

2015 Annual Business Meeting

October 24, 2015

I. Call to Order at 12:51pm by President, Dr. Julie Russo

-Roll Call completed – Dr. Julie Russo, President; Dr. Eric Berry, Vice President; Dr. Manav Malik, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Robert Primosch, Executive Director

II. Approval of last year's meeting minutes by Executive Board

-Motion to Approve made by Dr. Eric Berry

-2nd by Dr. Reza Ardalan

a. President's Report made by Dr. Russo included Medicaid Lawsuit and Specialty Forum

-Dr. Russo thanked the FAPD members for allowing her to serve as President. She commented that the state of the FAPD is healthy and strong – both in terms of financial standing and membership. Dr. Russo stated that the FAPD has been quite busy over the past year. As mentioned previously, the lawsuit filed against the state of Florida in 2005 by the Florida Pediatric Society, the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the FAPD is still ongoing. At the end of 2014, Judge Alberto Jordan ruled that based on the fact that 79% of the children on Medicaid are getting no dental services at all, he agreed that the State is in violation of Federal law. Another hearing took place in January, and as expected the State raised a mootness concern where they argued that massive changes have occurred in the system by shifting to managed care and now the prior problems no longer exist. They asked for a stay in the judge's decision until Fall of 2015 to be able to prove this to the Judge. The Judge said he was unable to offer this to the State because it would further delay children from receiving care. In the months of March and April, we spent much time working with the attorneys in the case and had numerous pediatric dentists sign affidavits describing their issues with the Medicaid system. These were presented to the Judge in April, and another trial was held on April 24. The state argued that, as a result of a recent Supreme Court decision (*Armstrong v. Exceptional Care Center*), the case should be dismissed on the grounds that the Medicaid Act is not subject to private enforcement. After hearing the argument, Judge Jordan rejected the State's position in a ruling from the bench. The state also argued that the lawsuit is moot because all of the issues have been fixed and they proposed that the case be re-tried in order to give them a chance to prove that. Our attorneys countered that a re-trial was not needed. The State has not given any evidence to show that access to health and dental care has improved, and in fact recent data shows that it is worse. Judge Jordan said he would not re-try the case, will consider carefully what both sides presented at the hearing, and he announced that he will consider having a hearing to consider a declaratory judgment. We expect to hear back from him in the near future. We are still waiting...

- Specialty Forum- Twice a year a meeting is held that is through the FDA and a representative from each specialty attends. Individual issues within each specialty

are presented and discussed. This year one was in Tampa in January and the other in Orlando in June. I really enjoyed these meetings because it gave me a chance to meet practicing specialists around the state and also made me aware of some of the issues that they are facing.

- New Dental School LECOM- mentioned that there are no to a very minimal amount of specialists that are volunteering to help teach these dental students. People are worried about the education that they are receiving and are stressing to us to please donate our time and expertise to teaching if we are willing and able.

- Also, changes in charting were discussed. It was mentioned that when x-rays are taken and noted in the chart they must also have notes on them. For example instead of just writing 2 BW were taken, notes must now say something more detailed like 2 BW taken and interproximal caries are present. Please just pay attention to the FDA mailings and these changes will be described in more detail.

- Media issues were discussed- As you all know pedo has recently taken a "beating" in the news with some unfortunate cases. Some of our members have consulted with the AAPD on this and how they recommend handling it.

- At the end of last year after the judge's favorable ruling, the FAPD donated \$10,000 to the Medicaid lawsuit case. This was also brought up at the specialty forum and we encouraged the FDA or any other organizations to make a contribution if able.

- The FDA will be holding the Mission of Mercy event in Jacksonville in April of 2016. Mission of Mercy is a two-day clinic that provides free dental care to the underserved and uninsured in Florida. The FAPD recently donated \$500 to this wonderful cause. If any of you are able to donate or would like to volunteer at the event, please contact the FDA Foundation.

b. Executive Director's Report (Dr. Robert Primosch) – Finance and Membership

Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry October 1, 2014 –September 30, 2015

Membership Status

Active	255
Affiliate	12
Associate	1
International	0
Friend	1
Dues Paying	269
Life	32
Retired	62
Student	13
Resident	72
Non-Paying	179

Total members 448

Non-members 65?

Financial Report

Checking Account

Beginning Balance (10/9/14)

\$104,107.94

Income

Dues Deposited by AAPD	\$ 53,650.00
CE Courses	
Fall, 2014 (Practice Management)	\$ 16,581.98
Spring, 2015 (Sedation/ACLS)	<u>\$101,010.00</u>
Total	\$171,241.98
	\$275,349.92

Expenses

General Business

Corporation Fees/ Tax filing	
State of Florida:	
2013 State Corporation Fee	\$ 61.25
Thad Hughes, Accountant:	
990 Tax Form Filing	\$ 850.00
1099 Tax Form	\$ 50.00
Bank account fees (Wells Fargo)	\$ 24.00
Bank wire transfer fee(Wells Fargo) – AAPD dues	\$ 60.00
President’s Plaque	\$ 96.30
Travel (Eli White)	\$ 675.03
Fain Award (UF) – plaque and cash award	\$ 525.10
Dentists for Kids.com website / Savvy Smiles	\$ 615.00
CE Broker fee	\$ 200.00
	\$ 3,156.68

Donations

AAP / FL Chapter (Medi Lawsuit)	\$ 10,000.00
FDA Foundation (Mission of Mercy)	\$ 500.00
	\$ 10,500.00

CE Courses

Fall, 2014 (Practice Management)	\$ 21,485.86
Spring, 2015 (Sedation/ACLS)	\$101,010.00
Fall, 2015 refunds (4)	\$ 796.00
	\$123,291.86

Newsletters

Summer	\$ 844.95
Fall	\$ 650.01
	\$ 1,494.96

Central Office			
Executive Director Honorarium	\$	5,000.00	
Secretarial Support/Supplies	\$	90.00	
Postage	\$	49.00	\$ 5,139.00
			\$ 143,582.50
Ending Balance (October 1, 2015)			\$ 131,767.42
Money Market Account			<u>\$ 2,861.35</u>
Total Assets			\$ 134,628.77

Central Office Business Conducted

1. Maintained membership list with AAPD
2. Collected dues via AAPD
3. Paid all expenses
4. Mailed two newsletters (Summer and Fall)
5. Maintained IRS tax exempt corporation status
6. Issued 1099 form
7. Renewed and updated Dentists4Kids.com website
8. Managed PayPal account CE meeting registration
9. Arranged Executive Board meetings and conference calls
10. Updated AAPD with new officers and completed its annual survey
11. Filed Financial and Membership reports

Recommendations:

Finances: roll over money market account into checking, identify a better interest rate?

Budget for SSPD rep travel?

c. Continuing Education (Dr. Ardalan)

d. SSPD Meeting (Dr. Ardalan)

e. Legislative (Dr. Russo for Dr. Eli White)

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OCTOBER 17, 2015

Subject: Summary of Activities of FAPD Advocate for Public Policy – Eli E. White, D.D.S.

Jan. 1, 2015 to Date.

Relative to my first years in this capacity, this has been a very “quiet” year. The first issue was the decision of the Judge in the joint suit of Fla. Aca. of Pediatricians and the Fla. Aca. of Pediatric Dentists vs. the State of Fla. Medicaid Administration concerning

inadequate reimbursement for services. The Judge ruled in our favor but delayed issuing a remedy. Subsequently, and before the Judge could issue a remedy, the Florida Legislature imbedded Dental Medicaid in the Medical Medicaid program and the reimbursement rates became part of the overall Medicaid budget. This has had the effect of voiding the original suit.

The FAPD tried to again “carve out” Dental Medicaid from Medical Medicaid. There was a lot of political maneuvering, but in the end we lost again. This whole issue is due to be addressed in the 2017 Legislature.

I have contacted legislators that have an input by way of committees, etc. on Dental Medicaid about the inadequate reimbursement rates and administrative problems that discourage provider participation. I have also pointed out that some of the successes that the administrators tout are probably inaccurate. For example, we know that many dentists are listed as providers that are not seeing Medicaid patients or restricting their participation to inconsequential numbers. The number of dental procedures are not separated listed but “preventive treatment” is used as their metric for care. The reimbursement rate for exams, x-rays, prophys and sealants are disproportionate to restorative fees, thus, that is all the treatment many patients receive in some offices. I have seen no results from these contacts.

I went to the AAPD Advocates meeting Washington, DC in March. We were coached on how to interact with legislators, updated on the effects of the Affordable Care Act on Pediatric Dentistry, briefed on activities concerning Dental Medicaid in various states and given “talking points” to address with members of Congress and the Senate. There were two faculty members from Univ. of Fla. and Nova's Pediatric Dental Graduate Programs as well as several residents in these programs. It was very educational for the residents and I believe that the experience will encourage them to become active in dental “politics”. The FAPD should encourage their continuing participation. 2.

The inability to get the legislative action that will be necessary if positive changes are to be made to Florida's Dental Medicaid program, are partly because of lack of support from the members of the FAPD. I realize that most of the membership does not participate in Medicaid, but as the number of Pediatric Dentists increase in the state, competition will force more participation. This, plus the public's attitude about care for children will increase the pressure on the profession to provide that care. We have seen what has happened to our medical colleagues when they were complacent about the effects of Medicare and Medicaid on their practices.

In conclusion, it has been an honor to represent the FAPD in the capacity as it's Advocate. The position is somewhat like being an unpaid lobbyist. I hope my successor can devote the time and energy that this position truly deserves. Sincerely, Eli E. White, D.D.S

f. .Anesthesia (Dr. Nick White) – Dr. White informed the FAPD members that the FL Board of Dentistry will most likely be mandating that pediatric dentists must keep a capnograph on premises at all times in order to keep their pediatric conscious sedation permit in good standing

g. Nominations (Dr. Ardalan) and Installation of New Executive Board

President, Dr. Eric Berry

Vice President, Dr. Manav Malik

Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Michael Roseff

IV. Incoming President's Remarks (Dr. Berry)

V. Topics of Discussion and Action

- Dr. Russo encouraged the FAPD members to become more active in the FAPD. She stressed the need for FAPD members to become involved on various committees such as CE, legislative, media etc. Dr. Russo also sought any interested members for a FAPD Advocate for Public Policy for the FAPD to the AAPD.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 1:28pm