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Focus on Mid-Level/Non-Dentist Providers**

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Workshop Speaker Biographies

Dr. James J. Crall is the Project Director for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's (AAPD) Dental Home Initiative and Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Dr. Crall also serves as Director of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)-funded Pediatric Dentistry Leadership Training Center at UCLA. Prior to moving to UCLA in 2004, he held faculty appointments at Columbia University (2000-2004), the University of Connecticut (1986-2000) and the University of Iowa (1979-1986). As the AAPD Child Advocate, Dr. Crall promotes access to care through work with federal, state and national organizations, and has testified at Congressional hearings. In addition, he was instrumental in securing a five-year, \$10-million contract between with the Office of Head Start and AAPD, which aims to provide dental homes for the nearly 1,000,000 children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start each year. Dr. Crall received his doctorate of dental surgery, masters degree, and certificate in pediatric dentistry from the University of Iowa. He was selected to be a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Dental Health Services Research Scholar at Harvard from 1984 to 1986, and subsequently obtained masters and doctoral degrees in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health. In 1997, Dr. Crall was appointed as the first Dental Scholar-in-Residence at the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, now the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. From 2000-2008, Dr. Crall served as Director of the MCHB National Oral Health Policy Center. Over the past 15 years, Dr. Crall has been actively involved in national, state and professional policy development concerning oral health. He also has served as an advisor for numerous organizations including the AAPD, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Dental Association, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, Milbank Memorial Fund, National Committee on Quality Assurance, National Conference of State Legislatures, National Governors Association, Pew Health Professions Commission, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Ms. Carol Dingeldey, CAE, has served as the Executive Director of the Connecticut State Dental Association for the past 4 years. Prior to joining the CSDA in 2006, Ms. Dingeldey called Chicago home for 14 years. During her time in Chicago, she served in various senior staff roles at the American Academy of

Periodontology for 9 years, and served as national program coordinator for four years to the Alzheimer's Association national headquarters.

Ms. Dingeldey achieved the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential in May 2007. She is a steadfast Spartan fan, as she holds a Masters of Public Administration as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and Public Health from Michigan State University,

Ms. Cynthia C. Durley has worked in the oral healthcare testing and credentialing arena since 1982, when she was employed as Manager, Exam Development and Services at the Academy of General Dentistry. She began working for the Dental Assisting National Board in 1986, serving as its Director, Testing and Measurement through 1996, and as its Executive Director for the past 14 years. Cindy currently co-chairs the Institute for Credentialing Excellence's Task Force on Best Practices in Certification. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology and master's degrees in education and in business administration.

Dr. Caswell A. Evans is the Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), College of Dentistry and has a joint appointment as professor in the UIC School of Public Health. He has been appointed to the Illinois State Board of Health. Dr. Evans was the Executive Editor and Project Director for *Oral Health in America; A Report of the Surgeon General*, released in May 2000, and subsequently directed the development of the *National Call To Action to Promote Oral Health*, released in April 2003. Prior to that, Dr. Evans was the Director of Public Health Programs and Services for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. He previously served as Director of the County Division of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health in Washington State. He is a past-president of the American Public Health Association and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. He has been elected into the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Evans is a graduate of the Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery in New York City, and earned his Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan.

Ms. Shelly Gehshan joined the Pew Charitable trusts in September 2008 to direct the new Pew Children's Dental Campaign. She is a children's advocate and health policy expert who has nearly 20 years of experience working for state policy makers on issues affecting low-income women, children and families. From 2005 to 2008, Ms. Gehshan served as a senior program director at the National Academy for State Health Policy in Washington, D.C., a nonpartisan organization of state health policy makers. She developed NASHP's work on oral health and directed projects on health care reform, Medicaid, behavioral health, and juvenile justice. Before joining NASHP, Ms. Gehshan spent nine years as a program director for the National Conference of State Legislatures on the implementation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program and other maternal and child health issues. Ms. Gehshan spent six years as deputy director of the Southern Governors' Association's Infant Mortality Project, where she worked with

governors and legislators to expand access to prenatal care for low-income, pregnant women. Ms. Gehshan has a bachelor's degree in English from Cornell University and a master's degree in public policy from the University of California at Berkeley.

Mr. Jon Holtzee is a political science graduate of Northern Illinois University. He served in the ADA's Department of State Government Affairs for 3 ½ years and was instrumental in helping constituent dental societies defeat ballot initiatives in 1997 in Wyoming and Washington. He left the ADA to become the Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons in February, 2000.

Prior to joining the ADA, Jon worked for the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives as Legislative Floor Whip and Political Director. A campaign veteran, Jon managed political campaigns from the courthouse to the White House.

During his tenure with AAOMS, Jon was also PAC Director, revitalizing the PAC and increasing giving during the 2000 election cycle by over 300%. Jon Holtzee returned to the ADA as Director of the Department of State Government Affairs in July, 2001. Currently, Jon is devoting the bulk of his attention to the state public affairs program including work on the issues of access to care, dental workforce and dental restoratives.

Dr. Douglas B. Keck has been in the private practice of pediatric dentistry in New Haven and Madison, Connecticut for nearly twenty years. Recently, he achieved a Masters in Higher Education, which he uses to serve on the clinical teaching staff as well as to write developmental grants at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Yale School of Medicine. A graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, he completed his postdoctoral specialty training at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine and Children's Hospital, Boston. Dr. Keck has served as president of the Connecticut Society of Pediatric Dentists and the Connecticut Society of Dentistry for Children. He served on the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry from 2007-2010, and actively serves as a consultant to the Council on Legislation of the Connecticut State Dental Association. He also serves as the Connecticut State Leader of the AAPD/Office of Head Start Dental Home Initiative, which is a federal contract to find a "dental home" for all Head Start children in the U.S.

Dr. Beverly A. Largent has been in the full time practice of Pediatric Dentistry in Paducah, Kentucky for twenty five years. She has been an active member of the Purchase Dental Society and the Kentucky Dental Association, serving both as President. Dr. Largent has served as an Alternate Delegate to the ADA since 2004. She has served on ADA reference committees, and is a past member of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs. Dr. Largent has served as member and chair of the Council on Bylaws, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. She served as President of the AAPD in 2008-2009. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky college of Dentistry, and received a certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from U.K. She and her husband Tom have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Dr. Jessica Y. Lee is an Associate Professor and currently on the faculty of both the Departments of Pediatric Dentistry in the School of Dentistry and Health Policy and Management in the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also serves as the Director of the School of Dentistry's Health Services Research Program. She is currently the Chair for the AAPD Council on Scientific Affairs and also serves as a consultant to numerous other AAPD councils including, the Council on Governmental Affairs, Council on Dental Benefit Programs, and the Council on Postdoctoral Education. Dr Lee received her MPH and DDS degrees from Columbia University and her Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry and PhD in Health Policy and Management from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was also a NIDCR National Research Service Award recipient and Post-doc fellow at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. She is board certified Pediatric Dentist and an active member of the medical staff at UNC Hospitals and practices in the Dental Faculty Practice in the School of Dentistry. She has over a 100 peer reviewed manuscript and abstracts and serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Dental Research, Journal of Public Health Dentistry and Dental Traumatology. She is involved in teaching, clinical practice and research and maintains several research grants from HRSA, NIH and AHRQ.

Dr. John R. Liu is the current President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD). He has a private practice at the Eastside Pediatric Dental Group in Issaquah, Washington. Dr. Liu attended dental school at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California and received his pediatric dentistry certificate from Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati. Dr. Liu has been a member of AAPD since 1988 and has served as the AAPD's president-elect (2009-2010), vice president (2008-09), secretary-treasurer (2007-08), and trustee at large (2002-05). He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, a fellow of the American College of Dentists, and a fellow of Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is a national media spokesperson for the AAPD.

Dr. James D. Nickman is currently the Trustee for AAPD's District IV (covering Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Manitoba). He earned his DDS and Masters degrees from the University of Minnesota. He has been a member of the AAPD since 1999 and a Diplomate of the ABPD since 2002. Nickman has served on the AAPD's Council on Government Affairs, Council on Dental Benefit Programs, the Committee on the Adolescent and the Council on Membership. He is the past president of the Minneapolis District Dental Society and serves on the Minnesota Dental Association Children's Health Care Committee. He also is the past-president of the North Central Society of Pediatric

Dentistry, Minnesota Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry Alumni Society. He is a member of the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr. Nickman maintains a private practice in the Twin Cities and teaches part-time at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Andrew Soderstrom received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of the Pacific in 1983 and a certificate in pediatric dentistry from the University of California San Francisco in 1985. He currently practices pediatric dentistry in Modesto, California representing three generations of dental service in the community. Dr. Soderstrom has received numerous awards and held several positions outside of his private pediatric practice. He is a Pierre Fauchard Academy Fellow and a Fellow of the American and International College of Dentists. He was Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatric Dentistry at the University of California San Francisco from 1986 to 1993 mentoring pediatric dental residents in hospital dentistry at Children's Hospital in Oakland, California. Dr. Soderstrom has been an active leader in organized dentistry from the moment he received his dental degree. He has held nearly every position possible at his local component in Stanislaus, California and moved into leadership at the California Dental Association by the early 1990s, filling the roles of Trustee, ADA delegate, TDIC Director and more over the years. Additionally, Dr. Soderstrom involved himself quickly in pediatric specialty organizations. He has been President of the California Society of Dentistry for Children, and has led child advocacy and legislative committees for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Soderstrom is currently poised to become the President of the California Dental Association this November.