

Mission Statement

To support Montana Pediatricians in their work and to advocate for health, safety and opportunities for Montana's children



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Thanks To:

All our new committee members! We have wonderful participation from our membership and a chance to continue to make a difference in the lives of children in Montana

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President's Letter

A Terrific 2012...

I am really excited about the many things that our chapter has done in the last year. As I am writing the Annual Report for the American Academy of Pediatrics, I have a lot to boast about. We have had successful grants – THANK YOU MOLLY and consequently a very successful Immunization Meeting. We have had excellent CME at our 2012 Round-up. We have Young Physicians engaged in out reach to our new physicians in the state.

One of the most successful parts of this last year, however, is the establishment of committees. We now have a Committee on Child Abuse, a Legislative Committee, an Immunization Committee and a Committee on Patient Centered Medical Home. These committees are open to new members if you would like to contribute time and energy to these areas. I encourage you to read the rest of this newsletter to see what these committees are doing.

I want to call attention to our Quality Improvement project. This project is to improve documentation of Newborn Metabolic Screening results and secondarily to improve networking when abnormal results are found. If you haven't signed up, we are still open to registration until December 31, 2012.

News

Child Abuse Committee

Caity Hall, MD, a child abuse specialist and pediatrician from the Crow Agency is current chair of the Child Abuse Committee. Her committee is conducting a needs assessment for the state. In particular she is looking at what resources are available at our more populous areas. Look for her needs assessment document as it comes to your email box!

The Child Abuse Committee and Executive Committee are currently planning a Child Abuse Symposium for April or May 2013. This will be an educational opportunity as well as a networking opportunity for pediatricians and other physicians and providers in the state. Keep your eyes open for further plans as they are firmed up in early 2013.

Save the Date

Round-up 2013 will be held in Big Sky Montana on September, 2013. Please plan to join us!!



WELCOME!! And congratulations to all our new members!

Tanya Jagodzinski - Secretary-Treasurer

Our newest executive committee members are:

Ken Graham – Kalispell

George and Christina Sotiropoulos – Great Falls

Michelle Pierson – Billings

They join:

Allison Young – Young Physicians Representative (Missoula)

Leslie Poling – Young Physicians Representative (Billings)

Caitlin Hall – Crow Agency

Tom Herr- Browning Agency

Tess Augustine – Helena

Past President – Kathy Rogers from Missoula

Nurse Practitioner Resolution:

Passed! We will have a formal election for our first representative in September 2013. We will have a Christine Hodgson as our temporary representative until the election.

The AAP Board of Directors is soliciting nominations to fill 25 AAP national committee member vacancies for terms beginning July 1, 2013 as follows:

Adolescence

Development - Districts IV and V (2)

Early Childhood* (1)

Federal Government Affairs/Access to Care Subcommittee

Fetus and Newborn (2)

Genetics (2)

Infectious Disease (2)

Medical Liability and Risk Management

Membership - Districts I and II (2)

Native American Child Health

Pediatric AIDS (3)

Pediatric Education

Pediatric Research (3)

Pediatric Workforce

Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health (2)

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH):

One Pediatrician Can Make A Difference

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<https://www2.aap.org/catch/>

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone! I am the new CATCH facilitator for our Montana chapter of the AAP and am very excited to be working on this piece of child health and advocacy. I am a pediatrician in Bozeman, and a former recipient of a resident CATCH grant. In addition, I headed up the Community Advocacy and Legislative Committee at Primary Children's Medical Center as a resident and chief resident. This is a real area of interest of mine and I hope to increase our involvement in the state of Montana.

CATCH is a funding source through the AAP for pediatricians who pioneer community projects that promote child health. The focus is on innovative projects that are not currently available in a community, promoting access to needed health services and the medical home, as well as establishing sustainable community partnerships. There are 2 grant cycles per year available to community pediatricians, with up to \$12,000 available for each approved grant. The current cycle of applications is open until **Jan 31, 2013**. The next cycle will be open from **May-July, 2013**. For more information please check out the CATCH website listed above. (CONTINUED)

CATCH (cont)

And if you are interested or have questions, please contact me. We would love to have more CATCH recipients in Montana! We currently have one active CATCH grant recipient in the state. Dr. Pepper Henyon in Bozeman received a 2012 grant for her "Eat, Live, Play" motivational program that combats obesity through a comprehensive exercise and nutrition curriculum. The first 12-week program has just finished with some impressive results. This includes multiple kids with 4-6 lb weight loss, multiple kids with decreased waist circumference and a triglyceride drop from 232 to 108! This program has already had a significant impact on kids' lives in Bozeman and was made possible through CATCH funding.

If you have any ideas, would like to brainstorm or would like to collaborate with others on a CATCH application/project, I am here to support and help you! Please let me know and I am looking forward to working with the chapter in this capacity.