



Wednesday, November 30, 2022

8:00am – Zoom

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at about 8:00am by Julie Kellogg, MD, President.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 31, 2022 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
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OLD BUSINESS	None.
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NEW BUSINESS	<p>In 2020, NEFPS drafted a statement on racism specifically for the pediatric population. Since then, ongoing discussions have been taking place about establishing an equity task force and determining how our organization can address equity issues. We are committed to continuing this work and developing a policy statement on equity and inclusion for NEFPS. To this end, it was suggested we seek the expertise of Madeline Joseph, MD, a renowned pediatrician and pediatric emergency medicine physician at UF-JAX. Dr. Joseph also serves as the institutional associate dean of equity and inclusion and is the former AAP chapter president and current AAP district chair. Her extensive involvement at the national level ensures that our message will be aligned with current best practices. If anyone has other suggestions for individuals to involve in this process, please contact Dr. Kellogg.</p>
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In addition to creating a policy statement, Dr. Goldhagen emphasized the need for a concrete plan to put our words into action. Fortunately, there are abundant resources available for physicians and staff to undergo training in cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and cultural relevance. Despite having access to these resources, however, we have yet to successfully integrate them into physician offices and pediatricians' training. The training can be tailored to meet the specific needs of practicing pediatricians and their offices. To this end, Dr. Goldhagen suggests that NEFPS partner with The Partnership for Child Health to drive change. If you are interested in this training for your office, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Goldhagen.



**STANDING
BUSINESS**

School Health Program: Dr. Beverly reported that the schools provided 7,220 flu shots. That program has ended. Florida Shots is now integrated into Focus, the DCPS computer system so if you provide flu shots through Florida Shots, you no longer need to provide the proof of vaccine form to the school. The schools COVID policy has not changed.

FL Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) & FMA/CMS/AAP – No report

WCH Update: Dr. Bridgham reported that WCH is experiencing a high census. This is not due to any particular diagnosis.

Since our last meeting, Michael Aubin has retired as President of WCH. Allegra Jaros has been named his successor. She is currently the president of Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo, NY. Her first day is January 16.

University of Florida: No Report

Nemours Children's Specialty Care (NCSC) Update: Dr. Josephson reported that Nemours is renovating their fifth floor which will be their new hematology / oncology space. In collaboration with WCH, this space will be able to provide infusion care in addition to doctor and social worker visits. This new space will open in July.

Nemours is outgrowing their clinic building so they are looking to move some of their current services to our satellite locations.

Nemours is currently facing one of its most significant challenges: a high patient volume coupled with a shortage of physicians, nurses, and ancillary staff. We currently have several open recruitments for these positions. Unfortunately, this shortage is not unique to Nemours. According to an article published by the American Hospital Association, there is expected to be a shortage of 123,000 physicians by the year 2033.

St. Vincent's Family Medicine Residency Program Update: A poster presentation was presented by the residents at the American Academy of Pediatrics conference on the obesity momentum program. Although the program has been successful over the years, due to restructuring at St. Vincent's, they have had to limit the program. So, the community-based program is on hold for now.

St. Vincent's continues to provide COVID vaccines in their clinics. They are mostly seeing RVS, flu and strep.

Secretary –Treasurer's Report: Dr. Bedard shared that our membership is still relatively small. He reminded everyone to pay their dues if they haven't already and encourage current members to ask other physicians and AAPs to join. NEFPS is working to be more active now that COVID is over.

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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, March 29 at 8:00am via Microsoft Teams.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Julie Kellogg, MD
NEFPS Secretary-Treasurer

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Incoming NEFPS President