

Our Children, Our Families Council
Summary of the Pediatrics Advisory Council
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Goals of the Effort

The Pediatrics Advisory Council (PAC) is comprised of all volunteer physicians from diverse practice areas who convene “to improve children’s health by increasing coordination and collaboration among children’s healthcare systems in San Francisco.” To accomplish this overarching mission, they have outlined the following goals & objectives:

Goals:

- Improve quality of pediatric clinical care by sharing best-practices, efficiencies, resources
- Increase appropriate access and utilization of healthcare services primary care, family planning, dental, and behavioral health services
- Improved understanding of the strengths and gaps in children’s health care
- Address social determinants of health in which multiple healthcare systems can significantly change policies and systems

Objectives:

- Share relevant information amongst the Pediatric Advisory Council members, representing the different health care systems in San Francisco
- Provide advice to the Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Section of the San Francisco Department of Public Health on issues related to children’s healthcare
- Receive public health updates from various sections of the San Francisco Department of Public Health
- Build infrastructure for coordination and collaboration between health systems to improve children’s health

Focal Population of the Effort

The PAC is focused on improving outcomes for children ages 0 to 18, although some of their initiatives would improve outcomes for individuals outside the range of this focal population. Moreover, because large disparities in health outcomes currently exist based on socioeconomic status and race in San Francisco, the PAC is focused on improving outcomes in the most disadvantaged populations who currently experience the poorest health outcomes.

Impact

The PAC brainstormed ways to streamline the sharing of children’s medical records among service providers across the city and formed a “common consent” protocol in accordance with the latest HIPAA regulations. They also came together to identify gaps in the procedures surrounding infectious diseases in schools. Once gaps were identified, the PAC took the recommendations to the lead nurse at SFUSD and helped the district revise its protocol to improve outcomes. PAC co-chair Shannon Udovic-Constant, MD, attributes these successes to the fact that every member of the PAC is an expert on child health. They have their finger on the pulse of child health in the city, and their diversity of practice areas allows for effective collaboration across health systems, communities, income levels, etc.

Challenges

Ms. Udovic-Constant identified the PAC’s greatest challenge to be the limited time and lack of additional financial resources available for initiatives like theirs. Because all of the PAC members are full-time practitioners, time to allocate toward PAC initiatives is hard to come by, and without funding for any staffing, the organization can only afford to meet quarterly and pursue its agenda when time permits.

Origins of the Effort

The Pediatric Advisory Council was started by Philip Ziring, a physician and Medical Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Child Health & Disability Prevention Program (CHDP). Dr. Ziring started the PAC with the vision of bringing together pediatricians from all practice settings to one table to improve collaboration and work across

systems. He also fostered relationships with SFUSD, San Francisco Health Plan, and others to improve collaboration. When he retired in 2007, his position at the Department of Public Health when unfilled, and the PAC disbanded. In 2012, however, the PAC was reinvigorated by pediatricians Shannon Udovic-Constant and C. Jeanne Lee, and the PAC has continued to meet since.

Leading the Effort

Pediatric Advisory Council leadership is shared between two co-chairs, Shannon Udovic-Constant, MD, FAAP, and C. Jeanne Lee, MD, CHPY and CHDP/MCAH. Shannon helped revive the PAC in 2012, and she works as a pediatrician for Kaiser Permanente and an Assistant Clinical Professor at UCSF. Previously, she served as the president of the San Francisco Medical Society. Jeanne serves as the Medical Director of the Child Health & Disability Prevention Program (CHDP), a Medical Epidemiologist with the Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health program with the Department of Public Health, and she still works as a half-time pediatrician at CHPY youth clinics.

Members of the Effort

Including the 2 co-chairs, the PAC contains 46 members, all of whom are voluntarily involved in the PAC in addition to their full-time, professional positions. Of the 46 members, roughly 15 to 20 are consistent participants at every PAC meeting, while other members attend only when the meeting theme is most directly applicable to their field. Below is the PAC membership roster as of May 2015:

Co-chair: Shannon Udovic-Constant, MD, Kaiser SF/San Francisco Medical Society

Co-chair: C. Jeanne Lee, MD, CHPY and CHDP/MCAH

Jamal Harris, MD, SFGH Children's Health Center/Southeast HC.

Mary Jue, SFUSD

Carol Miller, MD, UCSF

Sabrina Santiago, MD, UCSF

Long Vinh, MD, and other UCSF pediatric residents.

Shonul Agarwal Jain, MD, SFGH Pediatrics

Laurel Kloomak, Exec Director, First 5

Derik Aoki, First 5

Curtis Chan, MD, MCAH, SF Dept. of Public Health

Juno Duenas, Support for Families with Children

Yasuko Fukuda, MD, San Francisco pediatrician in private practice/AAP

Suzanne Giraud, CPMC Child Development Center

Diane Goldman, SFUSD Student Support (retired)

Jamal Harris, MD, COPC/SFGH Pediatrics

Mary Hansell, MCAH, SF Dept. of Public Health

David Hayashida, MD, CCS

Sarah Hemmer, Bayview Child Health Center

Hamilton Holt, MD, Psychiatry Telemedicine, CBHS

Cora Hoover, MD, CDPH, Director, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention

Ingrid Lin, MD, GGRC

Felice Parisi, MD, GGRC

Katrina Liu, MD, NEMS

George Fouras, MD, SFDPH/CBHS/Foster Care

Lucy Crain, MD, UCSF (retired)

Amy Whittle, MD, UCSF/SFGH

Anda Kuo, MD, UCSF/SFGH

Katy Broner, MD, St. Anthony's Free Medical Clinic

Zea Malawa, Bayview Child Health Center

Janis Mandac-Dy, MDAC, SFGH/UCSF

Michael Marcin, OMI Medical Director, CBHS

Markita Mays, UCSF/Bayview Child Health Center
Pooja Mittal, FMD, Family Health Center, SFGH
Susanna Osorno-Crandall, Center for Youth Wellness
Kelly Pfeifer, San Francisco Health Plan
Susan Fisher-Owens, MD, UCSF, AAP Oral Health
Tonya Chaffee, MD, SFGH
Troy Roberts, Center for Youth Wellness
Jaime Ruiz, Mission Neighborhood Health Clinic
Minoo Shah, MD, SFUSD Special Education Services
Gloria Thornton, Anthem Blue Cross
Margaret Fisher, SF DPH,
Heather Tufts, Dept. of Children, Youth, & their Families
Jodi Stookey, PhD, SF DPH, MCH, Epidemiologist
Susan Obata, MD, Med Dir, Community Health Programs for Youth, Balboa Teen Center

Structure of the Effort

The PAC convenes quarterly, and each meeting focuses on a theme agreed upon at the preceding meeting. Outside experts most relevant to the topic are invited to attend and present. Sample topics include mental health access of kids and childhood obesity.

The Role of Data

Data collection has not been a focus for the PAC. Because they receive no funding, they see no need to track outcomes. Therefore, instead of focusing on quantitative metrics, PAC members strive to identify problems in healthcare delivery and then convene to fix them rather than concentrating on data related to each problem. Nonetheless, because the PAC is comprised of medical practitioners, PAC members are all aware of current public health trends on a local and national level, and awareness of this data underpins their work.

Related Documents

- Membership Roster
- Mission, Goals, & Objectives Handout