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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

May 2019 Update

- The **Pediatric Subspecialty Workforce Committee** continues to expand its efforts. In collaboration with the ABP, CoPS has formed the **Pediatric Workforce Virtual Network**. This group has involved numerous stakeholders to discuss pediatric subspecialty workforce issues on quarterly phone calls. Topics have included GME funding and the pediatric subspecialty workforce pipeline. Goals remain to find common areas that members can collaborate on workforce efforts.
- Our four Workforce Action Teams have been busy. Updates from these teams include:
 - **Workforce Surveys Action Team-** In partnership with the AAP Survey group, a base survey has been created, along with a quick guide for developing a subspecialty survey, that can be used by all subspecialties seeking to evaluate the current and future states of their workforce.
 - **Exposure of Pediatric Subspecialties Action Team-** A toolbox for improving visibility of pediatric subspecialties is being developed with a goal of posting it on the CoPS website. The team also continues to explore ways to increase early exposure to the subspecialties. Current projects include generating lists of best practices to recruit young learners into pediatric subspecialties starting even at the high school level.
 - **Exploring the Length of Training Action Team-** This team is working with the AAP and ABP to make a checklist of requirements needed to consider going to a two-year fellowship

training program. In addition, this team continues to develop the best potential survey questions for as many program directors and fellows as possible to explore interest in 2-year fellowship programs.

- **Recruiting and Sustaining Fellows and Junior Faculty in their Research Paths Action Team-** This team continues to partner with the **Physician-Scientist Resident Scholarship Collaboration group** led by Dr. Audrea Burns at Baylor. CoPS members participated in a workshop at APPD to promote training of pediatric physician scientists as well as a Hot Topics Session at PAS 2019 identifying best practices for physician scientist training during residency training. This team continues to collaborate closely with AMSPDC in this area and is considering a survey to identify resources that would be most useful to guide fellows interested in pursuing a research career.

- CoPS continues to remain active 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. The CoPS Council members were surveyed to understand their efforts/resources in teaching these areas to their subspecialty trainees. Results of this survey will be available shortly. CoPS remains an active partner in the Behavioral/Mental Health Network led by the American Board of Pediatrics, with involvement of several other key organizations.

- CoPS has actively engaged with the ACGME to discuss the Milestones 2.0 project regarding revising the current milestones. Currently, the general pediatrics milestones are being revised. Following this, CoPS will work with the pediatric subspecialty committee to assess the groups desires in terms of moving forward.

- The CoPS website has been updated with an enhanced look and organization. Please visit <https://www.pedsubs.org/> and explore!!! We remain interested on continued interesting and exciting updates to the CoPS website, so please give us your feedback and recommendations. The Communications Committee would welcome new members to assist in these and other communication efforts!

- CoPS continues to work with Dr. Rich Mink to promote the delayed fellowship start date.

- 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.

- For AMSPDC pages in the *Journal of Pediatrics*, a CoPS manuscript regarding fellowship funding has been published. Click [here](#) to view the paper.
- 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.

Next Face to Face Meeting:

The CoPS Fall meeting will take place on Oct. 23-34, 2019.

Location: Chicago, IL

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