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STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 18, 2025 - 12:00 PM

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PEDIATRIC PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

The statewide availability of pediatric physicians and the challenges Wyoming faces in recruitment resulted in a brainstorming session focused on pediatric residents. One idea that quickly elevated as one worth pursuing was a state WY-AAP chapter partnership with the AAP to create externship opportunities. Several members of the WY-AAP leadership volunteered to undertake initial fact-finding tasks with the intention of revisiting the conversation in the coming months. There was a clear consensus around the benefit of hosting pediatric residents nearing the end of their second year, or at any point in their third year, to rotate through rural clinic settings for exposure to rural pediatric medicine.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Sheila Bush updated members on legislative activity and advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. She reported that the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee is scheduled to convene in Casper on June 23 and 24, as well as in Cheyenne on October 16 and 17. President Sanderson, MD, thanked members of the WY-AAP for sacrificing their time and energy to volunteer to join the advocacy staff at the June hearing. Special thanks to Drs. Dustin Mayne (Casper Pediatrician) and Justin Romano (Cheyenne pediatric psychiatrist) for spending the day with the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee in late June. Anyone interested in joining advocacy efforts as the state focuses in on pediatric

health policy, please mark your calendars for **October 16-17 in Cheyenne** and reach out to any member of the executive committee or staff to get more involved!

Maternal Health

The JLHSS committee has prioritized Wyoming's maternal health deserts for a second time and will again highlight it throughout the 2025 interim. Committee leaders are looking to the Governor's Healthcare task force and its OB/Primary Care subgroup for guidance and legislative recommendations. Conversations around workforce, training, and other health care professionals across the medical provider team are continuing under the direction of Governor Gordon's new health policy advisor, Curtis Biggs. The WY-AAP is keen on advocating with policy leaders that maternal health conversations include the critical need for pediatric physician specialists to be present and available.

CME Events

TIC

Mark your calendars for September 11, 2025 over the noon hour for a webinar on TIC by Dr. Bird Gilmartin. If there are specific areas of TIC that you'd like to learn more about from one of our regional experts, please email Sheila Bush at sheila@wyomed.org

Annual Mtg

Please make plans to be in Laramie, WY **November 14-15, 2025** for the AAP Annual Conference. We again are fortunate to host this combined event with the Wyoming Medical Society which helps to contain costs while serving as a wonderful catalyst to bring physicians from all over Wyoming together for a weekend of learning and social fun. The lecture series is particularly interesting this year and we're certain you won't want to miss out. Learn more on the [WMS Annual Meeting Website](#)

Vaccination and Immunization

WY-AAP members discussed the current conversations around vaccination and immunization at the federal level and the anticipated future discussions on those same policies in Wyoming. A passionate discussion ensued around the prioritization of advocacy efforts in this policy area.

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

The WY-AAP 2024 annual report (linked [HERE](#)) was presented and discussed. Chapter leadership is proud of what was offered to members throughout the year, and eager to continue delivering in the areas of education, advocacy and member communication.

We Missed You!

We know how challenging schedules can get especially when the temptation of these beautiful Wyoming summers lure us outdoors. If you weren't able to join us for our call today, please know you were missed and that we look forward to having you join us next time.

Our next statewide membership meeting will be scheduled in conjunction with the October legislative hearing in Cheyenne. Stay tuned for details!

