

FLORIDA PEDIATRIC SOCIETY
RESIDENT SECTION
MINUTES 3.18.2009

ACTION ITEMS

- Please send a synopsis to Sara **ASAP- 3/29** on how the tobacco project (and any other program advocacy projects) is/are being applied in each program
- please forward conference call invitation and minutes to Pediatric Interest Group (PIG) members and interested medical students at your program in addition to your fellow residents
- Educate/enlist assistance of ER programs and trauma surgery programs with lobbying efforts of seatbelt campaign
- Children's Week **3/28- 4/5**: immediately contact Dr. Dabrow if interested in attending
- Letter of intent due to Drs. Dabrow & Pelaez-Velez by **4/8** for those interested in *co-chair* positions for 2009-10 year
- Letter of intent due to Drs. Dabrow & Pelaez-Velez by **4/8** for those interested in *liaison* positions to FPS Committees

1. National Tobacco Advocacy Project Updates

- Please send a synopsis on how the tobacco project is being applied in each program ASAP- by 3/29. Info will be used for both District X newsletter and The Florida Pediatrician.
- Palms West-lectures being given on clinical application of smoking cessation, Health fair
- USF—given grand rounds, residents completing tobacco modules by AHEC
- UF- morning report given, will be working on a smoke free Shands Hospital campus
- UM—grand rounds scheduled.

2. Increasing Medical Student Involvement-

- please forward conference call invitation to Pediatric Interest Group (PIG) members and interested medical students at your program
- Expecting establishment of PIG resources, social networking site, information sharing about programs for students via young physician's network on AAP website. Launch expected in July.
- Students can also be provided opportunities to help in advocacy projects/ health fairs
- Dr. Jerry Isaac invited medical students to attend the FL AAP board meeting on May 9th, Sat. in Orlando.
- Interested students should be encouraged to shadow residents in committee service to further expose them to AAP activities. See below

for complete list of Committees. Students should contact Dr. Pelaez or Dr. Dabrow if they are interested in being involved.

3. Posting minutes and other resources on FPS website.

- Residents to be registered with the FPS list-serve to receive updates/info from FPS. Dr. Pelaez to send an updated list to Dawn.
- Other interested residents can contact Dawn at dawn@mgmtresources.org to be added to FCAAP listserve.

4. Increasing Resident involvement in AAP & Florida Chapter- Dr. Pelaez-Velez

- See list at end of minutes for list of committees that residents may serve as liaisons to. Term lengths to be determined. Most likely for one year.
- Please write short paragraph of letter of intent as to why you would like to serve as a liaison to the committee you are applying to.
- Letter of intent **due** to Drs. Pelaez and Dabrow by **4/8**

5. Update on Helmet project- Chris Siano, MD

- 2nd years at MCH inputting survey results into SPSS. Working to get a state grant to subsidize helmet contributions.

6. Safety Belt Awareness Project with the Katie Marchetti Foundation- (katiesstory.com)

- Pins have arrived and will be mailed out shortly to residency program office. Contact Sara or Dr. Silva if you have not received these by the next meeting.
- Letter writing campaign – Bill has been heard in both senate and house sub-committee. Has 1-2 committees in each chamber before floor readings.
- Progress can be followed at
House version
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=39697&>
Senate version
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=39880&>
- Programs should contact chairs of ER programs and trauma programs to enlist more assistance.
- Cross Your Heart promise distribution at local high schools—As to not dilute efforts/focus, will place this phase on hold until legislative session over.
- Safety Belt booklets --on hold until after legislative session is over
- As an adjunct, a **booster seat bill** has also been submitted to prolong use from 4yrs to 7yrs. Discussion has led to the bill being amended to only required usage if vehicle traveling above 45mph. Concern has

been raised that carpoolers picking up numerous kids would be unable to accommodate the law change.

- Currently waiting for HB 357 by Representative Steinberg regarding child booster seats to be placed on the agenda of the Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee. The Senate companion bill (SB 1404) was favorably passed by the Senate Transportation Committee this week. HB357 must be placed on the agenda before further action can be taken. Will notify everyone via email if contacting legislators about this bill is needed.

7. Children's Week 3/28- 4/5- Deadline to request travel funding for 3/31-4/1 has passed! Those who are interested should contact Dabrow/Peleaz immediately if they would like to attend.

- Activities during week include-- arrive on Tuesday, dinner that night with members of FPS; Wed morning meeting. Then lobbying at legislature that day.
- Legislative conference calls to begin each Sunday night.
- national legislature conference coming soon—April 19-21, 2009 in D.C. use this link below for brochure
- http://www.aap.org/advocacy/washing/legislative_Conference/Leg_Conf_09_Brochure.pdf
- AAP federal affairs website has lots of info and resources and activities <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/washing/mainpage.htm>
For even more information, log into members center and scroll down to the bottom left. Select Federal Affairs link under Advocacy from this site.
- Media center has been updated on AAP website.
www.aap.org/moc/pressroom/pressroom.htm

8. Program's Advocacy Project Updates-

- Short project description should be submitted by each program and are **due** to Sara by **ASAP**-- email Sara with any specific projects for newsletter inclusion. 4-5 sentence project description only.

9. Selection of new Co-Chairs-

- Letter of intent **due** to Drs. Dabrow & Pelaez-Velez by **4/8** for a vote of new co-chairs to be done in April/may meeting

THANK YOU

Many thanks from the Resident Section to Dr. Jerry Isaac, FPS President, for his participation in the March phone call and for fostering resident involvement in the FPS. The Resident Section would also like to thank Dawn Pollock, FPS Executive Director, for helping us establish our own space on the FPS website- www.fcaap.org !

Standing Committees

- Committee on Constitution & Bylaws
- Finance Committee
- Advocacy & Legislation Committee
- Resident's Section/Young Physicians
- Committee on Subspecialties
- Committee on Programming and Communication
 - Sub-Committee on CME
- Committee on Practice Support & Pediatric Council
- Senior Section
- Nominating Committee
- Judicial Committee
- Committee on Ethics

Additional Committees

- Obesity Prevention Committee
- Child Abuse Prevention Committee
- Health Planning Committee to develop recommendations on stimulus finding