



Wednesday, June 29, 2022

8:00am – Zoom

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at about 8:00am by Ryan Cantville, MD, President.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 30, 2022 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME	Dr. Cantville called the meeting to order.
OLD BUSINESS	Dr. Cantville stated that private practices can order COVID vaccines through FL Shots and encouraged all practices to make sure they have an adequate inventory. Shelly Thompson at Sulzbacher is also offering vaccine doses to practices.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>The annual dinner was held in June. Work needs to be done to make sure our contact list is up to date and accurate.</p> <p>There was a discussion around how to get ABA evaluations with Medicaid patients. Dr. Childers stated that if the patient has Medicaid, you don't have to have an ASD diagnosis to get an ABA. The federal government has provided a template letter for families to fill in data on the child to get testing at the child's school within 60 days. Medicaid requires a letter from the PCP stating the behavior of the child is severe enough that they need Medicaid support. A developmentally delayed diagnosis in Florida which formerly stopped at a child's sixth birthday, has now been expanded to nine years.</p> <p>Dr. Margaret Cato Jackson, a child psychologist at Nemours, has a grant to look for autism from 18 months to age three and has a sliding scale payment plan.</p> <p>As discussed in the March meeting, Dr. Goldhagen brought up advocating for a school health physician. This physician would provide services and linkage to pediatric specialists. Dr. Goldhagen suggested putting together a work group to prepare a paper and rationale to present to Dr. Greene, Superintendent of DCPS, and the school board, to support this. Dr. Goldhagen suggested that the best employer for this position would be the Partnership for Child Health.</p> <p>Dr. Goldhagen inquired as to whether others were seeing an increase in meningitis cases and asked if pediatric practices are routinely vaccinating for meningitis. Although this vaccine is not mandated by school systems in Florida, most practices are encouraging and</p>

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recommending children get this vaccine. UF requires parents to sign a decline letter at every medical visit if they don't want their child to receive this vaccine. Baptist pediatric practices don't allow opting out with the only exception being a medical reason. At Ascension, there are some offices that require it and some that have decided not to require it so as to not punish the child for the parent's choices. The doctor will have the conversation with the parents at every visit.

A conversation ensued around how to get a cohesive message out around vaccines. It was suggested that NEFPS needs to take the lead in endorsing and addressing this with the school system. The message would also be endorsed by the Partnership for Child Health. Dr. Goldhagen is willing to take the lead.

Dr. Cantville stated he would be willing to reach out to other pediatric offices to gauge interest in motivational interview training. The American Academy of Pediatrics has partnered with a company that has a virtual motivation interview teaching tool. It is free and interactive.

STANDING BUSINESS

School Health Program: no update

FL Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) & FMA/CMS/AAP – Dr. Rathore is the recipient of the 2022 Florida Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics' Audrey Lincourt Schiebler, RN, FAAP and Gerold Schiebler, MD, FAAP, Advocacy Award. This award is presented annually to a physician who has worked beyond the profession, educated local and state legislators, and diligently advocated to improve the health and welfare of Florida's children.

WCH Update: No Report

University of Florida: No Report

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

St. Vincent's Family Medicine Residency Program Update: Dr. Kellogg provided a report around the end of the academic year. St. Vincent's now has a sports medicine area of concentration for residents and fellows. Ten residents graduated: several with concentrations in OBGYN, one in hospital medicine, two sports medicine fellows, and a faculty medicine academic fellow. There are now 10 new residents: two sports medicine fellows, a lifestyle medicine fellow and a psych fellow.

Secretary –Treasurer's Report: No report

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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, August 31, 2022 at 8:00am via Microsoft Teams.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Mark Bedard, MD
NEFPS Secretary-Treasurer

Ryan Cantville, MD
NEFPS President