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Letter from the President

This fall my practice initiated Reach out and Read in our office. For 10 years I have heard that Reach out and Read changes lives. Now that I see it in practice, I understand. Children light up when they are read the words of Sandra Boynton, and I learn an incredible amount about the parent-child relationship by watching a dyad interact over "If you Give a Mouse a Cookie." Developmental milestones come alive when a one year old turns the page!

Despite its awesome effects, our project did have struggles. We have been working through them somewhat blindly, and our project start was delayed several weeks as we tried to figure out the process.

This year, INAAP hopes to better help practices implement and sustain Reach out and Read. We plan to hire a program coordinator to assist practices with program initiation, securing funds, and educating communities about the importance of early brain development through reading. In order to do this, we will need your help. You will find a donation request in your mail this month asking you to donate to Reach out and Read Indiana. Through these donations we will be able to support the programs already in place, provide book donations, and also help support a part time staff member to increase early literacy in Indiana. If we all give as little as \$10, we can make a huge impact in the lives of Indiana children.

The mailing this week will include a remittance envelope that will allow you to donate with cash, check, or credit card. Additionally, you can donate NOW through our website using the link below. I continue to be thankful for all of the wonderful people at INAAP and all of the pediatricians throughout the state who work every day to make children's lives better. Please continue to reach out to us here at INAAP if we can help you provide care to kids.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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**2018 Legislative Session Preview Event
Hosted by Dr. Marilyn Bull**

RSVP by November 24th

Join us on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm for a special event hosted at the home of Dr. Marilyn Bull in Indianapolis.

INAAP lobbyist Matt Long (pictured right) will be on hand to provide a preview of the upcoming 2018 legislative session, and to provide insight into pediatric issues that could be at play during the session. You will have a chance to hear about some of INAAP's advocacy efforts and how you can be involved in making a difference for Indiana's children.



This event is also a chance for INAAP members to relax, have a glass of wine, enjoy the food provided by MBP catering, and get to know each other in a fun and unique setting.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by sending Chris Weintraut an email at cw@inaap.org by Wednesday, November 24th. Directions and parking information will be provided to those who wish to attend.

**INAAP Vice President Dr. Tony
GiaQuinta Provides Updates on
Efforts Related to Lowering Indiana's
Infant Mortality Rate**

Last Wednesday capped off another successful Labor of Love conference, dedicated to testimony, discussion, and problem solving surrounding our state's stagnant and devastatingly high infant mortality rate. The conference sold out, with over 1,000 participants from various specialties. This year's conference took an in-depth look at the opioid epidemic and its impact on our community, and in particular, pregnant mothers.



Two themes were readily apparent throughout day: First, that a collaborative, cross-systems

approach is crucial for success; and second, that our Indiana AAP chapter has our fingerprints all over these efforts. INAAP members led presentations and breakout session featuring a wide range of topics, including Dr. Nancy Swigonski's community empowered initiative Best Babies Zone, and Dr. Cynthia Nassim's medical home model that envelopes high-risk moms into an environment of trust and support.

Although not included in this year's Labor of Love conference, there is another initiative in the Fort Wayne area that weaves together these themes of community collaboration and support. The project's roots stem from a question posed by the local department of health Commissioner, Dr. Deb McMahan: are the babies born to mothers with substance use disorder receiving appropriate care in this community?

Funded by a Healthy People 2020 grant, and led by four Fort Wayne INAAP members, including neonatologists Drs. Melissa Rice and James Cameron, NICU follow-up clinician Dr. Heather Wolfe, and myself, we set out to find the answer. We quickly found that the problem would not be solved by pediatricians alone. Rather, with our leadership, we assembled a community-wide collaborative, bringing to the table leaders from both area hospital systems, the child-welfare system (DCS), court systems, and the medical community (including obstetric, pediatric, and mental health organizations).

Using surveys to garner understanding and readiness, a cohesive plan with shared goals was created, and will be unveiled this spring as part of the Northeast Indiana Patient Safety Alliance. A unique element of these recommendations will include a pediatric post-nursery discharge pathway for infants exposed to opiates in-utero. Once again, with communication from the child welfare and court systems built into the pathway, we believe we can prevent these vulnerable infants from falling through cracks in the system, and instead set them on a path to a healthy life.

These efforts even became the impetus for an AAP resolution entitled "A Collaborative Approach to Children Born to Parents with Drug Addiction." We are excited to see the results from our efforts, and importantly, excited that our community can be an example of what can be achieved by INAAP leadership and dedicated collaboration.



Open Call for 2018-2020 INAAP Leadership Positions

Are you interested in taking on a larger role within our organization and helping shape our efforts over the next two years?

Nominations are now open for several INAAP leadership positions, which are detailed below.

Nominations will remain open through **December 31, 2017**, and elections will be held in February 2018. If you have any questions about the positions below, or would like to talk in more detail about the responsibilities and expectations, please email Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org.

Open Positions

Regional Representative

Term - May 2018 through May 2020

INAAP's Regional Affairs Committee is comprised of six Regional Representatives (2 North, 2 Central, and 2 South). Regional Representatives serve as a liaison between INAAP leadership and their local region of Indiana. As a whole, the Regional Affairs Committee is tasked with making sure INAAP hears from pediatricians throughout the entire state and helps address any issues that might be brought forward from pediatricians in the community.

The Regional Affairs Committee meets once per month via teleconference. Regional Representatives also serve as members of the INAAP Board of Directors, and would be asked to attend 3 Board of Directors meetings per year.

This cycle there are 5 Regional Representative positions open: 2 North, 1 Central, and 2 South.

Secretary

Term - May 2018 through May 2020

The Secretary must be a Fellow or Specialty Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The Secretary shall oversee the keeping of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law, shall oversee the storage of the corporate records, and shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President, or by the Chapter Board of Directors. The Secretary may work with the Executive Director and other INAAP staff to complete these duties.

Treasurer

Term - May 2018 through May 2020

The Treasurer must be a Fellow or Specialty Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The Treasurer shall be responsible for monitoring all funds and securities of the Chapter, shall oversee the receipt of all monies due and payable to the Chapter from any sources whatsoever, shall oversee deposit of all such monies in the name of the Chapter in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws, and shall in general perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President, or by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may work with the Executive Director and other INAAP staff to complete these duties.

Vice President

Term - May 2018 through May 2024 (Vice President 2 years, President 2 years, Immediate Past President 2 years)

The Vice President must be a Fellow or Specialty Fellow of the Academy. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of the President's duties and shall perform such other duties and functions as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President, or the Chapter Board of Directors.

Election to the position of Vice President requires a six-year commitment to INAAP leadership, as the Vice President will serve as President at the end of the initial 2-year term, and then will serve a final 2-year term as immediate past president.

In addition to other duties as part of the Board of Directors, the President and Vice President take part in weekly conference calls with the Executive Director to discuss the business of the organization.

If you are interested in the Vice President position, please contact Chris Weintraut for more details.

ISDH Director Dr. Kristina Box to Speak at INAAP's January Meeting

Starting in January 2018, INAAP will be changing the format of our in-person meetings. In accordance with our efforts to provide engaging and useful information to our members, each of our in-person meeting will now be centered around a specific speaker or topic.

On January 17th, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Kristina Box will be on hand to talk with us about her efforts at the Indiana State Department of Health, and how INAAP and ISDH can work together on child health issues in our state.



More information about our in-person meetings, including how to RSVP, is included below. Stay tuned for other topics throughout the year, and let us know if there are any subjects you'd like to propose for a future meeting.

Upcoming INAAP Meetings

There are several upcoming meetings for those

who want to learn more about INAAP's efforts, or who are looking to get more involved.

Our next in-person meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th. Dinner is provided at our in-person meetings, so please RSVP to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org by January 16th if you plan to attend.

If you haven't been involved in one of our child-health committees before due to distance or the timing of the meetings, now is the perfect time to join! Information on the three committees is below:



INAAP General Meeting (In Person)

Held at the Joseph Maley Foundation
7128 Lakeview Pkwy W Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 pm**
RSVP to cw@inaap.org by January 16th

Early Brain & Childhood Development (teleconference)

Chair: Katie Swec, MD, FAAP, kathleenswec@gmail.com (chair)
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, December 12th at 12:10 pm**

Perinatal and Infant Mortality (teleconference)

Tony GiaQuinta, MD, FAAP, indypeddoc@gmail.com (co-chair)
Emily Scott, MD, FAAP, escott1@IUHealth.org (co-chair)
Next Meeting: **Thursday, December 21st at 12:00 pm**

Preventive Health (teleconference)

Rick Reifenberg, MD, FAAP, rreifemb@IUHealth.org (co-chair)
Cynthia Robbins, MD, MS, FAAP cyrobbin@iu.edu (co-chair)
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 pm**

Teleconference Information for all committees will be the same, and is included below. If you want to learn more about the work being done by each committee, feel free to call and listen in! You can use either your computer (with mic and speakers) or your phone.

Teleconference Information:

Using a computer: <https://www.uberconference.com/inaap>
Using a phone: Dial-in number: 857-216-4676, PIN: 52460



HPV MOC Part IV Project

RESPONSE NEEDED BY DECEMBER 15

The Child Health Improvement Partnership Indiana (CHIP IN for Quality) is excited to once again offer practices in our state the opportunity to take part in a national adolescent immunization initiative, "**National Immunization Partnership with the APA**" (NIPA). This multi-state quality improvement (QI) research project, which is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a collaboration between the National Improvement Partnership Network (NIPN) and the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) and is led by our colleagues at the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program (VCHIP). Indiana is among the states to enroll in the fourth cohort of NIPA and engage in this project to **improve HPV immunization coverage rates in primary care settings.**

Benefits of project participation (project runs January 2018 - September 2018)

- Earn 25 credits towards ABP Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 4, or Maintenance of Certification for Family Physicians (MC-FP) Part 4 from the American Board of Family Medicine. You can also receive Performance Improvement CME.
- Receive QI coaching and support, including project-specific customized tools and materials.

- Receive assistance in assessing your system for HPV vaccine delivery, recognizing barriers, and selecting evidence-based strategies to test with PDSA cycles.
- Increase knowledge and build skills on topics such as delivering a strong provider recommendation for HPV vaccine, reducing missed opportunities for vaccination and adolescent-friendly office systems
- Help raise the 2016, series completion rate of 49.5% (girls) and 37.5% (boys), to meet the Healthy People 2020 goal of 80% while increasing the potential to prevent HPV-related cancers

Please see the flyer linked below for more information, including requirements for participation. [HPV QI Project Info](#)

If you are interested in participating, please contact Rachel Wallace-Brodeur at Rachel.Wallace-Brodeur@med.uvm.edu or (757) 484-1856. You may also contact your CHIP IN for Quality lead for this project, Mary Delaney at mwdelane@iu.edu. Thank you!

Again, a response is needed by December 15!

Join Us on Workplace - A Place for INAAP Members to Collaborate

INAAP recently implemented "Workplace," a communication and collaboration platform produced by Facebook. The platform allows members to share thoughts, questions, documents, and other information quickly and easily.

Only INAAP members are permitted to join, so Workplace is the perfect place to bounce ideas off of other pediatricians and nurse practitioners throughout the state. Having those questions and collaborations stored in a central place will also serve as a resource to new members.

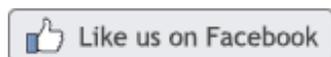
We highly encourage INAAP members to join. The platform will be more effective the more members we have involved. If you are interested in joining Workplace, contact Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org. He will send you an invitation and get you set up!



Reminder on the Importance of Social Media

INAAP has made a concerted effort to increase the quality and scope of its social media messaging. We are now posting a variety of information for both practitioners and families on a daily basis. INAAP currently utilizes both Facebook and Twitter, but needs your help to spread our message. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to use the links at the bottom of this article to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. The more followers we have, the more effective we can be at spreading our message.

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