



Wednesday, March 30, 2022

8:00am – Zoom

## MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at about 8:00am by Ryan Cantville, MD, President.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 29, 2021 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME	Dr. Cantville called the meeting to order.
OLD BUSINESS	None
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Dr. Atkins suggested that NEFPS develop a statement that backs the FAAP stance on vaccine importance in light of the surgeon general's recent statement advising that healthy children do not need to get vaccinated. The link to the FAAP statement is below. It was agreed that a few members would get together to develop this statement and would work with Dr. Goldhagen to get the message out.</p> <p><a href="https://fcaap.org/posts/news/fcaap-statement-regarding-the-covid-19-vaccine-and-floridas-children/">https://fcaap.org/posts/news/fcaap-statement-regarding-the-covid-19-vaccine-and-floridas-children/</a></p> <p>Dr. Atkins also asks the members if they would be interested in getting together for a dinner now that we have mostly gotten through COVID. The group agreed they would be interested in doing this.</p> <p>Dr. Bedard shared that work has been done on the NEFPS website for people to pay dues via paypal. Both members and non-members will receive a letter asking to pay their annual dues or, if they are not a member, an invitation to join.</p>
STANDING BUSINESS	<p><b>School Health Program:</b> Dr. Beverly reported that Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) is reporting a decrease in COVID positive students and teachers. DCPS is still under the state mandate that if a child has COVID or is sent home with COVID-like symptoms, they can only reenter by waiting out the 10-day quarantine, have a note from and MD, DM or nurse practitioner that they are fit to return, or have a negative test. The only home test accepted is Ellume, which is a test validated within the Ellume app. Students with symptoms receive this test when they are sent home.</p>

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Dr. Goldhagen proposed having a future discussion around how critical it is to have a school health physician employed full-time to address the health and well-being of children. Dr. Goldhagen suggests NEFPS take a lead role in advocating for this. Hazel Health only allows a child six visits for mental health counseling so there is a need to provide further care. The response by parents to use Hazel Health has been underwhelming so now is the time to meet with Dr. Greene and Elizabeth Trisotto to offer NEFPS's assistance on formulating a more solid program with oversight.

Dr. Goldhagen suggested Paul Melinkovich, MD, Director of Community Health at Denver Health, who built the school health system in Denver, participate in one of our meetings to help inform us about what we want to see in the school health physician role and help us generate the political capital to help make this happen. Dr. Goldhagen volunteered to schedule a time for Dr. Melinkovich to talk to NEFPS.

**FL Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) & FMA/CMS/AAP** – No report

**WCH Update:** Dr. Bridgham reported that the number of COVID patients has decreased dramatically, with just 25 patients across the health system. WCH has recently been consistently below five patients, down from our peak in January of 25-30 patients. We have relaxed some of our screening requirements for visitors and will soon be doing away with live screeners. On the adult side, we have done away with pre-procedural testing of outpatients prior to procedures. We still require pre-procedural testing of pediatric patients requiring anesthesia or sedation. The Pavilion testing facilities hours of operation will decrease as well.

The Borowy Family Critical Care Tower opened to NICU patients on 2/22/22. Staffing has been a challenge as we have a high NICU census and the babies are spread across three floors. The PICU will move onto the sixth floor on April 12. The seventh floor will open May 3 to CVICU and burn patients.

The current PICU will be converted to behavioral health beds. The construction project for this will not be complete until June, 2023.

The adult PACE area on the first floor of the heart hospital will be an 8-bed holding area for behavioral health patients. This will help with our ED bed space and the patients will be able to receive services they are currently unable to receive holding in the ED.

Discussions are taking place around the ideal setting for these patients to not be cared for in an acute care medical facility setting so we are looking at off-site options for the future.

EPIC is still on track for a go-live July 30, 2022. Training will begin in May. There are 2 pathways to gain access to EPIC EMR. 1. Attend training sessions. 2. Demonstrate proficiency if you are already using EPIC.

Leadership changes – Dr. Tim Groover was named Chief Medical Officer for Baptist Health and Dr. Ted Glasser has been named Chief Medical Officer of Baptist downtown.

**University of Florida:** No Report

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**Nemours Children's Specialty Care (NCSC) Update:** No report

**St. Vincent's Family Medicine Residency Program Update:** No report

**Secretary –Treasurer's Report:** No report

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 9am. The next meeting of the Northeast Florida Pediatric Society will take place on Wednesday, June, 2022 at 8:00am via Microsoft Teams.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Mark Bedard, MD  
NEFPS Secretary-Treasurer

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Ryan Cantville, MD  
NEFPS President