2013 DOGPAH News & Events

Congratulations to Dr. Eisenberg and the Project EAT Team
The Project EAT team, including Dr. Marla Eisenberg who recently received a notice of grant award for Project EAT-IV: Eating and Activity in Adolescents and Young Adults This 15-year follow-up study of weight-related problems will investigate the trajectories of these problems over time, their transmission from one generation to the next, and risk and protective factors to guide public health interventions. This 4-year, $2.9 million grant is from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

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Dr. Shlafer Gives Presentation at the White House
Dr. Rebecca Shlafer attended a White House event entitled: Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Listening Session, organized by DOJ’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in partnership with the Domestic Policy Council and White House Office of Public Engagement. The event explored how mentoring programs can best support children of incarcerated parents. Rebecca gave a presentation on prevalence, risk, and protective factors for children with incarcerated parents.

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Faculty Member Selected to Receive a KL2 Scholar Award
Dr. Andrew Barnes has been selected to receive a 3-year KL2 Scholar Award for his application entitled: Self-Regulation and Health in High Risk Young Children.

August 2013

Oliphant Selected to Serve on GAVI Alliance Committee
Jennifer Oliphant, EdD, MPH, has been selected through a rigorous selection process to serve on the Independent Review Committee to the GAVI Alliance. Members examine country applications for new vaccine introduction, assess annual progress reports regarding the implementation of GAVI grants, and review proposals designed to strengthen health systems. She will serve up to a three year term. The GAVI Alliance is dedicated to improving world health by ensuring access to immunization in developing nations while supporting development of new vaccines. Dr. Oliphant was selected for her expertise in children and women’s sexual health.

Borowsky to Receive Miller-Sarkin Mentoring Award
Dr. Iris Borowsky has been chosen to receive the Miller-Sarkin Mentoring Award from the Academic Pediatric Association. The award recognizes the contributions of an APA member who has provided outstanding mentorship to learners or colleagues, both locally and nationally, and serves as a model to
others who aspire to mentor others as they mature. Please join the Department of Pediatrics in congratulating Iris on this award!

**Divisions to Merge**

Dr. Iris Borowsky has taken on the role of Division Director for a new, single Division of Academic General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine effective April 1, 2013. Dr. Borowsky is a long-standing member of the Department of Pediatrics. She has been a successful researcher, educator, and clinician who is committed to the development of our faculty. Please join Dr. Neglia in congratulating Iris on this new challenge!

**Dr. Dan Kohen to Retire**

After over 35 years as a faculty member, Dr. Dan Kohen will retire from the University of Minnesota at the end of March. Dr. Kohen has been the Director of the Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Group for many years, and director of the DBP education program since 1987. In addition to his role as an educator and clinician, Dan is a leading expert in the use of hypnosis in children. He is the lead author and co-author (with Dr. Karen Olness) of the major text in this field. Please join the Department of Pediatrics in wishing Dr. Kohen well in his new venture.