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President Elect Candidates for the Academy
Fellows will vote on later this year



Essay Question #1 - Fernando Stein, MD, FAAP

How will you as President help the Academy to provide tools to chapters and local members to promote community investment in children?

The formation of imaginative partnerships with commerce, industry, foundations and non-governmental organizations can be fostered and facilitated by the AAP. Individual members and Chapters should be able to partner with the national structure of the AAP to achieve this goal. A variety of services exist within the AAP that are available but not currently easily accessible to the members and Chapters.

Promotion of investment in children begins with the illustration of their needs and the eventual embracing of them by their community. Pediatricians have traditionally been the advocates for children and have the logical opportunity to speak to the needs of children. It is one of my central agenda items to facilitate leadership training and access

to Academy services for all members.

The Academy has a Chapter Relations Division in place. I will make better known the skills available in the AAP Staff to help Chapters solve various problems. The AAP should establish a formalized consulting service that is widely publicized and readily accessible to the individual members and chapters. An effective method to support “Best Practices in Chapter Management Concepts” will be to make this service robust in its charge and responsibilities.

For the AAP to adequately represent the reality of its membership, it must gather information about members’ needs, attitudes and opinions. I will work to better manage and strategically utilize the AAP’s data and data systems so that current, reliable, and easily accessible information can be leveraged on pediatricians’ behalf.



Essay Question #1 - Lynda Young MD, FAAP

How will you as President help the Academy to provide tools to chapters and local members to promote community investment in children?

First, the unified voice of many is louder than many single voices. Building membership in our chapters increases the impact of the voice of advocacy for children. As President, I would encourage efforts to increase our membership at the local level, particularly through the use of social media and other electronic outlets. Secondly, many physicians and chapters are committed to advocacy but may not know where to begin. We need to make available the “playbooks” on relevant initiatives, like immunization, gun control, health coverage. Such playbooks can detail who to call, how to build collaboration, what the resources are - along with fact sheets and talking points. Thirdly, we need to implement a mechanism to share success stories. I propose that our Academy develop its own version of

“Pinterest”. Pinterest is a free website, widely used for people to share ideas. Our members could post

stories of successful promotion of investment in children on such an Academy website – for example, a post “Our Chapter was successful in getting legislation restricting access to tobacco products for children and here’s how we did it.” In this way, best practices across the country can be shared for our members to adopt and adapt for their own localities. The use of social media like this creates the opportunity to learn from others, as well as to engage and energize our members.

Pennington Biomedical Research Center Survey
Childhood Obesity Screening and Treatment

Dear Louisiana AAP Member

You are invited to complete a [brief survey](#) to describe your current clinical practices related to childhood obesity screening and treatment.

Once you complete the survey, we hope you will use the Pennington Biomedical Research Center’s [obesity toolkit](#) to learn more about the current recommendations for screening and treating childhood obesity. In case the links are broken, please visit the toolkit here: <http://www.pbrc.edu/obesitytoolkit/> to download the full toolkit, and click the “Take the Survey!” link.

If you have questions or comments, please email us at obesitytoolkit@pbrc.edu.

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Caring for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Capacity Building Series
Source: Susan Berry, MD, MPH, Director, Title V Children and Youth, With Special Health Care Needs Program
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Children’s Special Health Services (CSHS) is excited to announce its new health care provider education initiative, **Caring for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Capacity Building Series**. CSHS is offering live one (1) hour education presentations across the state for primary care providers serving pediatric and/or adolescent populations. The series consist of four components: the Medical Home, Care Coordination, Youth Health Transition, and Developmental Screening and Surveillance. Practices can select one or all of the components for their staff. Each series is credentialed for 1 hour nursing and social work continuing education credit. See enclosed flyer for additional information.

For a limited time, lunch sponsorship is available and presentations can be provided in a one hour lunch and learn format. Please contact Patti Barovechio, RN at 504-568-5055 for scheduling information.

Health Care Provider Education Capacity Building Series Programs | [Download the flyer](#)

The Medical Home

Apply medical home concepts to practice
Access community, state and national medical home tools and resources

Examine the process and appraise the benefits of medical home certification

Care Coordination

Identify the role of care coordination in the medical home

Implement care coordination service frameworks or quality improvement initiatives

Access state and national care coordination resources and toolkit

Youth Health Care Transition

Examine health care transition service frameworks in the context of the medical home

Identify health care transition processes/policies

Access state and national health care transition support tools

Developmental Screening & Surveillance

Apply evidence based recommendations for screening and surveillance to practice

Select and utilize appropriate screening tools

Each 1 hour program approved for 1.0 contact hours of CNE—Social Worker credit applied for on request Program jointly provided by Children’s Special Health Services and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing.

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, Faculty Development Continuing Nursing Ed & Entrepreneurial Enterprise is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation

For more information or to schedule onsite programs contact: Children’s Special Health Services 504-568-5055 or email patti.barovechio@la.gov



If you are a member of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, we would really like to hear from you! If you have not already done so, please fill out the [membership survey](#). We would love to hear about your expertise, interests, and ideas for 2015.

Medicaid/ Bayou Health

New Contracting in the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership

In November 2014, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) announced a plan to integrate specialty behavioral health care services into its existing Medicaid managed care system called Bayou Health. **This integration is scheduled for December 1, 2015.**

In light of the transition, **Magellan will continue to contract and credential new providers through May 31, 2015.** After May 31, 2015, **new** providers will be directed to the Bayou Health plans. Magellan will continue to re-credential existing network providers. This deadline applies only to new providers. **If you are a provider interested in joining the LBHP network, we need to hear from you very soon!**

Important Points for Interested Providers

New provider *Credentialing Applications* for the LBHP network will be accepted through May 31, 2015

- A potential provider will need to ensure they are certified through OBH **before** credentialing with Magellan for LBHP provider network consideration
- Only a **complete *Credentialing Application*** can be considered (must be complete in its entirety and include all necessary documentation)
- Visit www.MagellanofLouisiana.com to learn more about us and the LBHP
- Visit [Become a Provider](#) for step-by-step instructions and contacts for contracting and credentialing

Today, Magellan continues managing the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership, a responsibility we will continue until the state's scheduled integration on December 1, 2015.

Bayou Health Informational Bulletins for Providers

Informational Bulletins cover a variety of topics related to Bayou Health, and all are available at www.MakingMedicaidBetter.com.

Bayou Health posted two new Informational Bulletins for providers:

[Informational Bulletin 15-8](#), "Certification of Behavioral Health Providers" is available online.

Health Plan Advisories

Health Plan Advisories are available at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1734>

Bayou Health Teleconference for Providers

Bayou Health will host a provider call every other week. All calls will take place from noon to 1 p.m. The bi-weekly schedule through May is noted below. Bayou Health may use interim weeks to host topic-specific calls, as needed. Any changes to the schedule or additional calls will be announced on the [provider portal](#) at www.makingmedicaidbetter.com and will be shared with the Bayou Health newsletter e-mail list. To sign up for this list, click [here](#).

Upcoming Bayou Health Provider Calls

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Future meetings to be determined.

As with previous calls, to participate in the teleconference, dial 1-888-278-0296. When prompted, enter access code 2833686.

We will continue to monitor the need and usefulness of provider calls as one of the many communication channels with DHH and the Bayou Health MCOs. The frequency and topics will depend on the needs of the program and providers participating in the Bayou Health Program.

We encourage providers to contact the MCOs directly for direction and issue resolution. Contacts are available in [Informational Bulletin 12-27](#). As always, you can submit any unresolved issues or suggestions to bayouhealth@la.gov.

DHH is posting notes from each of the week's call. The link to access the page is: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1462>

SUDIA Recipe: Sweet Potato Bisque

Make a velvety smooth soup using pureed acorn squash and sweet potato and adding chicken broth and milk. Add an extra hit of flavor with hot sauce and turmeric.

Ease: Moderate

Yield: 6-8 servings

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 60-70 minutes

Source: Megan Minich

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup squash puree (I used left over roasted acorn squash)
- 1 large sweet potato (about 1 1/2 cup cooked skin removed)
- 1 cup non dairy or lactose free milk (I used lactose free 1% milk)
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 cloves of garlic
- dash of hot sauce (to taste)



- 1/4 cup nutritional yeast
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground pepper
- 1/2 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp dried onion

Directions

Cook your sweet potato in the oven with the skin on for 45 minutes on 400F or wrap in a moist paper towel and microwave for 5 minutes on high

While the potato is still warm remove skin

Add all of your ingredients (including the warm sweet potato, skin removed) in a high speed blender

If you have a Blendtec like I do, hit the "soup" button and let the blender do its work. If you do not have a high speed blender, start the blender on low and increase the speed every 10 seconds. You might need to scrap the side down every 30 seconds until well blended.

Transfer your bisque to a sauce pan and heat until it boil

Garnish with sliced peppers, celery, bacon, or get creative.

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Upcoming Events



2015 Crescent City Pediatric Potpourri

Date: August 21-23, 2015

Location: New Orleans Sheraton
500 Canal St.
New Orleans, LA

Hotel Information:

A specific block of rooms are available for this conference until the block is SOLD or until Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Please make your reservations early!

Room rates per night are:

- Single & Double = \$129
- Triple = \$154

Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-627-7033 and using group name "Pediatric Potpourri 2015" or by following this

link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1502261391&key=26A325BD>

Rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 13% plus \$3 Occupancy Tax per room per night, as well as Statutory Act 410 Tourism Support Assessment of 1.75% for each room rate, per room per night., or the following automatic or mandatory charges (e.g., resort charges): . No automatic or mandatory charges are tips, gratuities, or services charges for employees, unless otherwise expressly stated.

Early Departure Fee: An early departure fee of one night's room and tax will apply if a Customer attendee checks out prior to the confirmed checkout date.

Cancellation Policy: An individual reservation can be cancelled without a penalty as long as it is cancelled before 72 hours prior to arrival. If the cancellation occurs within 72 hours, one nights room and tax will be charged to credit card holding the reservation.



Potpourri Agenda:

Friday:

11:30 – 12:30 P.M. Registration/Box Lunch

12:30 – 12:45 Welcome/Opening Remarks/Introductions

12:45 – 5:15 Presentations

5:30 Social and Poster Presentations

Saturday:

7:15 – 8:00 A.M. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome/Announcements/Introductions

8:15 – 12:15P.M. Presentations

12:15 – 1:30 LA AAP Business Lunch and Awards

1:30 – 5:00 Presentations

Sunday:

7:15 – 8:00 A.M. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome/Announcements/Introductions

8:15 – 1:00 P.M. Presentations

General Registration Information:

REFUND POLICY - refunds of any activity fees will be made if cancellations are made prior to Monday, August 17, 2015. Absolutely no request for refunds will be honored after this date. No-shows are not eligible for a refund.

REGISTRATION - all participants of the conference must register with the registration desk at the conference prior to all events. Name badges will be provided and will be required for admittance to all activities.

PARKING – parking is available at the Sheraton New Orleans. Below are the rates:
\$12.00 + tax for daily parking
\$30.00 + tax for overnight parking

DRESS ATTIRE - business casual - consider layered clothing as heating and cooling conditions may vary.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - All pre-registrations for this conference must be received at Woman's Foundation office no later than August 20, 2015. Onsite registration will be available each day.

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series

Updates for Well Child Visits

June 13, 2015

Registration 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Conference 10:00 am - 1:30 pm



Presented by

**Tulane University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics
and the Center for Continuing Education
Tulane University Health Sciences Center**

Location

**Ralph's on the Park
900 City Park Avenue
New Orleans, LA**

Topics will include:

Vaccine Update and Dealing with Immunization Refusal

School Failure

Updates on Acne and Eczema

Dealing with the Aggressive Child and Bullying

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

Registration Fee is \$35

Online registration is will be open at <http://tulane.edu/cce/>

ICD 10 Workshops start in March - Register Now

Are you ready for ICD-10 Implementation in October?

MGMA-Louisiana is joining Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA) to offer you several educational opportunities to help you prepare for ICD-10 implementation. LHIMA will offer our members and their staffers the “AHIMA MEMBER” rate for registration. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to learn from AHIMA Certified ICD-10 Trainers at an affordable price.

Sessions are set in Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Ruston and Shreveport. At the bottom of this message you will also see information on webinars.

Face-to-Face Meetings:

- [Lafayette, LA, March 11-13, 2015](#)

- o Three day seminar covering ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS
- o Day 1 covers ICD-10-CM only—This option is **most appropriate for physician coding**
- o Days 2-3 cover ICD-10-PCS only—PCS codes are used for facility coding only

- [Lafayette, LA, March 25, 2015 \(Intermediate to Advanced\)](#)

- o 70% is dedicated to ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding
- o 30% is dedicated to ICD-10-PCS Procedure Coding
- o Targets individuals who have previously undergone some type of ICD-10 training

- [Baton Rouge, LA, March 27, 2015 \(Intermediate to Advanced\)](#)

- o 70% is dedicated to ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding
- o 30% is dedicated to ICD-10-PCS Procedure Coding
- o Targets individuals who have previously undergone some type of ICD-10 training

- [Ruston, LA, April, 21, 2015 \(Intermediate to Advanced\)](#)

- o 70% is dedicated to ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding
- o 30% is dedicated to ICD-10-PCS Procedure Coding
- o Targets individuals who have previously undergone some type of ICD-10 training

- [Shreveport, LA, May 5, 2015 \(Intermediate to Advanced\)](#)

- o 70% is dedicated to ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding
- o 30% is dedicated to ICD-10-PCS Procedure Coding
- o Targets individuals who have previously undergone some type of ICD-10 training

[Recorded Webinars \(available on demand\):](#)

- Webinar Series (All)
- Webinar #1: Preparing for a RAC Audit in ICD-10
- Webinar #2: CDI & HIM: Bridging the Gap for ICD-10
- Webinar #3: Introduction to ICD-10-CM/PCS for Patient Financial Services
- Webinar #4: Advanced ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding for OB/Pregnancy

- Webinar #5: ICD-10 Awareness for Managers
- Webinar #6: Advanced Cardiac Coding with ICD-10-CM/PCS