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Minnesota Chapter

**Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Announces New Board Officers and Members**

July 3, 2014 (St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MNAAP) and its foundation, the Minnesota Academy of Pediatrics, are pleased to announce the appointment of several new board officers and members.

President: Sue Berry, MD, FAAP, Division Director for Genetics and Metabolism in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota

President -elect: Andrew Kiragu, MD, FAAP, PICU medical director at HCMC

Treasurer/secretary: R. Hampton Rich, MD, FAAP, retired pediatric surgeon

New board members at large include: Deborah DeMarais, MD, MS, FAAP, vice president of Fairview Health Services; Joseph Neglia, MD, MPH, FAAP, head of the department of pediatrics at the U of M; Deborah Lee Smith-Wright, MD, chief of pediatrics at Shriners Hospitals for Children in the Twin Cities; Trish Scherrer, MD; pediatric hospitalist with CentraCare; and Michael Partington, MD, pediatric neurosurgeon and medical director of spina bifida services at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare.

MNAAP's board is composed of 30 pediatricians from rural and urban clinics and hospitals across Minnesota. Current child health priorities include increasing access to quality health care, protecting newborn screening, preventing bullying and promoting early brain development. The organization also has workgroups dedicated to increasing immunization rates, reducing pediatric obesity rates and increasing the number of health care homes for Minnesota's children.

With nearly 1,000 members, MNAAP is committed to improving the health of all children and teens in Minnesota. For a complete list of board members or for more information, visit www.mnaap.org

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