



2020 ELECTION: CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT-ELECT



JENNIFER FISCHER, MD

I am working with Prevea Health in Green Bay, WI. I have been here for the past 7 years. My practice is primarily outpatient work. Though I also outreach to Family Services Day Treatment and Residential programs, Oneida Behavioral Health, and University of Wisconsin Green Bay Health and Wellness clinics. I also am the department chair for Prevea's Behavioral Care department. I remain involved in teaching for both the medical students and psychiatry residents in Green Bay. I completed my medical education at the Medical College of Wisconsin and my residency and fellowship at Virginia Commonwealth University.

I have been active in WISCCAP since moving back to WI as a way to stay connected to the larger CAP community. I have found this very helpful to my understanding of child mental health and improving my practice overall. I have served as the WISCCAP secretary for the past 4 years. I am hoping to continue to remain active within WISCCAP to continue this fostering this resource for education, advocacy, community for child and adolescent psychiatrists within WI. I appreciate the consideration to serve as president-elect, and believe that I can be successful in this role. My goals would be to continue the educational opportunities for our organization through our annual meeting (in some form) and to continue to support child mental health within WI through continuing the advocacy programs that we have been actively engaged in.

SECRETARY



PEGGY SCALLON, MD

I am a CAP, currently the medical director of the Focus Adolescent Depression Recovery Residential Care Unit at Rogers Behavioral Health in Oconomowoc. I've been at Rogers for 4+ years. Prior to this, I was on the faculty at the UW Psychiatry Department (2002-2016), where I was the CAP Residency Training Director and I headed the School Consultation Service to the Madison Metropolitan School District. And I was in private practice in Madison, WI for 5 years prior to joining the faculty at the UW. A Madison native, I attended the UW for undergraduate and medical school and did psychiatry training at the UCHSC in Denver, CO and CAP training at the UW.

I love being a child and adolescent psychiatrist and I love working with kids and families! My interest in WISCCAP stems from my wish to advocate for the mental health needs of youth, and also to establish and strengthen relationships within our statewide CAP community. I am eager to support WISCCAP to collaborate with colleagues, serve the mental health needs of youth.

TREASURER



CHRISTOPHER TAKALA, DO

I am the current medical director of Child and Adolescent services at Rogers Behavioral Health in Brown Deer (currently a clinical assistant professor at Medical College of Wisconsin). Prior to this role, I spent 3 years as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. I earned a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Midwestern University. I completed his adult psychiatry residency at the Mayo Clinic, where I also completed child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship.

In 2017, I began to serve in the role of co-treasurer for WISCCAP and eventually became treasurer. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this organization and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve in this role. I hope to assist this organization in making fiscally responsible decisions, keeping orderly control of finances, and maintain a balanced budget.

EARLY CAREER PSYCHIATRY (ECP) REPRESENTATIVE



COLLEEN MANAK, MD

I'm a Milwaukee-area native who completed undergraduate at UW-Madison, medical school at St. George's University in Grenada, residency training at The Ohio State University and finally my CAP fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Following graduation, I stayed on at MCW as a faculty member and work as one of the attendings on the psychiatry C-L service at Children's, with the rest of my time dedicated to outpatient, the Child Psychiatry Consultation Program, and teaching medical students and trainees.

I'm interested in being a more active member with WISCCAP in the role of Early Career Psychiatrist Representative. This is a fascinating and challenging time to be starting a career, and I would be happy to serve to help facilitate relationships and engagement with my peers who are also in the early stages of their careers as well as the group as a whole. I would welcome the opportunity to find innovative ways to meet new challenges while advocating for strong mental health care for the kids of Wisconsin.



JENNIFER ZASPEL, MD

I am a child and adolescent psychiatrist with the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. I am originally from Madison, WI, and have completed all of my medical training at MCW. I primarily work in the Children's Wisconsin Emergency Department Trauma Center as an emergency psychiatrist. I also work at Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division's Psychiatric Crisis Services where I care for patients all along the age spectrum. My professional interests include emergency psychiatry, LGBTQ+ mental health, and advocacy.

I am excited to be nominated for and continue in my role of WISCCAP Early Career Psychiatrist. I have been serving as the ad hoc WISCCAP ECP since my graduation from fellowship in June of 2019. I was appointed to the position at my request in hopes of continuing my active involvement with WISCCAP after serving as the CAP Fellow Representative. As ECP, I have served on the Bylaws Committee and worked actively to involve trainees and recent CAP fellowship grads in our organization. An example of the latter is a WISCCAP meet and greet that was attended by trainees from both MCW and UW programs. Trainees had the opportunity to learn more about what WISCCAP and AACAP have to offer them but sharing my own experiences (AACAP Annual Meeting, AACAP Legislative Conference, AACAP Educational Outreach Program, AACAP/WISCCAP travel grants), but more importantly, a chance to connect with each other. The event was successful enough that I plan to host another later this fall. It is my belief that the ECP should focus their efforts on recruitment and trainee mentoring in addition to their personal interests, which is what I plan to continue to do should I be elected to the position.

ASSEMBLY DELEGATES



ROBERT P. CHAYER, MD

I am honored to be nominated to serve as the WISCCAP Delegate to the Assembly of Regional Organizations of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

I have been a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in Wisconsin since completing my fellowship at MCW in 1994. I spent the first dozen years of my career in private practice as well as doing contracted work in a number of health systems. For the past 13+ years, I have been at the Medical College of Wisconsin. I am currently an Associate Professor and serve as Vice-Chair for Child and Adolescent Services in the Department of Psychiatry. My clinical and administrative work is primarily at Children's Wisconsin where I am the Chucker Aring Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. On a national level, I have held leadership roles over the past 10 years in the American Academy of Directors of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. I was named a Distinguished Fellow of AACAP in 2014.

I have had a longstanding focus on providing care to underserved populations both through direct clinical care and through the development of the DHS funded Child Psychiatry Consultation Program (CPCP).

I believe these diverse professional experiences in Wisconsin, along with my previous experience as both a WISCCAP Representative and Alternate to the Assembly will allow me to effectively represent the Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists of Wisconsin.

Thank you for your consideration.



CLARENCE CHOU, MD

Thank you for the opportunity to run again as one of the candidates for AACAP Assembly Representative from Wisconsin. I am currently on the Assembly nominating committee, which helps to select the next leaders of the Assembly Executive Committee. I have been on the maintenance of certification, CME and community psychiatry committees and the AACAP PAC Board, and currently am on the Advocacy committee. I continue to be active in the APA and AMA, looking for synergies with our organization. I will continue to try to present the concerns of our ROCAP to the AACAP Assembly and bring information back from the national organization. I

appreciate the opportunity to represent Wisconsin again.



KATHLEEN A. KOTH, DO

Thank you for taking the time to vote in the WISCCAP election! It has been a pleasure to serve WISCCAP for the last several years, first as secretary/ president elect and then as president. While in these positions working to design and launch the website with past president Bill Swift, redesign, standardized the travel grants for our trainees to encourage them to attend the annual meeting and legislative conference, representing WISCCAP in Madison on Doctor Day, and restarting the annual meeting for our local learning and networking have really been so much fun. In the last two years I have served as alternate assembly representative and have enjoyed continuing to learn about the

assembly structure and function.

Outside of WISCCAP, I work at the Medical College of Wisconsin seeing children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disorders and behavioral issues. This passion has increased my involvement in the state and national organizations to advocate for better care. I have been a member of the AACAP Autism and Intellectual Disability Committee since 2014 serving as the co-chair of the education and training work group and chair of the intellectual disability subcommittee. I recently had the honor of being a co-program director for the WPA meeting in March on this topic.

I have enjoyed working for the CAPs of Wisconsin to ensure that you are supported and your voice is heard. It has been an honor. I would look forward to continuing in this capacity as your alternative delegate.



ERIKA LARSON, DO

I would like to express my continued interest in being elected as an assembly delegate for WISCCAP. I have been serving as the assembly delegate for the past two years. I had also participated as a member of the Michigan Regional Organization while in fellowship. At that time, I did have the opportunity to serve as an alternative delegate. I completed my medical school, residency and fellowship at Michigan State University. I then transitioned to Wisconsin with employment at Marshfield Clinic Health Systems.

I currently hold positions as the Early Career Psychiatrist Representative for the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association, Wisconsin Medical Society Young Physicians Section Board Representative and Alternative Delegate as well as Wisconsin Medical Society Young Physicians Section AMA Alternative Delegate. I can be an accessible link between these organizations.

If given the opportunity to serve in this role, I hope to advocate for issues of greatest concern to our membership. I will strive to put the mental health care needs of the children and families in our communities to the forefront. Outreach and encouragement of membership as well as support of current participants has also been of significant importance. I hope to also collaborate with various psychiatrists and health professionals to form valued connections.



ADEBOWALE MOFIKOYA, MD



DHANVENDRAN RAMAR, MD

My journey to work as a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Green Bay Wisconsin has been a long one. I started my career in Psychiatry as an observer in Geriatric Psychiatry at Doncaster England, and then moved on to working in many sub specialties as part of the Greater Manchester Training Scheme of Psychiatry. As part of the training I have worked six months in the tertiary substance-abuse unit, forensic units, and once I graduated with the MRC Psych, I had worked as a staff grade for more than two years in Geriatric Psychiatry.

Pursuing my career in psychiatry, I moved US in 2008. By 2013 I have completed my fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. I bring an experience of working in public health system in England, healthcare systems in the East Coast and Midwest of United States.

Working in child and adolescent psychiatry is so unique because you make the impact at a very early age. I love doing this in my outpatient and inpatient practice. Working with WISCCAP could help me to make this impact at a larger scale.



JENNIFER ZASPEL, MD

I am honored to be nominated for the role of WISCCAP Assembly Delegate. Advocacy has been a passion of mine since the beginning of my medical career, and it would be an absolute pleasure to represent and advocate for our organization and the children of Wisconsin and those who care for them. I have acted in delegate and representative roles for other medical organizations, and have experience in working with state representatives, policy writing, and formalized medical trainee advocacy education. My hope going forward as an Assembly Delegate would be to collaborate often with other ROCAPs to bring ideas and resources back to the children of Wisconsin. For example, I recently worked with another ROCAP to develop educational materials for a CATCH grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics for gun safety that will be available to all patients who present to the Children's Wisconsin emergency department.