

**SECTION ON UNIFORMED SERVICES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

***Summary***

**Saturday, March 17, 2007**

**Bethesda, Maryland**

**Members Present:**

COL Beth Ellen Davis, MC, USA, Chairperson  
CAPT Leslie Ball, MC, PHS  
CAPT Jerri Curtis, MC, USN  
CAPT Joseph Lopreiato, MC, USN, Immediate Past Chairperson  
Lt Col Woodson Scott Jones, USAF, MC  
COL Clifton E Yu, MC, USA  
LCDR Christine Johnson, MC, USN  
CDR Jonathan Fleenor, MC, USN  
LTC Richard Kynion, MC, USA

**Members Excused:**

LCDR Casey Burg, MC, USN, Newsletter Editor  
LtCol James Rick, USAF, MC

**Guests Present:**

Col(R) David Goodwin, USAF, MC (p/t)  
LtCol Brian Hall, USAF, MC, Air Force Specialty Advisor (p/t)  
Col Gary Crouch, USAF, MC, 2007 USPS Course Director  
CAPT(R) Wendy Bailey, MD, Uniformed Services Chapter West President  
MAJ Tom Newton, MD, Uniformed Services Chapter East President  
CDR Wade Wilde, MD, Navy Specialty Advisor  
LTC(P) Mark Thompson, MC, USA, SAC Coordinator, Army Specialty  
Advisor

**Staff Present:**

Jackie Burke, Sections Manager

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Dr. Davis reviewed progress on section goals over the last five months. Eighteen (18) uniformed services pediatricians have been nominated for spots on vacancies on AAP committees.

The Section has been approached to collaborate on deployment issues with others organization within and outside the AAP. The Section will be co-authoring a policy statement or clinical report on deployment issues with the AAP Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health. The AAP and the Section on Uniformed Services have endorsed Strategic Outreach to Families of All Reservists (SOFAR). SOFAR (<http://www.sofarusa.org/>) offers pro-bono counseling and support

services to families and children with loved ones serving overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other war zones. The Section has supported an AAP Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) resolution that resolves:

RESOLVED, that the Academy create a policy statement that addresses the emotional needs and stress challenges of family on the well being of children and adolescents in military families experiencing separation, injury or death, and be it further that the Academy educate pediatricians and youth-serving professionals about the unique culture and needs of children and adolescents in military families.

There is a special interest group (SIG) meeting on deployment during the USPS. Zero-to-Three wants to collaborate with the Section on a deployment grant they received. The AAP has potential funding partners that are interested in supporting deployment related initiatives.

It was suggested that Zero-to-Three and SO FAR exhibit at USPS in 2008.

The minutes and action items from the October 6, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The highlights of the Pediatric Program Director Forum, which take place the day before the start of USPS were reviewed.

#### **UNIFORMED SERVICES EAST AND WEST CHAPTER REPORTS**

Drs. Thomas Newton and Wendy Bailey gave a report from the Uniformed Services East and West chapters.

#### **NOMINATIONS TO AAP COMMITTEES**

The Section, in conjunction with Uniformed Services Chapters East and West, has submitted eighteen (18) individuals for positions on national committees.

#### **SECTION ELECTION**

The 2007 Section election is underway and on-line ballots are due by March 30, 2007. Dr. Davis is running for a second two-year term as chair. Drs. Linda Ulrich and Wanda Barfield are running for the Public Health Service position. Drs. Clifton Yu and Bill Adelman are running for an Army position. Drs. Woodson Scott Jones, Dalila Lewis, Randy Zernzach, and Michael Rajnik are running for two open Air Force positions.

#### **2007 USPS**

Dr. Gary Crouch gave an update on the planning and implementation of the 2007 USPS. 202 people registered in advance and dozens of on-site registrations are expected. Gary Crouch, MD was thanked for his outstanding work in planning this course.

### **2008 USPS**

Dr. Thompson gave a report on the progress of the 2008 USPS on behalf of Rick Focht, MD. The course is scheduled for March 10-13 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott on Oahu, HI. Bob Pedersen, MD will run the education forum.

### **2009 USPS**

The 2009 USPS will be hosted by Wright Patterson Air Force Base and directed by James Rick, MD. The AAP will contract with the Indianapolis Hilton for this meeting.

### **2007 and 2008 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION**

Dr. Leslie Ball noted that the 2007 section program is scheduled for Sunday, October 28 from 10-10:50 AM. The program is a selected short subject on the effects of military deployment on child and adolescent mental health and the critical role that the pediatrician plays. Proposals for the 2008 NCE are due April 20, 2007.

### **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT**

Staff reviewed the core and non-core section budgets. Spending is on target for this point in the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2007.

Staff noted that the Section's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 2009 and some special events will be planned.

### **WEBSITE AND RESIDENCY CATALOG UPDATE**

Dr. Lopreiato is in the process of updating the content of the Section's web page with staff. He is also interested in a re-design of the Section's page this summer.

The residency catalog is being updated for 2007-2009.