

LIAISON REPORT TO AAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APRIL 25, 2007

ORGANIZATION: American Academy of Pediatrics

AAPA REPRESENTATIVE : Albert J. Bourbon PA-C

TERM EXPIRATION DATE : January 2009

AAPA BOARD ADVISOR : Ellen Rathfon

AAPA STAFF : Kodi Blue Erb

AAPA LIAISON COORDINATOR : Steve Hanson PA-C

MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST REPORT:

1. NM Pediatric Society Annual Fall Conference , September 2006, Gallup, NM

- Great conference with a couple new contacts from AAP.

2. AAP/NCE Annual Fall Meeting, October 2006, Atlanta ,GA.

- Exhibit AAPA Travel Display.

Fair attendance by several Pediatricians, NP's and Few PA's. Directed several organizations wanting to reach out to PA's to AAPA staff.

- Meeting with AAP Board of Directors.

Great communication with AAP board. Addressed informal position on retail clinics and Specialty Recognition for PA's.

- Met President –Elect Renee Jenkins MD, from George Washington University.

- AAP very interested in AAPA involvement with national projects addressing needs of children.

- Attended meeting on AAP sponsored national councils, representing New Mexico.

3. NM Pediatric Society Spring meeting, March 17-18th 2007

- Made contact with Shirley Murphy, MD, Director Office of Translational Sciences at the FDA. Discussed many unmet job positions by MD 's at FDA national level.

Inquired about inserting PA's into some of those jobs.

UPCOMING MEETINGS :

- AAP/PAS Academic Societies Meeting May 5-8 2007 Toronto ,Canada

Will meet with Dr Errol Alden and AAP Board

- AAPA Annual Conference May 26-31 2007, Philadelphia, PA

Unable to attend due to personal committment.

- AMA Meeting , June 2007, Chicago, IL.

Have arranged for AAPA BOD and AAP BOD to have joint meeting on June 25th 8-10am at AMA meeting in Chicago.

IMPORTANT PLAYERS: Errol Alden MD, AAP Executive Director
Roger Suchyta, MD, Associate Executive Director
Eileen Ouelette MD, JD , AAP Past-President
Jay Berkelhamer MD , AAP President
Renee Jenkins MD, AAP President-Elect
Mary Brown MD, District 8 Chair

A. *KEY RESULT #1 Policy involvement with AAP that affects PA practice.*

Objectives:

1. Have identified AAP staff responsible for distributing policies to different committees.
2. Currently working on two policies that address PA's. AAP staff changes have delayed progression of papers.
3. Liaison continues to make new AAP staff contacts critical to different projects and policy development.
4. Annual meeting of both AAPA/AAP boards at AMA meeting in Chicago continues to solidify communication for both organizations.

TIMETABLE TO MEET THIS KEY RESULT

- Ongoing

B. *KEY RESULT #2 AAP District Chapters/Membership Inclusion for PA's*

Objectives:

1. Will continue Liaison (PA) presence at AAP meetings and meetings with AAP board.
2. Physician/ PA Team presentations to UNM Pediatric Residents.
3. Will incorporate AAPA specialty organization (SPAP) to encourage Pediatric PA's to join different chapters, sections and committees.
4. Attempting to attend combined AAP District III and VIII Chapter meeting September 2007. This will be new ground for PA presence. Will utilize AAPA Physician/PA team presentation and key staff to address district chairs and members.
5. Have contacted all AAP district chairpersons with introduction of AAPA liaison.
6. AAP website for the first time endorses and encourages Allied Health membership within the different councils and committees.

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-Ongoing

C. Other AAP Connections and Collaborations

1. My term as Member at Large ends this fall with the New Mexico Pediatric Society, but have secured position on newly formed Pediatric Council endorsed by the AAP.

2. Received call from Associate Executive Director , Dr. Roger Suchyta requesting input into appointment of AAP member to ARC-PA committee. Hopeful this is sign that good progress has been made in communication between AAPA and AAP.

FINANCES :

Budget: \$3,400 (\$1,700 per 2 AAP meetings)

Respectfully submitted,

**Albert J. Bourbon PA-C,
AAPA Liaison to the AAP**