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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
COMMITTEE ON PEDIATRIC AIDS
ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL
FEBRUARY 27-28, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Flynn, MD, FAAP, Chairperson
Grace Aldrovandi, MD, FAAP (PT)
Rana Chakaborty, MD, FAAP (PT)
Ellen Cooper, MD, FAAP
Patricia Emmanuel, MD, FAAP
Laura Hoyt, MD, FAAP
Jaime Martinez, MD, FAAP
Russell Van Dyke, MD, FAAP

CONSULTANT PRESENT

Mike Brady, MD, FAAP Committee on Infectious Disease

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Kenneth Dominguez, MD, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Representative
Lynne Mofenson, MD, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Representative

STAFF

Mark Del Monte, JD
Anjie Emanuel, MPH

Friday, February 27, 2009

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Dr Flynn called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm. She welcomed the group to the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

CONFLICT OF DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

The Committee reviewed the Academy's policy on Conflict of Interest and Voluntary Disclosure. Members were given an opportunity to disclose any direct or indirect financial interests, personal, family, or other relationships that conflict (or could have the appearance of conflicting) with their duties, responsibilities or exercise of impartial and objective judgment with respect to the meeting's agenda. No conflicts were disclosed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr Flynn informed the group that she attended a meeting sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that focused on Pre-exposure Prophylaxis for HIV Prevention (PrEP). At the meeting experts discussed implementation of PrEP plans,

especially for infected couples. Obstetricians and gynecologist were identified as the best medical professionals for intervention for decreasing transmission from mother to infant. The CDC will be hosting additional meetings and Dr Flynn will continue to participate. If possible Dr Hoyt would also like to participate on the various conference calls. Dr Flynn notified the group that the adolescent sexual health periodic survey summary has been submitted to *Pediatrics*. She also shared a manuscript written by Timothy Minniear, MD that discusses barriers for routine HIV screening for adolescents in pediatric emergency departments. The Section on Complementary and Integrative Medicine is seeking endorsement for the Canadian Paediatric Society's statement, Children and Natural Health Products: What a Clinician Should Know. The Committee had the opportunity to review the statement and supported the AAP's endorsement of the document. Dr Flynn reviewed the Annual Leadership Forum resolutions that impacted the work of COPA.

AAP REPORTS

Central Office Report

Ms Emanuel informed the group that the AAP budget is in good shape, but we need to continue to monitor our expenses. The AAP received funding from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau to assess the child to adult transition for the special needs population. In January, an article in *AAP News* summarized the work done thus far plus provided information about current and future initiatives. The Advisory Committee to the Board on Strategic Planning has selected Early Brain and Child Development (EBCD) as the next child health issue to be added to the AAP Agenda For Children. Initiation of a formal planning phase for EBCD has been placed on hold by the Board until the resources required, and AAP capacity to proceed, have been more carefully analyzed. It was agreed that EBCD will be placed on the 09-10 Agenda For Children icon for the purpose of communicating the AAP's "intent to proceed" to members, and many others, who may have an interest in supporting this effort. One member was interested in learning why the focus was on EBCD and did not include adolescents. Ms Emanuel will follow up with staff to determine the answer. The AAP is accepting proposals for the National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) and the group would like to develop a proposal on Routine Testing for HIV. Ms Emanuel also reviewed the Division of State Government Affairs report.

ACTION: Ms Emanuel will speak with staff regarding the decision to focus on early brain and child development and not include adolescents.

ACTION: Dr Cooper will work with Ms Emanuel to develop an NCE proposal on routine testing for HIV.

Federal Affairs Report

Mr Del Monte informed the group that the Academy participated in stakeholder discussions with the Obama administration's HIV/AIDS transition team. Additionally, HIV/AIDS-related advocacy groups joined together to prepare an extensive transition document for the administration detailing the top priorities of the community, primary among these being the development of a National AIDS Strategy for the United States, a

coordinated, inter-agency plan to reduce HIV infections, increase access to care, and reduce disparities. The group also asked for an increased federal focus on specially affected populations including African-Americans and men who have sex with men (MSM). They called for increased appropriations for public health programs, lifting the ban on funding syringe exchange programs, and eliminating funding for abstinence-only until marriage programs. The community also advocated for a three-year reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act, increased Medicaid coverage for HIV testing and counseling, a bold research agenda, and efforts to increase the number of HIV primary care providers. The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) reauthorization was approved on February 4, 2009 and President Obama signed the legislation into law immediately afterward. The bill will offer SCHIP to children of families up to 300% of the poverty level, with exceptions allowing New Jersey and New York to go even higher. This year's reauthorization also eliminates the waiting period that previously delayed the enrollment of legal 5 immigrant women and children by 5 years.

LIAISON REPORTS

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Dr Dominguez provided an update on the CDC's HIV/AIDS activities. In December, the revised recommendations for surveillance case definitions for HIV Infection in adults, adolescents and children were released in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Dr Dominguez has been working on a project that reviews the practice of feeding infants pre-masticated food. The Committee would like to develop an article for *AAP News* to educate the membership on the potential risk to transmit HIV to infants. Dr Dominguez will draft the article and share the article with COPA members to review, if approved by the *AAP News* Editorial Board. The Parents Matter program material that COPA served as consultants for is now being distributed by ORC Macro.

ACTION: Dr Dominguez will draft an article for *AAP News* on pre-mastication of food and the potential to transmit HIV to infants once approved by the *AAP News* Editorial Board.

Section on Infectious Diseases (SOID)

Dr Brady informed the group that the Red Book will be coming out this summer. The AAP has developed a group of experts to review the literature on circumcision and Dr Brady was responsible for HIV and urinary tract infections. The group reviewed the literature on a conference call in February. A follow up meeting will be scheduled at a later date to discuss next steps.

Section on International Child Health (SOICH)

Dr Chakraborty informed the group that SOICH has revised their Web page. The SOICH newsletter is posted to the site and he encouraged members of COPA to review the spring newsletter when available. Calls for proposals for the I-CATCH program were being accepted through March 1, 2009.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Dr Mofenson informed the group that United States Public Health Services (USPHS) perinatal guidelines and the pediatric ARV guidelines were being updated. The adult ARV guidelines were updated and released in November 2008. The adult and pediatric prevention and treatment Opportunistic Infections guidelines are currently being revised to have the prevention and treatment guidelines combined together into one document, with separate sections for pediatrics and adults. The pediatric group is chaired by Russ van Dyke, MD, FAAP, with the following AAP members participating on the group; Mike Brady, MD, FAAP (COID), Peter Havens, MD, FAAP (COPA); Dr Mofenson, Jennifer Read, MD, FAAP and Ken Dominguez, MD, FAAP (CDC). Congress has mandated that the US government convene a HIV/AIDS Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission Expert Panel, which is to submit a report containing a detailed statement of the recommendations, findings, and conclusions to the appropriate Congressional committees. The World Health Organization (WHO) held a meeting in Geneva in November 2008 to review and analyze new evidence that has become available regarding the use of antiretrovirals for prevention mother- to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT), especially during the post-natal period. The meeting was attended by 26 experts and researchers from 13 countries who are conducting studies in this area, representatives of NIH, CDC, USAID, UNICEF, and various WHO departments. Dr Mofenson will be chairing the 1st International Workshop on HIV Pediatrics, July 17-18, 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa.

PEDIATRIC TRAINING COURSE

Members of COPA are interested in developing a training course for residents and individuals that are interested in practicing abroad. Drs Chakraborty and Cooper developed a proposal to share with the group. Emory University is potentially interested in partnering with the AAP and may have funding for the program. Dr Chakraborty will incorporate the committee's comments and provide a revised draft to the group. Ms Emanuel will speak with the AAP leadership to decide the best mechanism to move the proposal forward.

ACTION: Dr Chakraborty will revise the HIV Training proposal and share the new draft with the committee.

ACTION: Ms Emanuel will speak with the AAP leadership to decide the most effective way to move the HIV Training proposal forward.

Saturday, February 28, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Dr Flynn called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

POLICY STATEMENTS

Ms Emanuel reviewed the new procedure for publishing policy statements, clinical reports and technical reports with the group. A concern was raised that the AAP should consider asking the membership if they would like to have a shortened policy statement or decrease the number of research articles in *Pediatrics*. Drs Brady and Flynn will work with Ms Emanuel to develop a letter to the AAP Executive Committee requesting that the AAP survey the membership to determine their opinion on the shortened policy statements in *Pediatrics*.

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Policy Statements in Progress

Adolescents and Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection: The Role of Pediatrician in Prevention, Diagnosis and Intervention-Drs Emmanuel and Martinez discussed the revised Adolescent statement with the group. A recommendation was made to add the Council on Community Pediatrics to review the statement.

ACTION: Ms Emanuel will add the Council on Community Pediatrics as a group to review the adolescent policy statement.

Policy Statements for Review

The group reviewed the process for developing, revising or retiring policy statements.

Reducing the Risk of HIV Infection Associated with Illicit Drug Use-

The group reviewed the policy statement and decided to reaffirm the statement.

Surveillance of Pediatric HIV Infection-

The committee felt that this is an important statement to have, but did not feel that they had enough information on the state surveillance systems. Drs Hoyt and Dominguez will review the current state surveillance systems and provide a report at the next meeting.

ACTION: Drs Hoyt and Dominguez will review the current state surveillance systems that are in place and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Intent for Statements

A suggestion was made that the committee work with the Section on Adoption and Foster Care to develop a statement that provides families with guidance on caring for kinship care and adoption. In some instances families have no legal arrangement, but have

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accepted responsibility in caring for the child. Yet, the law prevents the caregiver from making legal and medical decisions on behalf of the child. Staff will follow up with the Section on Adoption and Foster Care to see if they are interested in working together on a statement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting date will be August 28-29, 2009 in Elk Grove Village, IL.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anjie Emanuel, MPH