



**Wednesday, January 28, 2015**  
**Baptist Medical Center**  
**8:00am – Function Room C**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 8:06am in the Jessie Ball duPont Auditorium at Baptist Medical Center by Dr. Saswata Roy, President.

**ATTENDANCE:** The roster of attendance is filed in the WCH Medical Affairs Office and recorded in the medical staff database, ECHO.

**GUESTS:** None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the July 30, 2014 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<b>WELCOME</b>	Dr. Roy called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that the minutes from the last meeting be reviewed, and for a motion to approve.	Motion accepted to approve the minutes as written.	None
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	<p><b>New Practice Introductions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dawn Duss, MD</i>/Private Practice – her office is paperless and web-based with iPads in the waiting room for the children. She specializes in pediatric cataracts.</li> <li>• <i>Michelle Hargreaves, MD and Andrea Moore</i> - Audiologist/Hearing and Balance Center, in practice with Dr. Roy.</li> </ul>	Accepted as information.	None
	<p><b>Flu/Measles Update–</b>            Dr. Rathore reported that the flu is rampant in some parts of the country but not as bad in Jacksonville. January-February will most likely be the worst months. This year’s vaccine is thought to only be about 23% effective but provides some cross protection against H1N1 other</p>	Accepted as information.	None

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STANDING BUSINESS:	<p>flu strains, so continue to vaccinate. Dr. Toney asked about the reliability of the test kits for flu. Dr. Rathore said that the kits used in the hospital are very sensitive and very reliable.</p>		
	<p>Measles have only shown a few cases so far but in the past outbreaks have been reported by the pediatric community physicians.</p>		
	<p><b>School Health Program Report:</b> No report.</p>	None	None
	<p><b>Children’s Medical Services (CMS) &amp; Duval County Medical Society (DCMS)</b></p>		
	<p>Dr. Rathore reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS – 40 years to get the program in this State, considered a model around the country. The State is slowly chipping away at CMS and its services like Early Steps. State consultant contracts for Child Protection Team and the primary care contract in Panama City and Pensacola have been cancelled. Dr. Pitel provided some historical background on the formation of CMS. When originally formed the head was a pediatrician and now it is an attorney. Gun lawsuit is still waiting to be heard, scope of practice and other issues.</li> </ul>	Accepted as information.	None
	<p><b>WCH Update:</b> Dr. Bridgham –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulated to Dr. Duss and welcomed to Dr. Hargreaves to the community.</li> <li>• Mr. Aubin’s in Washington conducting advocacy efforts on behalf of the hospital. He’s also on the Board of the national Children’s Hospital Association.</li> <li>• Mr. Aubin was responsible for bringing The Medically Complex Child Clinic to WCH and Dr. Komatz discussed the funding for Bower Lyman Center for Medically Complex Children. Monetary support is provided through matched funds to an annual BH Foundation endowment (\$4.25million). A second physician is being recruited.</li> <li>• Flu prevalence pales in comparison to the specter of Ebola. Exhaustive preparations for Ebola have been underway. Dr. Benjamin-Thorpe is heading the effort for WCH as the critical care unit medical director as they will care for these patients. An isolation unit has been constructed on 2 West. Some staff have volunteered to man that unit should the need arise.</li> <li>• Census has been higher than expected. Last year at this time nurses were being sent home because it was low. To meet this higher need there has been a hiring blitz to increase the nursing staff.</li> <li>• Construction –           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Day Hospital expanding out toward the radiology area. There will be eight more beds added to the current eleven.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Accepted as information.	None
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pavilion 4 will become the WCH Surgery Center. Ambulatory Surgery Center, currently in the San Marco outpatient building, will move into this space.</li> <li>○ OR expansion and updating underway.</li> <li>○ Behavioral Health expansion. There will be fourteen beds, up from eleven.</li> <li>● MD Anderson Cancer Center – adult only but currently housed on Pavilion 4. Eventually there will a 300K square foot facility behind the existing Baptist Outpatient Center on San Marco Boulevard.</li> <li>● Coastal Community Health (CCH) – an agreement with Flagler Hospital and the Southeast Georgia Health System is being finalized to create a tight affiliation that will provide single signature capability for managed care contracts, purchasing agreements and the like. Each entity will maintain its own Board of Directors, provide members to the CCH Board and continue to serve their patients populations as they have been. There will be no merging of medical staffs but provide cost savings for all of the member organizations and provide additional expertise and increase the scope of pediatric care in the other areas.</li> <li>● WCH Medical Board has added two additional voting members Drs. Toney and Connolly; Dr. Zayas has also joined the Board as a non-voting member and representative for UF and the Residency Program.</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>University of Florida:</b> Dr. Zayas provided a update on the Residency Program–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thanks to WCH for funding of an additional resident per year; 13 per year. There will be recruitment for an additional second year resident.</li> <li>● Thanks to the community pediatricians for their support of the continuity clinic. Three more spots are needed.</li> <li>● Rotations have changed from monthly to four week rotations.</li> <li>● Recruitment for this year is complete. As usual there were many applicants, around 1700. Huge uptick in US educated doctors applying (300 to 500). Thanks to all who participated in the interview process.</li> <li>● Boards Performance – 95% pass rate.</li> <li>● Fellowships – three starting this year, asked for continued support.</li> </ul>	Accepted as information.	None
	<p><b>Nemours (NCC) Update:</b>          Dr. Pitel reported –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Media blitz to announce a name change to Nemours Children’s Specialty Care .</li> <li>● Dr. Carolyn Bannister has joined the staff as Nemours Department Chair,</li> </ul>	Accepted as information.	None

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	Anesthesiology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lots of physician recruitments this year.</li> </ul>		
	<b>St. Vincent's Update:</b> No report	None	None
	<b>Secretary –Treasurer's Report:</b> Dr. Scimeme stated membership is the highest ever (240).	Accepted as information.	None
<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>	<p><b><u>Medicaid Lawsuit</u></b> - Dr. Roy and Dr. Hudak discussed the existing lawsuit. Medicaid is not providing adequate funding to create access for the children that need it. In December there was a favorable ruling on the side of the medical community, after a decade of effort by FCAAP, Florida Academy of General (Dental) Physicians and Dr. Louis St. Petery. The court found that reduced payments to pediatric providers have resulted in unequal access to Medicaid patients for critical services. Remediation hearings will begin shortly. The judge will be hearing from AHCA and witnesses brought by concerned medical entities about how the situation is now with Medicaid reform. The State is saying that reform has solved the funding problem, the physicians disagree. Two law firms have been providing Pro Bono support the entire time but there is the need for new expenses to bring expert witnesses. It is requested that NEFPS members contribute to the fund to support this latest effort. Northeast Florida is being asked to raise \$16,000. Dr. Roy emphasized the importance of this step and the need to contribute to this FCAAP Advocacy Fund and ask that members speak to their colleagues about contributing and that NEFPS would make a monetary contribution as well. Dr. Rathore reinforced that the lawsuit has been about access not reimbursement. Checks should be made out to FCAAP Advocacy Fund.</p>	Contribute to the FCAAP Advocacy Fund and provide anecdotal stories regarding experiences related to the inadequate funding as it relates to access.	None
	<p><b><u>Annual Awards Banquet</u></b> – Dr. Roy discussed funding for the annual dinner. Due to regulatory changes, drug or the medical industries could pay for these dinners but now they can only pay for the physician and not the guest's dinner, per the Sunshine Act.</p>	Accepted as information.	None
	<p>Dates are being considered for this year's event. The budget is \$8000-10000. He asked for suggestions for sponsors. Discussion ensued regarding sponsorship. Representatives from UF, WCH and Nemours all felt that their institution would be amenable to chipping in for the event.</p>		

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**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59am.** The next meeting of the Northeast Florida Pediatric Society will take place on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 8:00am in Function Room C at Baptist Medical Center.

Submitted by:

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