



2021 American Pediatric Society Election Candidate

Position: Council Member
Candidate: Dr. Tamera Coyne-Beasley
Candidate Institution: University of Alabama at Birmingham
Candidate Subspecialty: Adolescent Medicine

Tamera Coyne-Beasley, MD, MPH

Thanks for this nomination. I've been an active member of APS since 2013. I'm currently serving my 2nd term on the Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity. I'm a co-author of the APS Racism Series: At the Intersection of Equity, Science and Social Justice and participated in the planning that led to the Town Hall Forums. I also received an APS International Travel grant in 2016 to foster international collaboration in the advancement of child and adolescent health.

I'm a Past-President of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM). As president, I co-authored the Society's first position paper on racism and the need for organizational change, and incorporated equity as a stated value in our vision statement. I also collaborated with leaders of APS, SPR, APA, and the AAP to co-author and publish in three of the organization's journals a commentary entitled, *The Road to Tolerance and Understanding*.

My research, community engagement, policy and program development focus on adolescent health and well-being, sexual and reproductive health, risk behaviors and resiliency, injury prevention, global health, vaccines, and equity. I was appointed by the Secretary of HHS to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. I was also a member of the 2019 NASEM's Committee on Applying Lessons of Optimal Adolescent Health to Improve Behavioral Outcomes for Youth, and served on the CTSA's Key Function Committees on Community Engagement and Consortium Child Health Oversight Committees. I currently serve on the advisory committee for the Institute for Advanced Clinical Trials for Children (I-ACT for Children).

Collectively my professional passion includes the translation of research into policy and practice, the career development of diverse students and physicians at all levels, and advocating to achieve health equity. Career development, advocacy and equity are identified as strategic priorities for APS. If elected I'd work diligently to advance these priorities.

Tamera Coyne-Beasley, MD, MPH – Candidate: Council Member

Medical School: Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

Residency: Med-Peds, Duke University, Durham North Carolina

Fellowship: Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, Epidemiology, Preventive Medicine; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (UNC)

Faculty positions (selected) - UNC, Chapel Hill: 1995-2018, Faculty (Assistant Professor to Full Professor with Tenure); Director, Adolescent Medicine; William T. Grant Foundation Faculty Scholar; Founding Director, North Carolina Child Health Research Network; Associate Director, Child Health Core, Community Engagement, North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute (CTSA)

Current Professional Titles and Institution: Derrol Dawkins, MD Endowed Chair in Adolescent Medicine; Division Director, Adolescent Medicine; Vice Chair, Pediatrics for Community Engagement; Professor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Children's of Alabama

I sincerely appreciate the nomination for Council of the American Pediatric Society. I have been an active member of the American Pediatric Society since 2013 and I am currently serving my second term on the Committee of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity. I am a contributing author to the APS Racism Series: *At the Intersection of Equity, Science and Social Justice* and participated in the planning and presentations that led to the production of the APS Town Hall Forums. I was also honored to receive an International Travel grant from APS in 2016 to foster international collaboration in the advancement of child and adolescent health.

I am a Past-President of the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine. Under my presidential term, I co-authored the Society's first position paper on racism, its harmful effects, and the need for organizational change, and incorporated equity as a stated value in SAHM's vision statement. As president of SAHM, I also collaborated with other presidents and leaders of APS, SPR, APA, and the AAP to co-author and simultaneously publish in three of the organization's journals a commentary entitled, *"The Road to Tolerance and Understanding"*. As a Fellow and active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, I have served as a member of the Committee on Federal Government Affairs and continue to serve on the Committee on Pediatric Research (COPR). As a member of COPR, I was a co-author on the 2015 policy statement on *"Race, Ethnicity and Socioeconomic Status in Research on Child Health"* and as a COPR representative I co-chaired the NIH committee on *"The Ethical Challenges and the Enrollment of Vulnerable Populations,"* as part of the 2017 NIH Inclusion Across the Lifespan workshop. In 2020, I co-authored two chapters in AAP book publications entitled *Raising Youth of Color in a Complex World* and *The Traumatic Impact of Racism and Discrimination on Young People and How to Talk About It*.

My research, community engagement, policy and program development focus on adolescent health and well-being, sexual and reproductive health, risk behaviors and resiliency, injury prevention, global health, vaccines, health disparities and equity. I was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) as a voting member and appointed to chair the Adult Immunization workgroup. As a health services and translational researcher, I was also a member of the 2019 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on *Applying Lessons of Optimal Adolescent Health to Improve Behavioral Outcomes for Youth*, and served on the CTSA's Key Function Committees on Community Engagement and CTSA Consortium Child Health Oversight Committees. I currently serve on the advisory committee for the Institute for Advanced Clinical Trials for Children (I-ACT for Children).

Collectively my professional passion includes the translation of research into policy and practice, the career development and support of diverse students and physicians at all levels, and advocating and working to achieve health equity. Career development, advocacy and equity have been identified as strategic priorities for APS. If elected to Council, I would work diligently to advance these priorities and assist in efforts to increase the pediatric subspecialty workforce. Thank you for your consideration.