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**Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Announces Additions to 2016-2018 Board of Directors**

June 30, 2016 (St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MNAAP) is pleased to announce additions to its 2016-2018 board of directors, effective July 1, 2016.

The chapter's new president is **Andrew Kiragu, MD, FAAP**, medical director of the pediatric intensive care unit at **HCMC in Minneapolis**. He will be succeeded in 2018 by the chapter's new president elect, **Lori DeFrance, MD, FAAP**, a general pediatrician with **Essentia Clinic in Duluth**.

New board members-at-large include:

- **Kelly R. Bergmann, DO, MS, FAAP**, pediatric emergency medicine physician at **Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota in Minneapolis and St. Paul**.
- **Pamela Gigi Chawla, MD, FAAP**, pediatrician, pediatric hospitalist and Senior Medical Director of Primary Care at **Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota in Minneapolis and St. Paul**.
- **Janna Gewirtz O'Brien, MD**, associate consultant at **Mayo Clinic Community Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine in Rochester**.
- **Lisa Guetzko, MD**, general pediatrician at **HealthPartners in Sartell**.
- **Nancy Ott, MD, FAAP**, pediatric allergist at **Allergy and Asthma Specialists in Minneapolis**.
- **Rachel Tellez, MD, MS, FAAP**, general pediatrician at **HCMC in Minneapolis**.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a diverse group of pediatricians working collaboratively to tackle tough problems affecting the health of infants, children and adolescents in Minnesota," said Susan A. Berry, MD, FAAP, immediate past president of MNAAP. "Their involvement is a testament to their commitment to put children first, regardless of their specialty, health system or geographic location."

MNAAP's board is composed of more than 30 pediatricians from rural and urban clinics and hospitals across Minnesota. Current child health priorities include increasing access to mental health care and services, increasing immunization rates, addressing poverty and health disparities, and reducing rates of child abuse and maltreatment.

With more than 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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