




Wednesday, June 30, 2021

8:00am – Zoom

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at about 8:00am by Ryan Cantville, MD, President.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 31, 2021 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME	Dr. Cantville called the meeting to order.
OLD BUSINESS	None
NEW BUSINESS	Dr. Padma Nandula presented new discharge feeding guidelines. The presentation is attached.  Discharge feeding guidelines.pdf
STANDING BUSINESS	<p>School Health Program: Dr. Beverly reported that Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) is required to have a healthcare manual online and the School Health Program is responsible for updating it every year. The manual for pediatricians to reference is on the DCPS website under Health Services.</p> <p>Peter Hicks from the Youth Crisis Center did a presentation on the services they offer to the School Health Advisory Committee. Here is the link to their programs: https://youthcrisiscenter.org/our-programs/. Their crisis number 725-6662. Mr. Hicks is willing to do a presentation for any groups that are interested.</p> <p>FL Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) – Dr. Rathore reported that the annual meeting is being held September 3-4 at Disney’s Yacht & Beach Club Resorts or you can also join virtually. Dr. Rathore would like everyone to ensure they receive the chapter’s Florida Pediatrician Journal and encourages everyone to submit articles to the publication.</p>

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FMA/CMS/AAP – Dr. Rathore reported that the AAP Annual Leadership Forum will take place July 30-31. AAP has been very active with distributing information about COVID and the vaccine.

The Moderna vaccine trial has been very successful. The trial's age groups are 6 months – 2 years, 2-6 years and 6-12 years. The study is limited in how many people can be enrolled and we were assigned nine patients. If anyone has any patients that would like to be enrolled in the study, you can email covidstudies@jax.ufl.edu or Dr. Rathore directly. The next group of children will be enrolled July 15.

There is another study through the Prevention Network funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) for 18-30 year olds. Anyone that is interested or not interested or hesitant in getting the vaccine can be enrolled. We expect this to start in mid-late July.

WCH Update: Dr. Bridgham reported that Michael Mayo has been named permanent CEO of the health system and Kyle Dorsey has been named interim Hospital President of the downtown campus.

We are remaining on track on the construction of the Critical Care Tower. Construction will be completed in December and patient care will begin in January. Patients in the current PICU and NICU will be moving into the new tower.

EPIC conversation is scheduled to go live July 30, 2022. Dr. Hudak and Dr. Josephson are to be commended for the amount of time their faculty members have committed to helping with this conversion. It has been very helpful that UF and Nemours have been on the EPIC platform for many years.

Dr. Jim Joyce, the only other local pediatric cardiologist in the community in private practice, became a WCH employee at the beginning of June.

Half of the beds on 6 Wolfson have been converted to licensed behavioral health beds so we can more effectively provide care for the overflow of these patients. We were able to make this temporary conversion in part, because of the governor's COVID declaration, but this is only allowed for a limited time. We will be able to determine whether we need to keep these beds as permanent behavioral health beds this fall.

The new class of interns starts tomorrow. We filled all of our available slots. Their new support space on Howard 6 will be opening soon.

Orange Park Medical Center is closing their inpatient pediatric services. They will continue to maintain their NICU.

University of Florida: Dr. Hudak reported that we are assuming operations of the CMS space on Jefferson Street as the state has ceded operational control of that building. This space will accommodate the Early Steps Program, Dr. Rathore's UF Cares Rainbow Operations, and Dr. Goldhagen's Partnership Program.

We are recruiting for a replacement for Dr. Tolaymat, Chief of Pediatric Nephrology, and looking into the possibility of recruiting a second rheumatologist.

Cardiology has completed their transition from UF to Baptist.

Nemours Children's Specialty Care (NCSC) Update: Dr. Josephson reported that Nemours is going through a rebrand and new logo, including new signage on the building. This rebrand will be in alignment with Nemours' new strategy - The New Frontier. The five pillars of the new strategy are: 1. Health, value and equity 2. Financial stewardship 3. Clinical preeminence 4. Academic preeminence 5. Voice of the child and family. It will be launched to the entire community in August.

In regards to our facilities, we have redesigned and rebuilt our lobby. Now we are working on shared hoteling office space for our physicians and other providers. This will open the fifth floor where we are partnering with WCH and the community for a new pediatric oncology and infusion center.

A new peds orthopedic surgeon is starting August. Two peds surgeons and a neuro oncology surgeon start in September. We also have an anesthesiologist starting in September and have extended an offer to another.

Volumes are returning post COVID. We have expanded pulmonary, oncology and GI in the Tallahassee market.

Nemours has partnered with UF and will be conducting one grand rounds a month.

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

Secretary –Treasurer's Report: Dr. Bedard reported that the NEFPS website now has the ability to pay dues via credit card. You can still send your dues check to Nancy Koob - \$75 for doctors and \$50 for PA and practitioners.

Dr. Goldhagen reported that the Population Health Consortium of NE FL has been working on vaccine hesitancy, particularly with people of color and young people. We do have funding for marketing initiatives. We will report back to you through Laura Beverly and Bethany Atkins as to how this group can take a lead role in marketing and advancing the vaccine in kids 12-18. Angel kids has 3,500 vaccines that expire at the end of July.

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, September 29, 2021 at 8:00am via Zoom.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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