pediatrics – Melissa Briggs**

- Community Pediatrics Self-Assessment tool - may try to link this to ACGME competencies
- Mentorship and Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) grants – one resident grant for reach out and read project
- Working to develop a toolkit for recognizing and addressing disparities in one's own practice
- Resident CATCH grants – 31 grants distributed
- In future greater focus on difficulties faced by young physicians entering primary care practices

#### **Council on Clinical Information Technology (COCIT)**

- Discussed need to recruit more residents and young physicians
- Reviewed new pediatric care online website ([www.pediatriccareonline.org](http://www.pediatriccareonline.org)), launching soon – residents to receive free one year subscription
- [www.aapcocit.org/emr/index.php](http://www.aapcocit.org/emr/index.php) -- website that reviews current EMR software; want to encourage residents to write in reviews about EMRs used by their hospital
  - Considering distributing online survey to poll residents concerning EMR experiences

#### **Childhood Immunization Support Program Advisory Committee – Jenny Hoetler**

- Ongoing development of eQUIPP module regarding improving vaccination practices in primary care offices
- Developing "vaccine survival guide" to assist physicians to negotiate fair payment for vaccine administration fees
- Also developing educational resources for residents regarding vaccine practices based on survey of residents last year

#### **Section on Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Health – Sarah Schlegel**

- Oral health one of top three issues for AAP 2008-2009 strategic agenda
- PDS21 this year is about Oral Health
- "perceptions of oral health training and attitudes toward performing oral health screenings among graduating pediatric residents" was published in august 2008, concluding residents don't get enough training in oral health and most want more

#### **Committee on Federal Government Affairs – Michael Warren**

- Primary areas of focus include legislation addressing issues relevant to immunizations, access/coverage, tobacco, safety, primary care and the medical home, student loan deferment; Residents should visit AAP Federal affairs website to get updates on above issues; sample letters and talking points available – easy advocacy project!
- Session at NCE related to election "Opportunities and Challenges"; also reception for Key Contacts and FAAN network members

#### **Medical Student Subcommittee / AMSA – Dan Schumacher**

- Medical student subcommittee established this past year; published first ever newsletter in April 2008; 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter after NCE
- Subcommittee positions – 3 Education and Opportunities Workgroup members and 3 Networking Workgroup members
- Student members completed text for Pediatric Interest Group Resource Guide – hope to release soon
- Working with executive committee of COMSEP (committee on medical student education in pediatrics) to strengthen bonds between AAP and individual med schools
- Lots of interest from medical students at AAP booth at AMSA convention