



Wednesday, September 29, 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 June 30, 2021 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME	Dr. Cantville called the meeting to order. Dr. Cantville commended many of the members who have been speaking out at their schools and school board for providing direction during the pandemic.
OLD BUSINESS	None
NEW BUSINESS	<p>There was discussion around advocating and making sure we speak up for what is best for our patients and the pediatric population. A few members of NEFPS have been meeting with both the Duval Director of School Health and the St. Johns School Board letting them know we want to contribute our medical knowledge to the conversation around COVID. Dr. Cantville suggested setting up subcommittees on advocacy.</p> <p>Dr. Goldhagen shared that work continues with issues of equity, social justice and racism. Rep. Diaz from South Florida wants to eliminate the mandate for all vaccines which will be coming up in this legislative session. The Population Health Consortium has been tremendously successful addressing issues in the community and NEFPS has been well represented at the meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Atkins discussed reframing what NEFPS will be in the next 5-10 years. How much are we going to be a proactive versus reactive advocacy group versus a CME social group that donates money. Advocacy is an opportunity for pediatric residents and is in alignment with a lot of the work the residents are doing. This is an opportunity to develop new advocates for the future. The challenge would be residents finding the time with their schedules. An advocacy group would put NEFPS on the radar in the community and provide an avenue for families to voice their concerns. The Partnership for Child Health has been carrying a lot of the burden and can provide administrative support. A list of initiatives should be developed. Dr. Cantville asked for volunteers. Next steps is for the executive team to get together. Dr. Atkins made a motion to start a pediatric advocacy branch of NEFPS and the motion was passed.</p>

**STANDING
BUSINESS**

School Health Program: Dr. Beverly reported that Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) is going to offer flu vaccines to all the children in schools between 10/12 – 10/21. The schools are partnering with Health Heroes to ensure enough nursing help is hired.

COVID testing has been planned but funding isn't finalized.

Hazel Health is a national telemedicine group and DCPS contracted with them to provide telehealth services to the students which is a concern to pediatricians. DCPS contacted Hazel Health to provide mental health services for children but Hazel Health wouldn't agree to enter into a contract unless they could provide telemedicine as well. Dr. Cantville would like to discuss this with the school board and let them know how important it is for the children to see their own pediatricians for continuity of care.

FL Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) & FMA/CMS/AAP – Dr. Rathore reported that the number of COVID cases has plummeted partially due to masking. There was discussion around the different counties and their willingness to comply with mandates and test when appropriate. Some counties are more compliant and have more accurate numbers than others.

WCH Update: Dr. Bridgham reported that we had our peak of COVID patients at 580 in early August and today there are 134 patients. WCH peaked at 22 patients and are now in the single digits again. About 25% of the kids needed ICU care. There was a total of seven pediatric deaths over the course of the pandemic.

Baptist has mandated vaccination to employees and medical staff. Deadline is Nov. 15 to be vaccinated or have an approved exemption.

EPIC is still on track for a go-live July 31, 2022

University of Florida: No Report

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

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

Secretary –Treasurer's Report: Dues can now be paid online. The information is on the website.

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.

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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, March 30, 2022 at 8:00am via Zoom.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Mark Bedard, MD
NEFPS Secretary-Treasurer

Ryan Cantville, MD
NEFPS President