

REPORT TO DISTRICT III TRUSTEE

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MEETINGS/BUSINESS/ANNUAL SESSION			
DATE 10/21/2023	FAPD Annual Meeting	DATE Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap here to enter text.
LOCATION: Wyndham Bonnet Creek - Orlando	Click or tap here to enter text.	LOCATION	Click or tap here to enter text.

OFFICER ELECTION			
WHEN	At Annual Meeting	LENGTH OF TERM	1 year

CE COURSES			
DATE 10/21/2023	“ “	DATE Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap here to enter text.
TITLE: Hit Me With Your Best Shot	Dental Anesthesia	TITLE The Core of the Snore	Sleep Disorders
SPEAKER: Dr. Stanley Malamed	Click or tap here to enter text.	SPEAKER: Dr. Ann Bynum	Click or tap here to enter text.
LOCATION: Orlando	Orlando	Orlando	Click or tap here to enter text.

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NUMBER OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTS IN YOUR STATE	602 (351 members of FAPD)
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STATE LEGISLATION (Please provide information on any state activities) The FAPD and the FDA met to discuss the updates on the new hospital code G0330 and its implementation in Florida. The FDA has been working on the underfunded medicaid program for over a decade along with access to care concerns about providers not receiving enough time in operating rooms around the state. Anesthesia reimbursement in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers has been notoriously low thus discouraging hospitals from scheduling OR time for pediatric dentists, oral surgeons, and other dental specialties. Our professional dental organizations plan to work together to encourage policymakers to address this situation in the upcoming legislative sessions and lobby on our behalf to hospital administrators and hospital systems in Florida.

MEDICAID ISSUES (Please discuss any issues/concerns) The FAPD and Florida chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics successfully won a lawsuit against the state to increase the benefits that Medicaid provides back in 2016. The settlement agreement provides for the Agency for Health Care Administration (“AHCA”) and other state agencies to make substantial improvements in the access of children on Medicaid to medical and dental care throughout the state, and is designed to raise Florida to at least national norms over several years. We are currently looking at the data to see if these norms are being met as the FAPD feels dentistry was afterthought, and the settlement came about because the Pediatric Society was satisfied with the offer after more than 10 years of fighting with the state. **UPDATE 2023** – NO INCREASE IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT SINCE 2011. OUR RETAINED ATTORNEY IS STILL WORKING ON THIS ISSUE.

OTHER ITEMS AFFECTING YOUR MEMBERS: Delta Dental will be phasing out the Premier Plan which has a higher reimbursement fee schedule to the regular PPO Plan. Current options for Premier providers are to go out of network or to sign up as a PPO provider at the lower reimbursement rate. The FAPD Executive board is working with the Florida Dental Association (FDA) to advocate for our members. The FDA will be meeting with Delta Dental in December to speak to decision makers on the topic and give FAPD an update when able. Casey Stoutamire with the FDA will also discuss this issue with the Office of Insurance Regulation and will get back to our board with more information to be reviewed in our next newsletter. Stay tuned!

The biggest project that FAPD has been working on is our Zoom CE courses. We have managed to provide over 10 Zoom CE courses to our members all for free. What an amazing member benefit. These Zoom courses included all of the mandatory Florida courses as well as 6 out of 8 hours for the new DEA Opioid requirement. The one outlier in these courses is the Medical Emergencies and Airway requirement for those that hold a sedation permit. This course must contain a hands-on component and therefore cannot be done 100% on Zoom.

Dr. Fishman was able to get Farrington Service Award in latest Newsletter but likely will not see applicants until next cycle.

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PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES OF AT LEAST 2 INDIVIDUALS FROM YOUR STATE WHO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ROLES ON COUNCILS/COMMITTEES OF SSPD:

NAME	ADDRESS
Dr. Manav Malik	3103 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, FL 34237
Dr. Nicholas White	974 International Pkwy, Lake Mary, FL 32746

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS, TOPICS: Practice Business Management, Retirement and Financial Planning

ANY OTHER COMMENTS: