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Letter from the President - Urgent Issues Related to Newborn Screening Results

On Friday, you received an urgent notice from me regarding changes to the newborn screen reporting process in Indiana. Though INAAP was not involved with the change to the process, I wanted to make sure all INAAP members were aware of the change since it could have very serious consequences for some of our patients.

Since finding out about the change last week, INAAP has been working with ISDH to refine the policy and ensure that it will result in the best possible care for Indiana's newborns. ISDH has indicated that will have changes to the policy finalized and ready for dissemination by this coming Friday. They will share the policy changes with INAAP, and we in turn will be sure to pass along that information to all of you. If you have a positive IEM screen between now and Friday, please refer to the information in our urgent notice from earlier this week, and stay tuned for updates on this issue in the coming days.



Legislative Update - Week 3

Week 3 of the 2018 Legislative Session is now in the books, and INAAP had a strong presence at the Statehouse advocating on a number of pediatric issues.



On January 16th, INAAP Executive Director Chris Weintraut spoke at a rally as part of the Tobacco Free Indiana Coalition in an effort to bolster support for [House Bill 1380](#) which would raise the price of cigarettes in Indiana.

On January 17th, Dr. Mary Ott (top picture below) testified on [Senate Bill 65](#) which deals with instruction on human sexuality in schools. Dr. Ott emphasized the necessity of such instruction, and argued that the bill's language should be switched from "opt-in" to "opt-out" to ensure as many students as possible receive the information they need. The bill will be up for a vote this coming Wednesday.

On January 18th INAAP provided testimony in favor of [Senate Bill 339](#), which would require schedule II controlled substances to be dispensed in a locking container in an effort to combat pilfering of medications. A vote on that bill will be coming next week.

Earlier this morning (January 22nd), Dr. Roberta Hibbard (bottom picture below) testified in support of [Senate Bill 431](#) which would extend immunity protections for physicians involved with investigations of child abuse or neglect. A vote on that bill will likely happen next Monday.

You can read the full overview of last week's activity [HERE](#).





Dr. Emily Sherer talks about Help Me Grow

The Help Me Grow (HMG) model is a system approach to designing a comprehensive, integrated process for ensuring developmental promotion, early identification, referral, and linkage to early childhood resources and services. The system model of HMG reflects a set of best practices for designing and implementing a system that can optimally meet the needs of young children and families. It is specifically designed to help states organize and leverage existing resources in order to best serve families with children at-risk developmental delay. The system does not change or reinvent these programs and services.

Through funding from Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) and Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), Indiana will pilot the Help Me Grow model in the 7 counties around the state with MIECHV funding for home visiting services. The first step to bringing HMG to Indiana is a four (4) day site visit by the staff of the HMG National Center. The Site Visit and Community Meetings serve as an introduction to the HMG system. The Site Visit is important for the National team to learn about state specific programs and services and also for you to learn about the National HMG Model.

The site visit is occurring this week. On Monday, January 22 1:00-4:00PM there was local team meeting on the near Eastside of Indianapolis. On Tuesday, January 23 there was a morning meeting for state leaders and an afternoon meeting for the Early Learning Advisory Committee. On Wednesday, January 24 at 8:00 Dr. Paul Dworkin, the founder of Help Me Grow, presented at Grand Rounds at Riley Hospital.

Help Prevent Injuries from TV Tip-overs with Updated Toolkit

Prevent Child Injury has just released an updated toolkit focusing on TV tip-over prevention. Research shows that every three weeks in the U.S., a child dies from a TV tip-over, and hundreds more are injured in the same time period. We can help reduce the risk of these injuries by raising awareness of the issue and encouraging parents and caregivers to anchor their televisions.

The toolkit is available at the link below.

[TV Injury Prevention Toolkit](#)



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On Wednesday, January 17th, ISDH Commissioner Dr. Kris Box (pictured to the left and below) came and spoke with INAAP members about her priorities for the upcoming year and beyond. The meeting had a large turnout, with over 30 members from around the state attending.

Dr. Box discussed priorities related to HPV vaccine, infant mortality, tobacco, and obesity. The group also discussed the recent changes to newborn screening, and helped provide input on how to better refine the system for the betterment of Indiana's children. If you'd like more information on any of the topics discussed at the meeting, please reach out to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org for a copy of the meeting minutes.



Letter from AAP District V Chair, Dr. Richard Tuck

It hardly seems possible that another year has come and gone, but the snow falling outside my window as I write this assures me it is mid-December.

It has been a whirlwind of a year that has brought us many challenges, but also many successes. The level of engagement, input, and advocacy I have seen from so many of you across the state is unlike anything I've experienced before, and I am incredibly thankful to have so many wonderful colleagues join me in this important work. Together we've advocated on policy both at the national and state levels, we secured several grants that helped us provide programs and education throughout the state, and we continue to work with state agencies on improving the formulary system and access to the medical care and medications our patients need.



Looking ahead to 2018, I have no doubt there will be new challenges we will have to undertake both for our profession and for the patients we serve. However, the people I have met and who I have had the opportunity to work with during my time as President leave me no doubt we will be equipped to meet those challenges head on.

As the 2018 Indiana General Assembly gets under way after the first of the year, I encourage you all to stay engaged and informed on the issues that will affect the pediatric community in Indiana. INAAP will be providing regular updates on the bills making their way through the legislature, and we'll also be providing testimony as needed. If you have a thought on something you see happening at the state house, please reach out and let us know!

Finally, I want to wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season. May this time with family and friends be peaceful, restful, and full of joy. Thank you for all your work, and I look forward to doing it again in 2018!

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, March 21st. Dinner is provided at our in-person meetings, so please RSVP using the button below by March 20th 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, March 21st at 6:00 pm**

Early Brain & Childhood Development (teleconference)

Chair: Katie Swec, MD, FAAP, kathleenswec@gmail.com (chair)
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, February 13th at 12:10 pm**

Perinatal and Infant Mortality (teleconference)

Pat Clements, MD, FAAP, pclement@indiana.edu (chair)
Next Meeting: **Thursday, February 15th 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, February 21st 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

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!

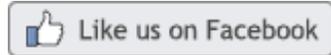




Social Media

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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