



Wednesday, March 31, 2021

8:00am – Zoom

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at about 8:0am by Ryan Cantville, MD, 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 September 30, 2020 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME	Dr. Cantville called the meeting to order.
OLD BUSINESS	<p>COVID Vaccine and Masking – Dr. Bedard stated that although Duval County has dropped the masking mandate, it is important for those of us in the community to set the example to continue to mask. This includes medical offices and staff.</p> <p>Dr. Cantville reminded everyone that you can request COVID vaccines through FloridaShots for your medical offices to provide to patients.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	Dr. Kellogg followed up on NEFPS statement on racism. Dr. Kellogg put a call out asking for people to join a working group but didn't have a lot of response, but she met one-on-one with Dr. Gayle and brainstormed some ideas. NEFPS executive committee agreed to move forward with donating funds to a scholarship fund already in place with NE Florida Medical Society. If anyone is interested in joining this working work, please contact Dr. Kellogg at 904-589-1225 or Julie.kellogg@acension .org.
STANDING BUSINESS	<p>School Health Program: Dr. Beverly reported that the school health advisory committee has been meeting every-other month. The school's health manual is being reviewed and a COVID advice section will be added. This manual is posted to the Duval County Public School website.</p> <p>FL Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) – Dr. Rathore reported that the annual meeting is being held September 3-5 at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts or you can also join virtually.</p>

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FMA/CMS/AAP – Dr. Rathore reported that the AAP Annual Leadership Forum will take place **August 5-8 (or October 8-12)**. Dr. Rathore stated that pediatrics has not had a big showing at AAP and he encourages anyone that wants to take on a leadership role, to email him as they are looking for young, energetic people. The FMA Annual meeting will be virtual and is scheduled for July 30 – August 1.

Dr. Rathore also reported that Pfizer has completed its vaccine study of 12-16 year olds and are submitting the results to the FDA and could possibly be approved by July or August. Starting April 5, the entire adult population is eligible to receive a COVID vaccine in Jacksonville and 16-17 year olds can get the Pfizer vaccine. WCH is offering the vaccine to our 16-17 year old patients.

The UF Moderna study will be up and running in about 2 weeks. If anyone has questions for Dr. Rathore he can be emailed at covidstudies@jax.ufl.edu.

WCH Update: Dr. Bridgham reported since the last NEFPS meeting, COVID experienced a peak of over 200 patients hospitalized. Subsequently, we re-allocated the 3 Weaver pediatric beds to adult beds to accommodate the adult med/surg overflow. We have since been able to convert the beds back to peds as our peds census has increased. The behavioral health crisis has impacted our inpatient census with several behavioral health patients on 6 Wolfson awaiting behavioral health beds. We are working to convert 12 beds on Wolfson 6 to licensed behavioral health beds. Work will be complete by May 4 and the State is allowing this conversion for six months.

The resident match was just completed and we filled all of our slots. WCH had 14 categorical pediatric residency slots and two preliminary peds neuro slots.

Dr. David Rice has left Baptist for a position at Flagler Health. Dr. Rice was both the Chief Quality Officer and the Chief Medical Officer for all four of the Baptist Hospitals. As a result, Baptist has decided that we will have a separate position for Chief Quality Officer and then recruit individual Chief Medical Officers for each hospital.

The new critical care tower is on track to be complete in December and we will begin patient care February 22, 2022.

Epic go-live is scheduled for July 1, 2022.

The Clay Hospital build is well underway and is scheduled to open September 2022. The hospital will include labor and delivery and a small ICU.

Construction is well underway for the GME support space for residents on Howard 6. The space will include four call-rooms capable of sleeping eight people, a lounge, library and meditation room and will be open in July.

University of Florida: No report.

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Nemours Children’s Specialty Care (NCSC) Update: Dr. Josephson reported that three new pediatric surgeons, one of which is a division chief who will also lead the trauma program, will be joining the staff this summer. An ortho surgeon who also has expertise in spine, will also be joining this summer.

Renovations will begin this summer on the second floor of Nemours to include shared office space with a lounge and rooms dedicated to telemedicine. Then the 5th floor will be renovated and dedicated entirely to oncology and will be completed in 2022.

We continue to offer patients lots of venues to see doctors as volumes are increasing. Additionally, we are actively expanding in Tallahassee beginning with GI, hemoc/oncology and pulmonary.

St. Vincent’s Family Medicine Residency Program Update: Dr. Kellogg reported that they have completed their resident matches.

Secretary –Treasurer’s Report: Dr. Bedard reported that he is working with the company that maintains the NEFPS website to be able to pay dues online. We will probably still have an option to pay by check. Because of the lack of social interaction, there has been money available for the scholarship funds and other advocacy groups.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 8:35am. The next meeting of the Northeast Florida Pediatric Society will take place on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 8:00am via Zoom.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Mark Bedard, MD
NEFPS Secretary-Treasurer

Ryan Cantville, MD
NEFPS President