

**SECTION ON UNIFORMED SERVICES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

***Minutes***

**Saturday, October 27, 2007**

***As part of the AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE)***

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

Members Present:

COL Beth Ellen Davis, MC, USA, Chairperson  
CAPT Jerri Curtis, MC, USN  
CAPT Joseph Lopreiato, MC, USN, Immediate Past Chairperson  
COL Clifton E Yu, MC, USA  
CDR Jonathan Fleenor, MC, USN  
LTC Richard Kynion, MC, USA  
LtCol James Rick, USAF, MC  
CAPT Wanda Barfield, MD, MPH

Members Excused:

CAPT Leslie Ball, MC, PHS  
Lt Col Woodson Scott Jones, USAF, MC  
LCDR Christine Johnson, MC, USN  
Ltc. Michael Rajnik, USAF, MC

Guests Present:

CAPT(R) Wendy Bailey, MD, Uniformed Services Chapter West President  
LTC(P) Mark Thompson, MC, USA, Army Specialty Advisor  
LTC Kevin Creamer, MC, USA, Army Specialty Advisor  
MAJ Keith Lemmon, MC, USA (p/t)

Staff Present:

Jackie Burke, Sections Manager  
Terri Howard, Division of Member Services and Relations Director

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Dr. Davis reviewed the mission of the Section on Uniformed Services.

***Mission:*** *The Mission of the AAP Section on Uniformed Services is to:*

- *educate (in a variety of formats) both uniformed service and civilian pediatricians (and others who care for children) on general and military-related pediatric issues*
- *develop policy*
- *recruit/mentor new members*
- *advise the AAP leadership on uniformed service- unique topics*

*all to ultimately improve the health and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.*

On-going Section activities to which the Section reaffirmed commitment:

- Serve as experts/educate in the area of bio/chemical terrorism
- Continue USPS and Humanitarian Assistance Course
- Provide career advice to medical students – publish the Military Residency Training Catalog
- Participate in the National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) by submitting educational proposals for the general pediatrician in concert with other Sections and by bestowing the Ogden Bruton Lectureship at the USPS
- Section newsletter/list serv's

New Priorities for the Section:

- Serve as a clearinghouse for innovative educational programs/models that can be shared with other institutions across our country and the world
- Provide deployment resources for families
- Further blend service boundaries (Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health Service)
- Communicate more effectively to the AAP and pediatric community the unique role that uniformed service pediatricians play and how they can enhance policy, education and training on many levels
- Nominate section members for national committees
- Serve as a clearinghouse to identify pediatric subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists who are on duty over-seas as resources for the AAP and Section members
- Serve as a clearinghouse for back-fill needs/other reservist needs
- Develop closer relations with Chapters
- More leadership training/mentoring of young military pediatricians and recruit young members to the Section.

The minutes from the March 17, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved with changes.

**ACTION: Staff will update the minutes for the files.**

The Executive Committee reviewed the Section's annual report.

Dr. Davis reviewed progress on section goals over the last seven months.

Dr. Davis noted that the Section will celebrate its 50 year anniversary in 2009. Several options for celebrating the Section's anniversary were discussed.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **2007 USPS Evaluations**

The evaluations from the 2007 USPS were reviewed and several comments were discussed. The comments will be shared with the 09 planning committee so that improvements can be addressed.

Potential course improvements may include:

- More break time
- Noting what is on the CD ROM for a given lecture for attendee note taking
- Include base on name tag instead of home city and state
- Ribbon for Section chair
- First-time attendee ribbons
- Military Retired ribbons
- A letter to civilian pediatricians to accompany the course brochure noting the relevance of this course for civilian pediatricians
- Inclusion of a pediatric education topic

### **2008 USPS**

Drs. Thompson and Davis gave an update on the planning of the 2008 USPS and the course brochure was reviewed.

Staff gave an update on the 2008 Scientific Award Competition (SAC) program. One hundred and three (103) (compared with 66 abstracts for 2006) were submitted: 54 Army, 24 Navy and 25 Air Force in the following categories: 49 Geppert Cases, 13 Margileth, 9 Johnson, 14 Geppert Research, 11 Bruton and 7 Hemming.

Staff reviewed operations improvements for the 2008 program, which includes web-based scoring for abstract judges. It was suggested that the SAC finalist abstracts be published in the NCE abstract supplement to Pediatrics journal.

### **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 in Honolulu, Hawaii. 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 Jim Rick, MD. The AAP has contracted with the Indianapolis Hilton for this meeting and the dates are March 8-11. The planning meeting is scheduled for November 17-18, 2007.

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

Staff noted that the Section has several sponsored programs for the 2007 NCE. These include: Disasters: Medical and Environmental Preparedness and Response, Keeping Kids Injury-Free: A Partnership Between Pediatricians and Child Care, The Effects of

Military Deployment on Child and Adolescent Mental Health: A Critical Support Role for the Pediatrician, Child-Care Challenges: A Case-Based Approach to Common Issues, and Provisional Section on Early Education and Child Care Program and Dinner.

The Section is also sponsoring several programs for the **2008** NCE. These include:

Families and Children: The Stress of War Deployment and Injury (Plenary)

Partnering with Child Care and School about Children with Special Health Care Needs (Selected Short Subject)

Can You Help My Child? Tools to Work Toward Cultural Competence to Improve

Intercultural Communication and Provide Culturally Effective Pediatric Care (Seminar)

What Hazards are Lurking in the Home? Evaluating the Home for Environmental and Safety Hazards (Meet the Expert)

**Programs NOT approved:**

Partnering with Child Care and School to Improve Care for Asthma

Using the Deployment Tool Kit To Meet the Needs of Military Children

Proposals for the 2009 NCE are due mid-April 2008.

Staff noted that the 2007 Conference on Military Perinatal Research (COMPRA) meeting was a success.

**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, 2008.

Staff reviewed the AAP 07-08 AAP strategic plan. AAP universal principles include health care equity, medical home and the profession of pediatrics. AAP enduring pillars (fundamental to the existence of the AAP) include access, quality and finance. Staff briefly reviewed the highest priority outcomes for each strategic plan priority and encouraged the Section executive committee to connect their objectives with AAP objectives whenever possible. In addition, it is important when planning for the future to think about how the Section enhances membership value for military pediatricians.

It was agreed that the Section should engage in a strategic planning session within a year's time to set a course for future work. The executive committee and pediatric consultants to the surgeons general from 3 services will be invited.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Section currently has 827 members. Potential membership recruitment projects were discussed.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Col. David Estroff is the Section's new newsletter editor. The executive committee agreed that two editions of the newsletter are adequate each, with the option of creating a third. The deadlines for the newsletter will be September 15 and 2 weeks post USPS each year.

Dr. Estroff is interested in creating a communication forum on the Section's web page to discuss topical items throughout the year.

### **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.

The 2007-2008 residency catalog has been updated for the web and printed for use with medical students. Copies of the catalog will be distributed through Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences (USUHS), at the American Medical Student Association annual meeting as well as the Student National Medical Association (SNMA).

### **DEPLOYMENT**

The Section has been approached to collaborate on deployment issues with others organization within and outside the AAP. The Section is co-authoring a 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 supported an AAP Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) resolution that resolves: "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 resolved, that the Academy educate pediatricians and youth-serving professionals about the unique culture and needs of children and adolescents in military families."

A deployment special interest group (SIG) met during the 2007 USPS. The Section and AAP will endorse Zero-to-Three's deployment materials.

The AAP Development Department is seeking funding for further distribution of the deployment resources (DVD) and web page materials created by Keith Lemmon, MD through a Healthy People 2010 grant funded by AAP. Development is also seeking

funding for small grants for military pediatricians to study the effects of deployment on children. The executive committee noted that if funding is not acquired by Development, the Section could use funds from their reserve account.

The Section will be contracting with an outside company to maintain and expand the Section's deployment area of the Web page.

Drs. Davis and Lemmon created a PREP audio session on deployment with Kurt Metzel, MD, FAAP.

#### **UNIFORMED SERVICES CHAPTER REPORTS**

Dr. Wendy Bailey gave a report from the Uniformed Services West chapter.

#### **SECTION ELECTION**

The process for the 2008 Section election will be underway this fall.