

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2011**

The meeting was called to order on March 21, 2011 at 12:05 pm. Present were Drs Ben Hoffman, Alex Cvijanovich, Susan Diaz, Joanne Ray and Anne Hanika-Ortiz, ED.

Ben said that the policy statement on car safety is out today. Ben did interviews for the announcement. NMPS was contacted by Senator Udall two wks ago about legislation re: football helmets. Ben was then contacted by Fred Navarra and he and IOM have been working on guidelines about helmet support. Ben spoke to staffers from the Senator's office who wanted support from NMPS. In response, Ben wrote a letter to Tom Udall to ask the Consumer Products Safety Commission to regulate the manufacture and standards of football helmets to better protect all athletes, and to more aggressively address false claims for safety regarding football helmets.

Ben, Karen and Anne will be attending the 2011 AAP annual leadership forum (ALF) this weekend. NMPS was nominated as best medium chapter. Ben will give a presentation to the DVC about how great we are. Alex and Joanne have been nominated for District 8 representatives to the Nation Nominating Committee. Our district will select two nominees at ALF this weekend.

Lance and Larry brought more residents to the Capitol to participate in "Doc-of-the-Day" and talk with legislators and advocacy partners this month. NMPS applied for an AAP grant to continue to support this activity for residents and Lance and Larry and other pediatrician-mentors during the 2012 session.

Ben sent a letter to Secretary Torres welcoming her, expressing his hope to meet and talk with her. He offered her complimentary membership to the NMPS and a part in the immigration panel at Wyler.

The national Forum for Youth Investment (Washington DC) wrote a letter to the Governor/NM legislators to support opposition for the repeal of the NM Children's Cabinet. We assume funding was cut even though the Cabinet still exists, but not sure if passed.

There is a former chapter president in Utah, Chuck Norlin, who was given grant to work on medical home for CSPHC needs. He developed a MH portal for the project. Joanne and Karen attended the Mountain States Genetics Regional Collaborative Center Medical Home Visiting Professorship Program, to learn about the new portal, February 24 in Tempe. Joanne reported that the portal is deep and complex, well-linked. We want to get NM pediatricians to be able to click into the portal. We might be able to get the DOH involved. We will need a few thousand dollars to set up the portal in NM. Grant support for Chuck Norlin is for about 4 yrs. Karen would like to disseminate info at Wylder. We may need to hire someone to work part-time to keep up resources on website specific to NM.

The next PC meets April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with Joanne as the new Chair. We need replacement for Albert, and Ben would like to ask Sylvia if she'll be the Northern rep. VFC codes and the Medical Home portal will be on the agenda. We want to ask MCOs for universal formulary, will check on member opinion.

Eileen attended the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma conference February 25-26 in Chicago; we have no report at this time.

The CCD/AAP collaborative was cancelled due to snow and has been rescheduled for April 27-28, 2011. Lance will be leading the meeting in April. Brenna is unable to attend and Lance and the team have been asked to find her replacement.

The NMPS may sell the breastfeeding task force calendars as a fund-raiser, but we need to see it first before we agree.

The NC has identified one (of two) MAL candidates for the 2011 spring election cycle.

We'll see how the new administration interprets recommendations from the three task forces on Medicaid redesign.

Information items:

- The next MOC collaborative in developmental screening (DSI) is scheduled for April 7th in Gallup.
- Envision NM and DOH with support from the NMPS is hosting informal gatherings in Las Cruces, Gallup, and ABQ. This event is designed to bring providers together with community agencies that support "healthy lifestyles" for children in preparation for summer.
- Larry applied for and the executive committee supported his nomination for a position with AAP's COSGA.
- The NMPS signed on to a petition to support a public education campaign called All Families Matter. The AAP stand on alternative families is that "...all children deserve two legally recognized parents."

- The NMPS wrote a letter of support for DOH Healthy Homes grant application to reduce the asthma burden in NM.
- UNM is asking for didactic presentation ideas for future pulmonary/asthma teleECHO clinics.
- GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals (GSK), is providing funding for advocacy training conferences to prepare physicians when addressing issues surrounding vaccine hesitancy or refusal. Ben and Lance are interested in using part of the fall leadership conference to "train some trainers" who would then be paid to have local meetings in a variety of places (free lunch etc.), with a prepared script and video presentations. Deadline is April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Copies of the newsletter were distributed to specific legislators at the Roundhouse.
- Registration for the 2011 Wylder Lectures will open online April 1<sup>st</sup>. Brochures will be mailed out this week.

The Executive Committee meeting concluded at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alex Cvijanovich, MD