

**Council of Pediatric Subspecialties Closed Meeting**  
**Sunday, 5/1/2011; 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM**  
**MINUTES**

See Appendix A for list of attendees.

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bale, CoPS Chair. We went around the room and all participants introduced themselves.

Strategic Plan

A question was raised regarding who exactly CoPS is serving, is it the pediatric specialty organizations or the specialties? After discussion the consensus was that CoPS' purpose is to serve both the specialty organizations and specialties. It was noted that the strategic plan is a working document that will help keep CoPS on track in the coming years.

**Vote: There was approval of the strategic plan as a working document (3 abstentions).**

Finances

It was noted that CoPS is in the process of requesting financial support from the community. To date, for the July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 fiscal year the following commitments have been made from the liaison organizations: American Board of Pediatrics (ABP): \$20k; Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs (AMSPDC): \$10k (full amount is contingent upon creation of the network); Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD): \$10k; American Pediatric Society (APS): \$5k. There was consensus that there is a clear need for enhanced communication for subspecialties and CoPS is to play an important role, thus it has a purpose for existence. It was noted that APS is not clear what their role as a society is within CoPS and they requested further clarification. It was also noted that APS does not support CoPS in advocacy efforts alone and that partnering would be good (i.e. with the newly revised Public Policy Council). The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) noted that they would like to offer in kind support (i.e. around advocacy efforts) and that they are still working with the various sections regarding support for the representatives to participate in CoPS.

ByLaws

There was discussion regarding the need to have a Treasurer now that CoPS is its own entity. There was consensus that we should add a Treasurer to the leadership of CoPS. This will be worked into the bylaws revisions and in the meantime we will be seeking nominations for this position within the coming weeks.

Website

The subspecialty descriptions are all up on the CoPS website and we have received positive feedback regarding this new feature since it has not existed anywhere in the past. The AAP Section on Medical Students, Residents, and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT) is promoting this new section of the CoPS site as well as APPD. We will continue to focus on getting the word out about this resource.

There is a PowerPoint presentation on the CoPS website for representatives (or whomever) to share information about CoPS with their colleagues. This will be slightly revised soon to include recent changes as a result of the strategic plan.

The Executive Committee is in the final stages of putting a manuscript together highlighting all of the accomplishments of CoPS. A brief overview of these highlights were shared which include the following: streamlining the fellowship application process; development of the communication system; our twice a year Newsletters; open forums at the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting; creation of the

CoPS website; addition of a PowerPoint about CoPS on the website; active role played regarding the duty hours response; promoting careers in pediatric community; sponsor of the first and second Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum (PEEAC) conferences; the ABP invitational conference; Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) and National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) – an illustration of where we were before CoPS and a few years into CoPS existence. The first draft is scheduled to be complete within the next month.

There was discussion regarding the best way to disseminate the work CoPS is doing (website vs. newsletter vs. emails). The executive committee will continue these discussions and it will in part be dependent upon the membership/dues and what the various societies and liaisons organizations are willing/interested/able to do with regards to disseminating CoPS information.

### Network

There was extensive discussion regarding the creation of the CoPS network and the importance of establishing a mechanism to reach the subspecialists. Each specialty society has its own policies regarding what it will and will not share with its members. It was agreed that it will require further thought and discussion regarding the best way to build the network.

There was consensus that building the CoPS website as a repository of information for the specialty community will add value. One example of a suggestion is to have the perinatal representative share their story regarding how they've been able to increase their student section using social media.

It was noted that late last week CoPS sent a letter to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) regarding the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program and the CoPS representatives should receive a copy of that letter early next week.

### Specialties Represented on CoPS

It was noted that the hospital medicine community is interested in posting a description of their specialty on our website. It was agreed we should do this. There was also discussion regarding the addition of hospital medicine as a specialty representative to CoPS and there was agreement to do so. It was noted that this decision may affect the bylaws revisions.

### Fall Meeting

There will be a 1.5 day CoPS meeting this fall. The exact dates are to be determined but will be decided upon and communicated to the representatives within the coming weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am

CoPS Meeting ~ List of Attendees May 1, 2011

<b>Name</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
James Perrin	Academic Generalist
Leslie Walker	Adolescent Medicine
Robert Spicer	Cardiology
Richard Mink	Critical Care
Daniel Lee Coury	Developmental - Behavioral
Kent Denmark	Emergency Medicine
Chris Kennedy	Emergency Medicine
Charlotte M. Boney	Endocrinology
Bruce Boston	Endocrinology
Melvin B. Heyman	Gastroenterology
Gary Crouch	Hematology/Oncology
Ellis Neufeld	Hematology/Oncology
Christopher Harrison	Infectious Diseases
Sue Aucott	Neonatology
Linda Van Marter	Neonatology
Alicia Neu	Nephrology
Victoria F. Norwood	Nephrology
James F. Bale	Neurology
Marty Bauer	Pulmonology
Christopher Harris	Pulmonology
James N. Jarvis	Rheumatology
Marilynn Punaro	Rheumatology

<b>Name</b>	<b>Liaison Society</b>
Vera F. "Fan" Tait	AAP
James Stockman	ABP
Debra Boyer	APPD
Ann Burke	APPD
Christine Gleason	APS
Theodore C. Sectish	FOPO

**CoPS Management**

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