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2014 Midterm Election Recap: Republicans Gain Senate Majority

Source: AAP Department of Federal Affairs

During Tuesday's national midterm elections, all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and 36 seats in the U.S. Senate were up for grabs.

For the first time since 2007, Republicans have gained control of the U.S. Senate. The new party breakdown of the chamber is 52 Republicans to 46 Democrats (with two races still undetermined).

Republicans were able to gain the Senate majority by winning seats formerly held by Democrats in Iowa, Colorado, Arkansas, Montana, South Dakota, West Virginia and North Carolina. Two

Senate races remain undecided—the race in Louisiana will not be settled until a runoff election in December and the results in Alaska are still being processed. No matter how these final two races end, the Republicans have gained enough seats to take over the majority in the Senate for the 114th Congress. This means that key committees with jurisdiction over health-related issues, such as the Senate Finance Committee, Health, Labor and Pensions Committee, Appropriations Committee and others, will change leadership. As soon as the new committee posts are announced, they will be shared with AAP Key Contacts.

On the House side, Republicans will also remain in the majority, adding at least 10 seats for a party breakdown of 243 Republicans to 181 Democrats (with some votes still being processed), the party's largest majority since the Truman administration. This means that the U.S. federal government will have a split balance of power between a Democratic White House and a Republican Congress.

Tuesday's election also saw a shift in power from state governors previously held by Democrats to Republican leadership. Now, Republicans hold 31 seats, and Democrats hold 17. The races in both Alaska and Vermont are still undecided. In light of these results, the prospects for Medicaid expansion in states that have not yet exercised the option remain unchanged, with the possible exception of Alaska, where the challenger (who is currently leading the vote count) has expressed support for expansion.

Also of note on the state side, Richard Pan, MD, FAAP, currently a [member](#) of the California Assembly, won his bid for a seat in the California Senate.

For a closer look at state election results, please see the [2014 State Election Update](#) from the AAP Division of State Government Affairs.

On Election Day, the Academy posted a series of messages on Twitter to help encourage voters to cast their ballot in support of child health. Many AAP members also submitted photos highlighting how they were getting out the vote in their local communities and clinics. For highlights, please visit the [@AmerAcadPeds Twitter feed](#). Meanwhile, on the Department of Federal Affairs Facebook page, the Academy posted several photos outlining why pediatricians around the country #putkids1st. To view the album, please [click here](#).

Update from Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has an appointment to the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council as a voting member. This committee was created through Act 868 of the 2014 Legislative session (<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=916144&n=SB524%20Act%2086>). The Act moves oversight of child care facilities from DCFS to DOE. On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, the Council had its second meeting. The main purpose of this meeting was to review a draft of revisions to the Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations. The LA AAP Executive Committee had the opportunity to review these draft changes to the regulations. Two of the LA AAP Executive Committee presented testimony and information to the Council for consideration- Dr. Roberta Vicari (LA AAP Executive Committee Member at Large and

Appointed LA AAP Representative to the Council) and Dr. Daniel Bronfin (LA AAP Treasurer). Below is a brief report on the changes to the draft regulations that were adopted by the Council.

- Allowance for corporal punishment for the children in these centers was eliminated
- Type I, II, and III centers were evened out with rules in a number of ways.
 - o I—no public funding
 - o II—funding for the nutrition program
 - o III—highest level of public funding
- The ratios of teacher to children were a more controversial issue- advocates including the LA AAP were able to pass a lowered ratio of 1:8 for two years olds from the 1:12.

Next steps:

The Department of Education will put together a new document taking into account public comment as well as comments from the Council. They will “adjust” areas they feel that they need to adjust

The “next” version of the document is anticipated to be published around November 22.

This new document will go to BESE for approval along with the original document sometime after Thanksgiving; however, here is no guarantee that any or all of the changes will be adopted.

The LA AAP will keep you updated as new information is available.

Get Involved!



ASAP- Pediatric Subcommittee of Medicaid Quality Committee Seeking Participants

The Bayou Health Quality Committee is becoming the Medicaid Quality Committee which will have a broader focus. As part of the Medicaid Quality Committee, there are subcommittees including a Pediatric Subcommittee. DHH and Dr. Rebekah Gee, Medicaid Medical Director, has reached out the LA AAP to request names of pediatricians to fill this committee. DHH is hoping to have 10-12 pediatricians on the subcommittee and be geographically representative. If you are interested/ willing to serve on this committee, please send your name, contact information and any special interest/ expertise you may have to ashley.politz@laaap.org as soon as possible. DHH is requesting names be submitted by the end of next week.

Below is a communication sent by Dr. Gee that elaborates on the committee and subcommittees.

Source: Dr. Rebekah Gee, Medicaid Medical Director

Dear Louisiana Health Care Leaders,

Effective clinical leadership is critical to the success of any health care quality improvement effort. A commitment to quality requires sound decision making that places a high premium on clinical best practices as well as collection and review of data used to drive solutions.

Medicaid has recently re-organized the Bayou Health Quality Committee and created an overarching Medicaid Quality Committee. The purpose of this new committee is to broaden the opportunity for those “in the trenches” to give clinical input to Medicaid. These teams will help guide decision-making and inform policy makers of potential areas of focus for Medicaid reform in Louisiana. We are currently in the process of reaching out to providers across Louisiana who are interested in participating in Quality Committee and Subcommittee teams. This year, we have openings for the full Medicaid Quality Committee in the following areas which reflect new needed areas of expertise:

- a. Adult Long Term Care Provider
- b. Dentist
- c. Non-Physician Provider
- d. Obstetrician
- e. Neonatologist
- f. Pharmacist

In addition to the main committee, we are seeking individuals to participate on standing clinical sub-committees. These sub-committees will be "working" committees that roll up their sleeves to research specific policy issues, review data from the department and other sources, and develop recommended options and opportunities to improve the quality of care provided for the Medicaid population. The sub-committee will regularly report their findings and recommendations to the Medicaid Quality Committee. The sub-committees will be small enough to get the work done expeditiously, but inclusive of the needed expertise including a patient representative. Membership on the sub-committees can include, but is not limited to, members of the Quality Committee. The current clinical Sub-Committees include, but are not be limited to, the following:

- a. Behavioral Health
- b. Emergency Medicine
- c. Long Term Supports and Services
- d. Obstetrics
- e. Pediatrics
- f. Neonatology

The work of these groups will be critically important to providing the clinical expertise and program input needed to drive quality improvement for our Medicaid system. We anticipate that both the Medicaid Quality Committee and the standing sub-committees will meet quarterly in person but more often by phone as needed. We would like to have new members onboard prior to our next meeting on 12/5/14. Please email me by November 1, the names of individuals with clinical expertise that you think would be interested in participating on either the overarching Quality Committee, a sub-committee, or both.

This is a very exciting time in healthcare and we hope that you, your organization or your members will be willing to join us to help improve the quality of care for the people we serve.

Warmly,

Dr. Gee

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AAP National Committees - 2015 Chairperson Appointments

The AAP Board of Directors is soliciting nominations to fill six (6) Chairperson positions for AAP National Committee for terms beginning July 1, 2015:

- **Committee on Adolescence**
- **Committee on Genetics**
- **Committee on Hospital Care**
- **Committee on Pediatric Education**
- **Committee on Pediatric Workforce**
- **Committee on Substance Abuse**

Application materials (factsheet, biographical summary and nomination/self-nomination forms) for these positions are available on the AAP Member Center, in addition to statements of needs and requirements at: <http://www2.aap.org/moc/leader>.

Committee Chairpersons are appointed annually and may be re-appointed up to four years. Committee chairperson appointments are made on the basis of knowledge, expertise, and the documented needs of the committee. Within this context, Academy membership demographics such as professional activity, gender, ethnicity, and geographical distribution will be considered, as well as chapter activity.

The deadline for nominations for 2015 positions is **Friday November 21, 2014 (midnight CST)**. Nominees must submit a letter of nomination, a factsheet and a biographical summary to their Chapter President and the AAP Offices by **e-mail (nominations@aap.org)** or by fax 847/434-8000 (ATTN: 2015 AAP National Committee Chairperson Nominations). All nomination materials must be submitted by **November 21, 2014 (midnight, CST)**. The AAP Board of Directors will meet **January 27 – 31, 2015** to review nominations and make final appointments.

Thank you for your review and contribution to the nominations process of AAP National Committees for the 2015 term. Please email any questions to nominations@aap.org.

AAP National Committees - 2015 Member Appointments

The AAP Board of Directors is soliciting nominations to fill the following AAP National Committee member positions for terms beginning July 1, 2015:

- **Committee on Adolescence: 3 vacancies**
- **Committee on Bioethics: 1 vacancy**
- **Committee on Continuing Medical Education: 1 vacancy**
- **Committee on Development: 2 vacancies**
- **Committee on Drugs: 1 vacancy**
- **Committee on Federal Government Affairs: 1 vacancy**
- **Committee on Genetics: 2 vacancies**
- **Committee on Hospital Care: 2 vacancies**
- **Committee on Infectious Diseases: 3 vacancies**
- **Committee on Membership: 1 vacancy**
- **Committee on Native American Health: 2 vacancies**
- **Committee on Nutrition: 1 vacancy**
- **Committee on Pediatric Ambulatory Medicine: 3 vacancies**
- **Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine: 3 vacancies**
- **Committee on Substance Abuse: 2 vacancies**

Application materials (factsheet, biographical summary and nomination/self-nomination forms) for these positions are available on <http://www2.aap.org/moc/leader>, in addition to statements of needs and requirements.

Committee members are appointed for a two-year term and may be re-appointed up to six years. Committee member appointments are made on the basis of knowledge, expertise, and the documented needs of the committee. Within this context, Academy membership demographics such as professional activity, gender, ethnicity, and geographical distribution will be considered, as well as chapter activity.

The deadline for nominations for 2015 positions is **February 6, 2015 (midnight CST)**. Nominees must submit a letter of nomination, a fact sheet and a biographical summary to their Chapter President and the AAP Offices by **e-mail** (nominations@aap.org) or by fax 847/434-8000 (ATTN: 2015 AAP National Committee Member Nominations). All nomination materials must be submitted by **February 6, 2015 (midnight, CST)**.

The AAP Board of Directors will meet **May 15-16, 2015** to review nominations and make final appointments. Thank you for your review and contribution to the nominations process of AAP National Committees for the 2015 term. Please email any questions to nominations@aap.org.

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH™) Grant Opportunity

Call for Proposals-Submissions due January 30, 2015

The CATCH Program is seeking grant applications for innovative community-based projects to improve access to health services for children who are most likely to experience barriers. Eligible initiatives reach out to the community at large. Chapter officers are eligible to apply.

Up to \$10,000 will be awarded to pediatricians and fellowship trainees and \$2,000 to pediatric residents to work collaboratively with local community partners to ensure that all children have access to medical homes or access to specific health services not otherwise available.

Applications available November 3 for Planning Grants, Implementation Grants, and Resident Grants. Learn more at <http://www2.aap.org/catch/funding.htm>.

Examples of Recent Topics

Bullying Prevention
Children of Incarcerated Parents Health
Continuity of Care for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System
Gun Violence
Immunizations
LGBTQ Youth
Military Children's Health
Refugee/Immigrant Health
Teenage Pregnancy & Parenting
Youth in Group Homes Health

To see what others are doing with their CATCH grants, visit the Community Pediatrics grants database at <http://www2.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase>. You can search by several categories, including health topic and AAP grant program.

November Birthdays



11/1	Rakhee Kalelkar, MD Bruce Pistorius, MD, FAAP Neva Seago, MD, FAAP	11/16	Jennifer Bisquera, MD, FAAP
11/3	Alison Smith	11/17	Chih Hao Lin, MD, FAAP Joshua Mizell, MD,FAAP
11/4	Rachael Maciasz, MD	11/18	Cherie Oertling Oertling, MD, FAAP Rose Paccione, MD Melinda Willis, MD, FAAP
11/5	Lisa Barbiero, MD, FAAP Alford Dyer III, MD Abiodun Kuku, MD, FAAP Sheila G. Pitre, MD, FAAP	11/19	Toni Grant, MD,FAAP

	Arun Pramanik, MD, FAAP Alexandra Wells, MD	11/20	Emily Davis Juan Gershanik, MD, FAAP
11/6	Robert Jackson, MD, FAAP Richard Paul Le Boeuf, MD, FAAP	11/21	Tammy Senentz, MD, FAAP Stephen Weimer, MD, FAAP
11/7	Arturo Gastanaduy, MD, FAAP Nicole Kerley-McGuire, MD, FAAP	11/22	Christina Holmes, MD Jenais Miller, MD Mark Waggenpack, MD, FAAP
11/8	Hitesh Chheda, MD Elizabeth Lindsay, MD, FAAP Kristin Lynch, DO	11/23	Michael Judice, MD, FAAP Jay Maust II, MD, FAAP Lauren Teverbaugh, MD
11/9	Tara Andrews, MD Moustafa Nachabe, MD, FAAP	11/24	Bonita Dyess, MD, FAAP Ashley Kiefer Megan Murphy, MD
11/10	Amanda Garnett, MD	11/25	Todd Sanderson, MD, FAAP
11/14	Staci Olister, MD, FAAP Ashli West, MD, FAAP	11/26	Jennifer Boustany, MD, FAAP Jordan LeJeune, MD
11/15	Teresa Backes, MD Matthew Calzetta, MD Phuong Dinh, MD Terry King, MD, FAAP William Pinsky, MD, FAAP	11/29	James Bennett, MD, FAAP Mary Margaret Gleason, MD, FAAP Ginny Shelton, MD Steven Spedale, MD, FAAP
		11/30	Anh Vy Mai, MD Erica Menina, MD, FAAP

SUIDA Recipe: Home-style Hash Brown Pancakes

Many grew up with the tradition of Saturday morning breakfast. Pancakes topped with warm maple syrup are always a major menu item. Even if it doesn't happen every weekend, it can still be special when it does. Continue the tradition in your home; try this quick and easy home-style hash brown pancake recipe. Packed with bone friendly calcium and muscle building protein this recipe is good for breakfast or supper.

Ease: Moderate

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes



Yield:
2 servings

Ingredients:
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon fat free milk
1 large potato with skin
1/2 cup (2 ounces) grated Cabot 50% Light Cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon unbleached all-purpose flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon canola oil
1/4 cup Cabot No Fat Sour Cream
1 scallion, green part, minced

Directions:
In a medium bowl, whisk together egg whites and milk. Grate potato into egg mixture. Stir in cheese, flour and salt. Add oil to large nonstick pan over medium heat. Drop mixture into pan to form 2 "pancakes."
Cook for 5 minutes per side, or until golden brown. In a small bowl, mix together sour cream and scallion.
Top each pancake with the scallion sour cream. Serve warm.

Nutrition Information:
Calories: 283
Fat: 11 g
Saturated Fat: 3.5 g
Cholesterol: 15 mg
Sodium: 420 mg
Calcium: 25% Daily Value
Protein: 15 g
Carbohydrates: 31 g

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Direct link to recipe if needed:
<http://www.southeastdairy.org/recipes/home-style-hash-brown-pancakes/>

Upcoming Events

American Public Health Association's (APHA) 2014 Annual Meeting and Exposition



Nov. 15-19, 2014, New Orleans.

APHA's Annual Meeting & Exposition serves as the home for public health professionals to convene, learn, network and engage with peers. With the Annual Meeting, we strengthen the profession of public health, share the latest research and information, promote best

practices and advocate for public health issues and policies grounded in research. Come experience APHA.

[Register Now](#)

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series

*Hot Topics in Pediatric Pulmonary and Infectious Diseases
December 13, 2014*

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:

Update on Ebola and Influenza Viruses
The New Synagis Guidelines
Pneumonia Diagnosis and Treatment
Effects of Tobacco Smoke and e-Cigarettes on Children

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

Registration Fee is \$35

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

LAPEN'S 8th Annual Summit for Parenting Educators Adverse Childhood Experiences: Parenting Education is Key

Wednesday, January 21, 2015, West Baton Rouge Conference Center in Port Allen, LA

9:00am - 3:30pm

A full day of presentations, networking, exhibits, and more!

Register now! Early bird rates end 12/31/14



Speakers:

Dr. Robert Anda, co-Principal Investigator with the ACE Study

Dr. Anda has conducted research in a variety of areas including disease surveillance, behavioral health, mental health and disease, cardiovascular disease, and childhood determinants of health. After spending 20 years as a research medical officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, he is now a Senior Scientific Consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. He played the principal role in the design of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study and serves as its Co-Principal Investigator. Findings from the ACE Study have been presented at Congressional Briefings and numerous conferences around the world. The ACE Study is being replicated in numerous countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) and is now being used to assess the childhood origins of health and social problems in more than 18 U.S. states.

Dr. Stewart Gordon, Community Health Solutions Louisiana

Dr. Stewart Gordon joined CHS-LA in January 2012 as Chief Medical Officer. Prior to joining CHS-LA, Dr. Gordon was a practicing pediatrician for eighteen years at Earl K. Long (EKL) Medical Center. His pediatric practice was largely focused on providing services to the Medicaid and uninsured population. He was involved in medical student and pediatric resident education throughout his tenure at EKL. Dr. Gordon's areas of interest include early brain development / early childhood, child advocacy / children's public policy, juvenile justice reform, prevention of child abuse and neglect and prevention and treatment of childhood obesity.

Register: <http://lapensummit2015.eventbrite.com>

Registration RATES:

\$40 through December 31, 2014

\$50 After January 1st, Registration Closes January 15th

Registration includes lunch!

Continuing education credit applications are in progress.

To view the flyer, [click here](#)

Questions? Call Lenell Young 225-218-5657 or lapen@selahec.org