



**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**  
**Baptist Medical Center**  
**8:00am – WebEX**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 8:05am utilizing **WebEX**, by Dr. Atkins, President.

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

**GUESTS:** None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 29, 2020 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>FOLLOW-UP</b>
<b>WELCOME</b>	Dr. Atkins called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. She asked that the minutes from the last meeting be reviewed, for a motion to approve.	Motion made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were accepted.	Minutes to the WCH Medical Board for information.
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<u>NEFPS Racial Inequity Statement</u> – Dr. Atkins presented Dr. Kellogg’s statement. The document was vetted and contributed to by many others but Dr. Kellogg was the primary author. It presents our stance on racial inequity and provides first steps to “walking the walk, talking the talk”. Dr. Zenni lauded this effort and said that NEFPS was becoming an agent of change by addressing issues and speaking out. She felt that the list of resolves at the end of the document was impactful. Dr. Rathore asked how we put the document into action, what are the next steps? Dr. Zenni suggested giving members an opportunity to sign on to the statement as a sign of support and commitment. Dr. Goldhagen suggested convening a workgroup for implementation.	The Society voted to accept the statement.	None

Dr. Kellogg agreed that action needs to follow the statement and likes the idea of an implementation work group. She said she would be willing to form a group and begin brainstorming how the Society can move the statement forward. Zenni encouraged her to partner with other groups that are already working on these issues like the Partnership for Child Health. Dr. Goldhagen also

suggested working with the recently formed consortium. Dr. Rathore agreed that engaging with other groups would be helpful.

**NEW BUSINESS**

BCBS Health Equity Grant - Dr. Goldhagen explained that Blue Cross has a statewide equity training grant available. The Partnership for Child Health is submitting a proposal to BCBS to “Train the Trainer”. Organizations that are applying submit names of persons to act as those trainers who will undergo 4, four-hour modules of training and then commit to train their staff and members.

None

NE FL Population Health Consortium – Dr. Goldhagen provided background on this recently formed group of medical organizations that are working together to provide a voice for public and population health concerns such as COVID vaccines to ensure the distribution of vaccines is equitable. Another issue is evictions. The Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) has developed a five-question training tool for physicians, to be used to ask patients about eviction and how to respond to them. Additionally, the consortium is working to lobby the city to be transparent about how they are using their community development block grants monies. The Consortium will tackle other issues such as health disparities and flu vaccinations. There is also a children’s COVID workgroup working on the immunization initiative.

Post the JALA eviction questionnaire on NEFPS website and email to members.

Dr. Atkins mentioned the falling rate of vaccinations in our area. She encouraged everyone to check out the VaxJaxKids.org website. One item from the last meeting had to do with children returning to school if they haven’t been inoculated. She has been on several different calls about this topic but have not received a definitive answer. While school representatives have stated that children must be immunized to participate whether they are learning virtually or in the classroom it appears that this isn’t being enforced. Dr. Rathore sits on the School Board’s medical advisory committee and was concerned that this might not be happening. He will bring it up at the next meeting.

**STANDING BUSINESS**

School Health Program: Dr. Beverly reported that the last meeting of the school health committee focused on COVID and associated protocols. Those protocols were shared with members and on the NEFPS website. Most importantly was the information regarding the return to school protocol...if a child has been sent home sick they must have a PCR test that’s negative, before they can return. Antigen tests are not accepted. Discussion ensued.

Accepted as information.

None

There are plans to offer flu shots to all students, the immunizations will be recorded in FLORIDA SHOTS as part of the contract.

FL Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) – Dr. Rathore said that the COVID guidelines were recently updated and are posted on their website. They are meeting regularly and if anyone has an issue that they want addressed contact him. The district chapter will be offering some diversity and inclusion activities.

Accepted as information.

None

<b><u>Children’s Medical Services (CMS) /Duval County Medical Society (DCMS):</u></b> No report.	None	None
<b><u>WCH Update:</u></b> Dr. Bridgham reported –		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>COVID</u></b> – after peaking at the beginning of the summer with about 180 patients, as a system, we have dropped down to about 50 patients. Expecting a second peak in October/November but not expecting numbers that will seriously stretch resources. For WCH the number and acuity of cases is low, we did lose one child with severe co-morbidities. All other cases have recovered. There have been several MIS-C cases. Children’s cases have been less frequent and less severe. Early on there were concerns regarding our testing capabilities. We had no testing material, mail out tests results from LabCorp were not being received. All has improved, we now have a couple of weeks’ worth of materials to test the appropriate patients.</li> <li>• <b><u>Medical Staff Leadership Changes</u></b> – elections were recently completed, of note:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><u>CSS Chair</u></b> – Dr. Robert Letton</li> <li>○ <b><u>CMS Chair</u></b> - Dr. Matt Paton</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Critical Care Tower Construction</u></b> – the building is on track for completion in November 2021. Then ready for occupancy in February of 2022.</li> <li>• <b><u>EPIC</u></b> – on track to “go live” in September of 2022. Dr. Stacy Johnston BH CMIO will serve as physician executive for the project; Dr. Deborah Abram will serve as the acting CMIO for the BH System.</li> <li>• Dr. Daniel Robie will be leaving Nemours to work at the Dayton Children’s Hospital in Ohio</li> <li>• Dr. Paul Pitel will be retiring at the end of 2020 and Dr. Eric Sandler will assume his role at Nemours as department chair for pediatrics.</li> </ul>	None	None
<b><u>University of Florida:</u></b> No report.	None	None
<b><u>Nemours Children’s Specialty Care (NCSC) Update:</u></b> No report.	None	None
<b><u>St. Vincent’s Family Medicine Residency Program Update:</u></b> Dr. Kellogg reported that all’s well with their residents and students.	None	None
<b><u>Secretary –Treasurer’s Report:</u></b> No report.	None	None

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**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02am.** The next meeting of the Northeast Florida Pediatric Society will take place on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 8:00am utilizing **WebEX**.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Julie Kellogg, MD  
NEFPS Secretary-Treasurer

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Bethany Atkins, MD  
NEFPS President