Thank you so much for allowing us to be part of this project. Prior to the project, our program focused mainly on topics such as public policy (legislative Grand Rounds), weight management, and breastfeeding.

**Pediatric Public Health Curriculum 2010-2011**

**A Practical Approach to Pediatric Public Health: The Basic Principles**

**Objectives**

This course will introduce Pediatric Residents to the world of Public Health with a special emphasis on what pediatricians can do to bring about systems change to improve their patients’ health. Lectures will provide an overview of how children’s health is influenced by their social and physical environments and form a basis for 8 subsequent courses that will explore in more detail the concepts introduced. Hands-on activities will give residents skills and experience to begin their own public health projects. Topics specifically addressing child health will include social determinants of health, health inequities, cultural competence, working with community partners, and tools to develop and carry out a community-based project.

**Activities**

Being involved with this project, we were motivated to look at the public health resources available at Eastern Virginia Medical School and our Children’s Hospital. With the approval of the EVMS School of Public Health, we developed a Certificate Program in Pediatric Public Health, and we were able to develop the first credit hour for “A Practical Approach to Pediatric Public Health: The Basic Principles.” The second credit hour course on “Pediatric Public Policy” has just started (January 10th) for our residents.

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Other Public Health Resources

We have developed our certificate program with the help of the EVMS School of Public Health. Additionally, we have used the following textbooks:
“Introduction to Public Health” by Mary-Jane Schneider, Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2011
“The Medical Manual for Religio-Cultural Competence” by Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding.

Lessons Learned

The residents have been very excited about the certificate program in public health and have embraced the first course. We were able to incorporate our public health lectures directly into the core curriculum without impacting our general and subspecialty curriculum.

Initially, when working with the EVMS School of Public Health, the public health administrative faculty tried to fit our curriculum into one of their program tracks. It became clear that our curriculum was unique and there was a need to take our curriculum directly to the EVMS curriculum committee for approval. This was a bit time consuming and took several months, but our curriculum was approved in time to begin the first course in August 2011.