




Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:00am – Zoom

MINUTES

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

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION
OLD BUSINESS	None.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Mohammad Adawi, a pediatric resident, presented a project they are working on to decrease the unnecessary hospital admissions for babies with jaundice. Jaundice is very common, occurring in about 80% of newborns. There was discussion around how to avoid readmissions. Some pediatrician offices have their own bilirubin machines and can test themselves, and ER's have been very accommodating. At St. Vincent's, the Seaton Center, a part of labor and delivery, provides bilirubin draws. Dr. Bridgham is going to look into where pediatricians can refer patients that need a bilirubin level drawn without having to refer to emergency rooms, including whether there are resources at Wolfson's at Town Center and at Baptist South for those living in the St. Augustine area. He will report back at the next meeting. The presentation is attached.</p> <p> Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia.]</p>
STANDING BUSINESS	<p><u>School Health Program</u>: No report</p> <p><u>FL Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) & FMA/CMS/AAP</u> – Dr. Hudak reported that there is an active task force in place regarding pediatric workforce. The Academy is partnering with the Florida Association of Children's Hospitals, the Safety Net Hospitals of Florida and other programs throughout the state to get a handle on general pediatric and specialty pediatric workforce projections for the next two decades.</p>

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WCH Update: Dr. Bridgham reported that Allegra Jaros has completed her first 30 days as President. Allegra is very interested in making sure that Wolfson is not just an island unto itself, but is actually a source of support for the pediatric community as a whole. There have already been discussions about how to bring more value to the pediatricians in the community as opposed to WCH just being a repository for their patients when they get sick.

University of Florida: Dr. Hudak reported that we have recruited a third geneticist to join Dr. Trapanè's group. Other new hires:
Dr. Vasantha Kumar- Neonatology Division Chief.
Dr. Henry Zapata – Neonatology. He is a graduating fellow from the University of Wisconsin.
Dr. Venkatesan Gorantla – Neonatology working at Baptist Clay.
Dr. Christopher Carroll – Critical Care, joined in April. He was the professor of pediatrics at the University of Connecticut. He will assume medical director duties from Dr. Gayle.

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

St. Vincent's Family Medicine Residency Program Update: St. Vincent's Riverside is no longer doing maternity care, so deliveries have moved to St. Vincent's Southside.

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.

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, May 31 at 8:00am via Microsoft Teams.

Approved by:

Julie Kellogg, MD
NEFPS President