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CoPS UPDATE July 2015

Please forward to your subspecialty society/section or allied organization as appropriate.

As the CoPS Executive Committee prepares to convene in Chicago on July 30 and 31, here is a review of the many activities CoPS has been engaged with:

- CoPS spring meeting on April 26th in San Diego during Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) was well attended by Council members and by leaders and guests of our sustaining partner organizations. The two hour meeting served to update attendees on involvement and activities of CoPS, and to review the current status of MOC with a presentation by Dr. Ginny Moyer from ABP. Minutes of this entire meeting, along with valuable presentations, may be found [here](#).
- In March, a CoPS update was presented at the Forum for Program Directors during the APPD meeting in Orlando, Florida.
- Through the CoPS LISTSERV, the Hospital Medicine petition to the ABP was vetted to Council members and their subspecialty organizations.
- *The Journal of Pediatrics'* AMSPDC Pages editors solicited contributions from CoPS. The Fellowship Start Date Action Team, chaired by Dr. Rich Mink, prepared and submitted an article and this will be published in the August edition of The Journal of Pediatrics.
- On April 19-20, CoPS was invited to participate in an MOC Part II Learning Platform conference at the ABP. As follow-up to that meeting, Dr. David Nichols will be presenting a webinar to the CoPS Executive Committee during their annual meeting on July 31st in Chicago.
- The 4th Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum (PEEAC) meeting is planned for September 18-19 in Atlanta. CoPS Executive Committee and Council members have been involved with many planning and organizational activities over the past nine months and an outstanding program of posters, workshops, panel discussions, and keynote speakers has been developed. Program and registration information may be found here: www.peeac.org
- CoPS was represented by Dr. Mel Heyman at the APA/PAS Educational Scholars Planning Forum in San Diego in April.
- The EPA Research Project championed by Dr. Mink continues to collect and analyze data gathered from the many subspecialty program leaders enrolled in their study. This has been a unique team effort of CoPS and APPD LEARN.
- The ACGME is revising the program requirements for pediatric subspecialties and they have solicited the assistance of CoPS in garnering input from all the impacted subspecialties. Email solicitation for

feedback has been sent from CoPS to Council members who are then sharing the ask with appropriate subspecialty societies and organizations.

- As the incorporation of EPAs into the fabric of pediatric subspecialty training moves forward, the ABP is preparing to identify the subspecialty specific EPAs. The subspecialty EPA teams, which CoPS helped assemble, are creating a first draft of the curriculum for the EPAs. Dr. Carraccio and the ABP have approached CoPS to assist in distributing the curricula to the pediatric subspecialty community for review and comment. More to come on this, soon.
- The annual fall CoPS Council meeting will take place once again in Chicago in September. In a break from tradition, the meeting will be held on Monday, 9/28 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 9/29 from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. As CoPS' involvement in key activities grows, so too does the importance of having committed engaged Council members, and we are very fortunate to have such a great group. Registration for this meeting will be distributed shortly and available on our website. Thanks for being involved.
- CoPS Executive Committee:
 - Rob Spicer, Chair
 - Mel Heyman, Vice Chair
 - Rich Mink, Immediate Past Chair
 - Patrick Leavey, Secretary-Treasurer
 - Deb Boyer, At-large
 - Linda Van Marter, At-large