

## **General Pediatrician At Large Representative**



**Candidate:** Betty Cheney, MD, MPH, FAAP

**Primary City of Practice:** Melbourne, Florida

### **Statement of Interest/Bio:**

Dr. Cheney is an active member of the FCAAP Pediatric Council. She graduated from Wright State University's Physician leadership Development Program with M.D. and M.P.H. degrees. She completed residency training at Arnold Palmer Medical Center. She stayed on at Arnold Palmer Medical Center for chief residency. After completing chief residency, Dr. Cheney moved closer to the coast to join Pediatrics in Brevard, a physician-owned pediatric practice in Brevard County.

Dr. Cheney has been a member of the AAP since starting residency. She was able to serve as a resident liaison to the AAP Section on Pediatrics Trainees (SOPT) and share the benefits of membership with her co-residents as well as the SOPT annual advocacy campaign. Dr. Cheney has been a participant at the AAP Advocacy Conference. Dr. Cheney joined the FCAAP Pediatric Council during winter 2020-2021 to advocate for appropriate reimbursement for pediatric practices across the state of Florida. Dr. Cheney will advocate for protections for Florida's pediatric patients, including LGBT+ youth and parents. She will advocate for protections for gun control reforms, continued reimbursement for telemedicine services, and improves access to mental health services across the state.