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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

August 2018 Update

- The **Pediatric Subspecialty Workforce Committee** continues to grow and expand. In collaboration with the ABP, CoPS has created a **Pediatric Workforce Virtual Network**. This group has invited numerous stakeholders to convene around pediatric subspecialty workforce issues by having quarterly phone calls to advance workforce efforts. Additionally, CoPS collaborated with the AAP on a poster at PAS 2018 entitled, “**Personal and Work Experiences of U.S. Pediatric Hospital-based Subspecialists, Outpatient-based Subspecialists and Generalists**”.
- CoPS has developed four Workforce Action Teams out of our workforce committee. These include:
 - a) **Workforce Surveys Action Team**- This team is collaborating with the AAP Survey group to create a base survey that can be used by all subspecialties seeking to evaluate the current and future states of their workforce.
 - b) **Exposure of Pediatric Subspecialties Action Team**- This team is working to create a toolbox for improving visibility of pediatric subspecialties to be posted on the CoPS website. They are also exploring other ways to increase early exposure to the subspecialties.
 - c) **Exploring the 2-year fellowships Action Team**- This team is developing potential surveys for program directors and fellows to explore interest in 2 year fellowship programs. There is consideration of collaboration with the AAP and ABP in this area.
 - d) **Recruiting and Sustaining Fellows and Junior Faculty in their Research Paths Action Team**- This team has had discussions with AMSPDC and other stakeholders to define the

problem. Further collaborations will continue with the consideration of a workforce summit in the future to discuss these issues. This team will partner with the **Physician-Scientist Resident Scholarship Collaboration group** led by Dr. Audrea Burns at Baylor. Efforts here involve improving physician-scientist training for pediatric residents as a pipeline to subspecialty training.

- CoPS is participating actively in the *ABP's Roadmap to Resilience and Emotional Health project* with a goal to improve screening for mental health issues in patients with chronic medical conditions.
- CoPS continues to work with Dr. Rich Mink to promote the delayed fellowship start date. CoPS is supporting recruitment efforts for participation in the newest study through SPIN (Subspecialty Pediatric Investigator Network). This will be a longitudinal evaluation of the level of supervision for fellows utilizing the level of supervision scales for the common and subspecialty EPAs over a 3 year time period. Program Directors interested in participating need to notify the SPIN representative(s) within their subspecialty or Alma Ramirez, study coordinator for SPIN (ARamirez@labiomed.org).
- The Transition Action Team is working to identify best practices in transitioning pediatric subspecialty patients to adult providers. Please contact Lisa Imundo, lfi1@cumc.columbia.edu, if you are interested in joining this action team.
- Collaborations are ongoing with AMSPDC and the APPD regarding fellowship program director protected time.
- For AMSPDC pages in the *Journal of Pediatrics*, a revised manuscript regarding fellowship funding has been submitted.
- CoPS has a new Membership Committee chaired by Dr. Tandy Aye. The Committee is currently assessing new possible members of CoPS. If you are interested in joining this committee or would like your organization to join CoPS, please contact Tandy at taye@stanford.edu.

- Stay tuned for new and exciting updates to the CoPS website!!! Please give us your feedback; the Communications Committee would welcome new members to assist in these and other communication efforts!
- Fall CoPS Council meeting: October 22-23, 2018, in Chicago, IL. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

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