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The Council of Pediatric Subspecialties advances child health through communication and collaboration within its network of pediatric subspecialties and liaison organizations.

CoPS Activities

January 2018 Update

- Major task for the next year revolves around the Workforce Action Teams.
 - At the November 16-17, 2017 Council Meeting, a half day was dedicated to narrowing the focus of this effort
 - The Council chose 4 actionable items for CoPS to focus on for the next year:
 - Provide oversight for workforce surveys to coordinate efforts among subspecialties
 - Develop systems for earlier exposure of medical students/residents to pediatric subspecialties
 - Explore the effects of the new 2-year hospitalist fellowship on other pediatric subspecialty training and workforce issues
 - Partner with AMSPDC to improve efforts recruiting and retaining junior faculty in their research careers
 - Funding of Fellowship Program Directors is a major dilemma for pediatric departments with fellowship programs. Alongside APPD, CoPS continues to represent subspecialties in working to help AMSPDC and other organizations consider options to cope with this issue. This will be one area of discussion on the CoPS/AMSPDC webinar on Jan 11, 2018.
- CoPS continued to collaborate with the American Board of Pediatrics in the development of new options including MOCA-PEDS (<https://www.abp.org/mocapeds>) to meet Maintenance of Certification requirements for pediatric subspecialties
- CoPS continues to assist the ABP in the communication of Milestones for subspecialty EPAs, posting these on the CoPS website.
- The CoPS Fellowship Start Date Action Team continues working with liaison groups (especially APPD, ABP) to transition the fellowship start date to July 7 or later. A survey to determine the number of programs that have already implemented this plan is currently in progress.
- CoPS Website hosts valuable descriptions for the various subspecialties <http://pedsubs.org/SubDes/index.cfm>
- For AMSPDC pages in the Journal of Pediatrics: SPIN (R Mink, et al) is in press. We intend to submit an article on fellowship funding by March 2018. Other planned articles include: (1) Pediatric Subspecialty Workforce issues, and (2) CoPS over 10 years.
- A Core Curriculum in Scholarly Activities is in development, in collaboration with the APA, that will be helpful for all pediatric subspecialty fellows.
- Spring CoPS Council meeting: March 20, 2018, 1-5pm in Atlanta, GA (in conjunction with the APPD meeting)
- A summation of SPIN is published in the January issue of the Journal of Pediatrics ([http://www.jpeds.com/article/S0022-3476\(17\)31333-1/pdf](http://www.jpeds.com/article/S0022-3476(17)31333-1/pdf))
- CoPS has a new Membership Committee chaired by Dr. Tandy Aye. If you're interested in joining this committee please contact info@pedsubs.org

Once again CoPS would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Dr. Gail McGuinness for her many years of support from the time of CoPS' inception to the many issues currently facing our subspecialties.

Happy 2018!
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