



2025 American Pediatric Society Election Candidate

- Position:** President-elect
- Candidate:** Tamera Coyne-Beasley, MD, MPH,
FAAP, FSAHM
- Institution(s):** University of Alabama at Birmingham and
Children's of Alabama
- Subspecialty:** Adolescent Medicine

Candidate Statement of Interest

I am the Derrol Dawkins MD Endowed Chair of Adolescent Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. I am humbled to have been nominated to for this position. My interest in this role is motivated by my significant commitment to the APS, its mission and its membership. I have been active member since 2017. In 2021, I was elected to Council and appointed Co-Chair of the Committee of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity (CODIE). I have also served APS in the following roles: finance committee, David Nichols Health Equity Award Task Force and Selection Committee, APS liaison to the PAS DEI Committee, mentor in the Journeys program, co-author of the APS Racism Series, and planning committee for APS Forums. I have given numerous presentations at PAS, including topics intentionally related to health equity and the APS Issues of the Year. Health equity is also a significant area of my continuously funded research career focused on adolescent health and well-being.

Through strategic planning, Council has identified significant challenges that need to be addressed including threats to DEI, a shrinking pediatric workforce, and the development of pediatric scientists. Recent issues of the year such as racism, scientific integrity, youth engaged in legal settings, and firearm injuries are all issues that I have been engaged in through research, policy and practice, and through APS. As a current Council member who will rotate off in May, I will have a depth and breadth of organizational knowledge and strategic planning engagement that will allow me to provide important continuity in the development and implementation of our strategic planning. Efforts to increase and diversify the pediatric and scientific workforce through pathway programs and mentoring are a passion and long-term interest (see link). As a Past-President of SAHM and an active member of multiple pediatric organizations, I will engage with other organizations to collaborate on our goals. Other APS needs are financial sustainability and career development for mid and senior level faculty. I am deeply committed to serving our Society and its current and future needs. I would be grateful for the opportunity to also engage the expertise of our outstanding members to work toward the accomplishment of our goals, improve the health and wellbeing of children and adolescents, and solve the complex issues facing academic pediatricians.

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Past President, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine

Tamera Coyne-Beasley, MD, MPH, FAAP, FSAHM – Bio

Dr. Tamera Coyne-Beasley is the Derrol Dawkins Endowed Chair in Adolescent Medicine, Division Director for Adolescent Medicine, Vice Chair of Pediatrics for Community Engagement, and Professor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Children's of Alabama. She received her undergraduate degree from Brown University; MD from Duke University; and MPH with honors in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her areas of expertise and training include adolescent medicine, preventive medicine, health services research, community engaged research, medical management, epidemiology, public health and health equity.

Dr. Coyne-Beasley has led or been actively engaged in the health equity efforts of many national professional organizations. As a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Pediatric Research (COPR), she was a co-author on the 2015 policy statement, *Race, Ethnicity and Socioeconomic Status in Research on Child Health*. As a COPR representative she 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 she 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*. Her most recent AAP published chapter is *Pediatric and Adolescent Research on Race and Racism* in the AAP Primer for Pediatric professionals, *Untangling the Thread of Racism*. She also contributed to the Academic Pediatrics Association's *Academic Pediatrics 2024* journal supplement as a lead author on a manuscript entitled, *Identity-Based Discrimination and Intersectionality in Adolescence*. As a member of Pediatricians Against Racism and Trauma (PART) founded by APA and AAP Past President Benard Dreyer, M.D., she coauthored *The Death of George Floyd: Bending the Arc of History Toward Justice for Generations of Children*. Dr. Coyne-Beasley has served on the AAP's subcommittee on Federal Research Policy, and Federal and Legislative Committees and continues to be a staunch advocate for children and adolescents using research and evidence as her framework.

Dr. Coyne-Beasley is also a Past President of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine and during her term, co-authored the Society's first position paper on racism, its harmful effects and the need for organizational change, and received one of the Society's highest awards, the Adele Hoffman Visiting Professor. She also serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Dr. Coyne-Beasley is also the PI and Program Director of the Leadership Education in Adolescent Health program at UAB, a training program funded by HRSA and granted to only nine programs in the United States. This multidisciplinary program aims to improve the quality of care and equitable access to appropriate health services for adolescents and young adults (AYA) by preparing leaders in AYA health through interdisciplinary training at the graduate and post-graduate levels. She accomplishes this through preparing diverse AYA health professionals, through didactic, experiential, and research-based interdisciplinary education and training, and expanding diversity, equity, and inclusion related to race, ethnicity, geography, and special populations within all training program components, Her trainees include physicians, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers and dietitians.

Dr. Coyne-Beasley's focus on pediatric workforce development and scientific mentoring are grounded in community engagement. She leads the MCH HOPES program, a longitudinal STEM and health careers program for diverse high school students and its longitudinal middle school counterpart, the Mini Medical School program. Through both programs, Dr. Coyne-Beasley engages with and provides pediatric opportunities for over 400 students annually. This

does not include the 50 high school students through the Youth Advisory Boards that she leads, one in Birmingham and the other in Wilcox County located in the rural Alabama Black Belt. She also provides research internships, shadowing opportunities, and mentors students who are interested in Pediatrics from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including Meharry Medical College, Morehouse College, Alabama State University, and Alabama A&M University. Dr. Coyne-Beasley has mentored trainees through the APA's New Century Scholars program, the APS/SPR Journey's program as well as faculty through her institutions, professional and research organizations.

1. Education and dates

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island: B.A. – 1983-1987 – Chemistry

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina: M.D. – 1987-1991 – Medicine

Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, MPH with Honors – 1995-1997 – Epidemiology

2. House staff training and dates

Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Internship, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, 1991-1992

Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, 1992-1995

Med/Peds Residency, Muhimbili Medical Center, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa, 1993-1994

3. Fellowship positions and dates

- Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program-Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1995-1997
- Preventive Medicine Residency/Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1995-1997
- Executive Medical Management Program (certificate), Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1996-1997
- Health Policy Advisor, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington D.C, 1996

4. Faculty positions

- Assistant Professor, Pediatrics – primary appointment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1997-2004
- Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine – secondary appointment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1997-2004
- Director of Adolescent Medicine and Education, Attending Physician, Lincoln Community Health Center, Adolescent Health Care, Teen Link Program Durham, North Carolina, 1997-2004

- Faculty Research Fellow, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1997-2018
- Co-Director, Adolescent Medicine Education for Medical Students, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2001-2005
- Core Faculty, Injury Prevention Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2001-2010
- Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2004-2010
- Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2004-2010
- Adjunct Faculty, Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2004-2018
- Associate Director, Child Health Core, Community Engagement, North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute, 2010-2014
- Director and Founder, North Carolina Child Health Research Network an AHRQ registered PBRN, North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute, 2010-2019
- Affiliated Faculty Scholar, Interdisciplinary Health Communication program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication, 2011-2018
- Professor, Departments of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2011-2018
- Professor, Departments of Internal Medicine School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2011-2018
- Director, Adolescent Medicine Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina School of Medicine, North Carolina, 2013-2018
- Pediatric and Adolescent Director, NCNet North Carolina Network Consortium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2015-2018

5. Current positions

- Derrol Dawkins, MD Endowed Chair in Adolescent Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Children's of Alabama, 2018-present
- Division Director, Adolescent Medicine Department of Pediatrics, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2018-present
- Vice-Chair, Community Engagement, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2018-present
- Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2018-present
- Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2018-present
- Core Faculty, Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2018-present

6. Society memberships

- Academic Pediatric Association
- Academic Pediatric Society
- Fellow - American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Public Health Association
- International Association of Adolescent Health

- NCD Child International Governing Council
- National Foundation of Infectious Diseases
- National Medical Association
- Pediatric Academic Society
- Fellow – Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine
- Society of General Internal Medicine

7. **Previous and current service and involvement in activities of the American Pediatric Society**

- Member, APS Council (current)
- Co-chair, APS Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity (CODIE)
- Member, APS David Nichols Health Equity Award Task Force
- Member, APS David Nichols Health Equity Award Selection Committee
- Member, APS Finance Committee
- APS Liaison Member, Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Diversity Equity and inclusion Committee
- Mentor, APS/SPR Journeys program
- Coauthor, APS Racism Series: *At the Intersection of Equity, Science and Social Justice*
- Planning Committee and presenter, APS Forums – *dedicated to health equity and inclusion*
- Council Workgroup, APS Leadership Development Domain
- Requested Presenter in 2023 and 2024, on sexual and reproductive health issues – at the Pediatric Policy Council Plenary at PAS. (*The PPC is the combined legislative advocacy efforts of the American Pediatric Society, Academic Pediatric Association, American Academy of Pediatrics the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chair, and the Society for Pediatric Research*).

8. **Areas of research interest**

My research, academic, community engagement, and policy and program development focus on adolescent health and well-being, sexual and reproductive health, risk behaviors and resiliency, violence prevention (including firearm injury prevention and care for youth in legal systems), global health, disaster and pandemic preparedness, immunizations, and health equity. My vaccine research and expertise was translated into policy and practice when I was appointed by HHS Secretary Sebelius, as a voting member to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. As a voting member I engaged in the development and evaluation of vaccine recommendations and policies for the United States. Collectively, my professional passion and career goals include the translation of research into policy and practice, the career development and support of diverse students, trainees and physicians at all levels, and the engagement of communities to advance health equity to improve the health and safety of us all.