



Wednesday, August 31, 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, June 29, 2022 at about 8:00am by Bethany Atkins, MD, Immediate Past President.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 29, 2022 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p>Dr. Atkins thanked those that came to the banquet and is looking forward to opportunities to meet in person in the future.</p> <p>Julie Kellogg, MD chaired the remainder of the meeting in Dr. Cantville's absence.</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Jeff Goldhagen, MD, stated there is a lot happening with the Population Health Consortium. The Consortium was established mid-way through the COVID pandemic and became a 501c3. There is much work that needs to be done around COVID, monkeypox and issues with transgender children, to name a few. The Consortium was established to be an organization of organizations but haven't been able to lobby, take political positions, or support candidates. Therefore, they recently established themselves as a 501c4 which will be effective in the next month or so. This will provide NEFPS and others to be able to take political positions through the Consortium. Dr. Goldhagen suggested we put together a working group to serve as a portal for political action.</p> <p>Dr. Goldhagen also shared that The Partnership for Child Health has received substantial funding to develop medical behavioral health homes. The Partnership has also developed a large number of training programs in cultural competency and health literacy. In part, these resources have been generated through Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) with the expectation that we would work with the pediatricians, children's hospital, etc. to advance our understanding of trauma and trauma informed care. Dr. Goldhagen suggested forming a committee that would help us figure out how best we can deliver this education program to busy pediatricians. The courses provide CME credits through the Duval County Medical Society and the training is free.</p> <p>Dr. Kellogg presented the proposed change in officers. Dr. Kellogg has been nominated as President; Mark Bedard, MD, has been nominated as Vice President; Prasanthi Reddy, MD has been nominated as Treasurer/Secretary; and Ryan Cantville, MD, will assume the position of Immediate Past President. The NEFPS committee passed these changes in leadership by unanimous vote.</p>

Galaxy Li, MD, a Nemours anesthesiologist and pediatric pain pediatrician wanted to let everyone know about the Society for Pediatric Pain Medicine Global Virtual Conference, Saturday, November 5, 2022. This is a virtual meeting and Dr. Li encourages everyone to attend. Most speakers are international and not everyone attending is an anesthesiologist.

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BUSINESS**

School Health Program: Dr. Beverly shared that nothing has changed with the school system using Hazel Health for telemedicine psychological counseling and physical illness. If parent's sign a waiver, the child can be treated through Hazel Health without the parent being present. This service is free to families. It was suggested that NEFPS should take a stand against schools using this type of care that doesn't involve the child's primary care doctor.

FL Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) & FMA/CMS/AAP – Dr. Rathore shared that the annual FCAAP conference is in Orlando this weekend. Dr. Rana Alissa, a UF Health pediatrician, will be the new secretary of the chapter. Many resolutions were passed from the FMA. One was that the academy will provide support to pediatricians who face opposition and threats from anti-vaxxers and people spreading misinformation, while advocating for children's issues.

WCH Update: Dr. Bridgham reported that our patient volumes have been very high throughout the summer. All of our med/surg beds have been full. Behavioral health demand has gone down since school started.

We re-applied for our Magnet designation and had our site visit in June. The preliminary response is that we will be re-designated.

We converted the entire health system to EPIC on July 30. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done around work-flows, but otherwise the implementation went very well.

WCH became a state designated trauma referral center in 2018. After this designation, we wanted to try to achieve designation by the American College of Surgeons as an ASC verified pediatric trauma center, which is an even higher level of certification. Dr. Letton shared that the ASC site visit went very well. We had no deficiencies and lots of strengths. Although not official yet, but we expect to be named a Level 1 ASC verified pediatric trauma center for the next three years.

Our labor expenses have been suffering due to shortages in nursing and respiratory therapists. A number of this staff left during COVID to become travelers who have high salaries. To staff appropriately, Baptist had to pay for travelers, and pay critical staffing bonuses. We anticipate these labor challenges will remain into next year. Fortunately, the state legislature authorized \$85M to pay separately licensed hospitals in Florida. Of that, WCH received \$12M and will continue to receive this funding annually.

Michael Aubin is retiring October 3. There is a retirement party planned for him on September 28. Everyone should have also received information on how to contribute to a child abuse endowment in Michael and Hillary's name.

The search for Michael's replacement continues.

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: Dr. Bedard shared that they are working with the bank to get authorized signatures changed. Right now, the best way to pay dues is by using PayPal going through the NEFPS website.

If anyone is interested in joining any of the work groups mentioned, please reach out to Drs. Kellogg or Goldhagen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 8:45am. The next meeting of the Northeast Florida Pediatric Society will take place on Wednesday, November 30 at 8:00am via Microsoft Teams.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Mark Bedard, MD  
NEFPS Secretary-Treasurer

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Julie Kellogg, MD  
Incoming NEFPS President