

Curriculum Task Force Meeting
Minutes
April 27, 2006

1. Introductions were made. There were 50 people present (including the three guests).
2. We received updates from three of our members who have graciously acted as liaisons to other organizations:
 - a. Roni Vasan from USC spoke about the “Genetics in Primary Care” work she has been active in. Her presentation outlined some ideas about a common curriculum in pediatrics for training residents in screening and basics about genetics. There was quite a bit of discussion about this project. The concept of new genetics was discussed. The task force seemed enthusiastic to form a working group. The group will be headed by Roni. Hopefully a useful and educational curriculum will be developed.
 - b. Susan Bostwick from Cornell is the representative on the pediatric education committee subcommittee on breastfeeding. She has worked with this group for two years. There are grants available for utilizing the curriculum that Susan helped develop. These grants are awarded through the AAP.
 - c. Karin Hillenbrand from East Carolina will soon be serving on an advisory committee that will advise a grant to look at Oral health prevention and counseling in continuity clinic.
3. Dr. Lane Tanner and Dr. Marty Stein, guests representing a Commonwealth Fund Grant called “Rethinking Child Health Supervision”, gave background on their project for the group. They asked some very thoughtful questions regarding well childcare. The whole group was very engaged and the ideas and discussion lasted for about 45 minutes. Issues of insurance, medical homes and definitions of primary care were talked about. Also ideas about group clinics, parent discussion groups and the timing of well childcare were discussed. The question to the group to think about was: “How would you design a well child supervision visit”...if you didn’t have to worry about money, insurance, etc. The group offered Drs Tanner and Stein more time on a conference call if more discussion was desired in the future.
4. Lisa Leggio, M.D. who talked with our group last year was kind enough to participate and update us on Pedialink. There was a PowerPoint presentation about the resident and program director satisfaction with Pedialink. Some requests for easier to understand ability to change the ILP from approved to not approved to allow more entries was discussed. Mary Carol Badat (AAP) was also there to clarify a few, small administrative issues for the group. Logging on for folks without AAP numbers and assigning advisors was a barrier for only a few people. The group was generally appreciative of the flexibility shown by the AAP in developing and modifying Pedialink. The whole rationale behind use of ILPs was discussed. Thank you!
5. Lyuba Konopasek, M.D. who is the clerkship director for Cornell and the Curriculum Task Force leader for COMSEP was a special guest who talked with our Task force about collaboration. She specifically asked our group to look through the COMSEP curriculum for third year students and provide feedback. It is in the third revision and is in competency-based language. Lyuba also posed the question to us: “What skills attitudes and experiences should an

intern come into a residency program” possessing? That is an excellent question. We will be having a Task force call and discuss that more fully.

6. Due to the rich and vibrant discussion during the meeting, the other three agenda items will need to be talked about at the next conference call. APA guidelines update, Share warehouse concept, and the residency review and redesign in pediatrics project (ABP).

Thank you again to all of the task force members and guests for making this meeting so energetic! Sincerely, Ann