

NORTH DAKOTA PEDIATRICIAN

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NDAAP to finance one attendee at the 2003 Legislative Conference

Registration is limited to 100 participants

If you are interested in attending the 2003 Legislative Conference being held June 1-3, 2003 in Washington, DC please contact any of your NDAAP chapter Officers.

Join others: Learn to make a Difference: **Participate** in skills-building workshops. **Become involved** with American Academy of Pediatrics legislative efforts. **Understand** the federal and state legislative process. **Listen** to key speakers from the leadership community. **Develop strategies** to

effectively utilize the media. **Understand** the federal and state legislative process. **Acquire skills** and techniques to successfully impact Congress and State Legislatures. **Develop** congressional relationships. **Deadline for registration is October 23**

Chapter Forum 2002

Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents and Executive Directors from each state attended the Chapter Forum in Chicago, September 20-21, 2002.

The following information is now posted on the Members Only Channel of the AAP Web site:

* 2002 Resolution Referral List (this list shows to which Academy "body" - committee, section, department, etc. - resolutions have

been referred for comment/action as designated by the Academy's Advisory Committee to the Board on Chapter and State Affairs.

* 2002 Resolution Prioritization Report (otherwise known as the "top ten" report).

* 2002 Resolutions (these are the final versions - we have also included the resolutions that were defeated as well).

To access these materials

log on to the MOC and on your menu bar you should see an option called "Chapters" and "2002 Resolutions". Just click and you will be brought to the area where all of this information is posted.

Please feel free to contact Dr Hoggarth if you have any questions at 780-6191, or Sharon Chase, Chapter Relations Coordinator, at 800/433-9016, extension 4752 or by email at schase@aap.org.

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ND AAP FALL 2002 MEETING, September 27th, Minot ND



Melissa Moilan MD, gave a exciting presentation with practical tips for the office



Joan Connell, MD giving her presentation "AAP Approach to Discipline". Dr Connell has recently moved to Bismarck and is associated with Mid Dakota Clinic.



Dr Todd Twogood, Vice President of NDAAP pulled off some high tech to present the audio and slides for Dr Lois Cook's presentation on "Sensory Integration Dysfunction". Dr Cook's daughter was ill, therefore she was unable to be present. She e-mailed her PowerPoint presentation to past president Stephen Tinquely. Dr Tinquely was able to download the presentation through his e-mail at his Minot office and copy it to a disk in time for the presentation. Dr Cook's voice was able to be heard on the speaker above. She went through her presentation as Todd advanced the slides. What a presentation!!



Dr Wauters presenting "Child Psychiatric Review"

PRESIDENT'S LETTER BERNARD J. HOGGARTH, MD, FAAP

This is the second issue of the ND AAP publication since I assumed office. I will attempt to have an issue published before and after our spring and fall meetings. Please submit any information you feel our membership should be aware of.

Dr Twogood, Jennifer Knutson, our executive secretary and I recently attended the Annual Chapter Forum. This was a very upbeat and enthusiastic meeting. It is

great to know that the voices of all pediatricians can be heard and their concerns addressed.

Our chapter is very small with 66 members spread across a vast distance. We are all very busy caring for children. I hope that you will let me know of any issues you have and please advise me on how you would like to see them handled.

Dr Stephen Tinquely has graciously volunteered to spotlight a new pediatrician in each issue of

publication. This will be a wonderful way to introduce new pediatricians to our state. I would also invite you to share any other thoughts, ideas or issues through this publication. We are currently working on legislative issues for the next session and welcome your input.

Our next meeting will be held in the spring of 2003. It will be in Fargo on April 25th.

NEW PEDIATRICIAN JOAN CONNELL, MD, FAAP

Bismarck native, Joan Connell, MD, MS, RPh returned this year to practice Pediatrics and to co-direct the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences Southwest Campus Pediatric Clerkship. She has joined the Mid Dakota Clinic in Bismarck and also partners with Dr. Kathryn Obregon to coordinate pediatric education for the third and fourth year students. Joan's husband, Michael Jankoviak, M.D., is an anesthesiologist at the Heart and Lung Clinic and her brother, Guy Connell, M.D., is an ER physician at Medcenter One in Bismarck.

Joan grew up in Bismarck and attended St. Mary's High School. She enrolled at Bismarck State College and then entered the Pharmacy Program at the University of Colorado. She was accepted to the MD/PhD Program at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and was on track to be a physician scientist. Research projects in medical school included the use of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) techniques to predict DNA polymorphisms that would indicate the possible presence of neoplasm as well as another project to determine whether or not prolactin receptors are linked to breast cancer. This Ph.D. tract was interrupted by the birth of her daughter, Lauren. Dr. Connell states that she "fell in love" with this child and she realized that her commitment to this baby was more than to research.

Dr. Connell received her pediatric residency education also at the University of Colorado and had aspirations of a neonatology fellowship. In 1999 Dr. Connell received both a Pediatric Research Scholarship and a Pediatrics Merit Scholarship from the American Academy of Pediatrics. In addition to these honors she also

was given the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., M.D. Award for Outstanding Research in 2001. But neither the lure of subspecialty medicine nor that of a chief residency with an academic career outweighed the opportunity for Joan to return to North Dakota.

Since joining St. Alexius Hospital she has been appointed to the Investigational Review Board and is working on clinical studies in the use of Amaryl in childhood Type 2 diabetes and hopes to begin another clinical study in the topical use of Phenergan for children with nausea and vomiting.

Not only is Dr. Connell interested in medical student education she also has a desire to improve pediatrician education and to increase local Continuing Medical Education opportunities for pediatricians in western North Dakota. She was instrumental in linking Bismarck to Fargo for weekly Pediatric Grand Rounds and has started a Pediatric Journal Club in Bismarck.

Outside of her medical responsibilities Joan is an elementary grade school volunteer and is involved in her church. She also provides community outreach and gives presentations on discipline, behavioral modification, and substance abuse. She also plays the flute in a local band. Much of her time has been spent facing the challenges of remodeling an older home in Bismarck.

We welcome Dr. Connell to the North Dakota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

I attended the Healthy North Dakota Summit at Bismarck on August 22 -23, 2001. There were approximately 150 other participants there from across the state. The first day included national and state speakers who gave a summary of the health problems that currently affect the US and more specifically North Dakotans. We've certainly seen in our practices the increasing morbidity of obesity, but I found it quite shocking when seeing the CDC slides that shows just how obese Americans have gotten. On the second day public health methods were reviewed that might address these problems as well as other wellness models taken from diverse organizations such as the United Tribes Technical College: Health and Wellness Initiative, a corporate model by a company in Bismarck as well as a national company such as Johnson & Johnson, third party payers and other states who have

developed a state health of improvement plan. We also met in small groups to brainstorm and then narrow down what we thought are the major health risks to people in North Dakota.

These ten objectives came from this initial meeting. The plan is to develop a comprehensive, statewide plan that will educate and encourage people of all ages to take charge of their own health and address these risk factors in a way that fits with their lifestyle. This meeting is only the beginning. I feel this is something our chapter can continue to support and work on, as it will definitely help our children here in North Dakota.

Objectives

- I. Increase physical activity in youth.**
- II. Reduce health disparities in American Indian and minority populations.**
- III. Develop community wellness programs.**

IV. Improve school nutrition environment.

V. Reduce tobacco use by adults in North Dakota.

VI. Decrease the incidence of overweight and obesity in North Dakota.

VII. Increase the role of third-party payers in prevention and health promotion.

VIII. Increase the number of businesses with worksite wellness programs.

IX. Reduce tobacco use by youth in North Dakota.

X. Sustain and support the Healthy North Dakota Initiative.

Lori Sondrol MD FAAP

GRASS ROOTS

Every day pediatricians in North Dakota break the law. Every day when pediatricians see adolescents who are having intercourse, when they prescribe birth control to those young people, and when they counsel about STD's to teenagers having sex, these pediatricians are breaking the law.

North Dakota Century Code contains child abuse reporting laws that all pediatricians support and use to report child abuse.

But did you know that if two 17 year olds are having sexual intercourse, they are breaking the law, and when a pediatrician (or any health care professional) knows this and does not report this to Child Protective

Services for that county, the pediatrician is breaking the law by not reporting child abuse. Doctors are mandatory reporters of child abuse and as all pediatricians know there have been cases where pediatricians have been prosecuted for not reporting abuse.

In North Dakota, where there is sexual intercourse with one partner being less than 18 years, an illegal and reportable child abuse act has occurred. This is mandated to be reported to Child Protection under the same statutes as one would report a battered child.

Is it not time to change this antiquated law? Like many laws it was an attempt to legislate sexual mores. The law was put in place to prevent sexual intercourse in teenagers. It has not been

very successful - to say the least.

It is now an albatross around the necks of nurses, hospital social workers, and physicians. It needs to be changed.

The State Attorney General's office under Jonathan Byers is willing to help change the law so it protects children and adolescents who are being abused. The new law would make mandated reporting something that would be done when necessary.

Ron Miller, MD FAAP