



Wednesday, May 31, 2023
8:00am – Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The Northeast Florida Pediatric Society (NEFPS) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 31, at about 8:00am by Julie Kellogg, MD, President.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 29, 2023 NEFPS meeting were adopted as written.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
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OLD BUSINESS	None.
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NEW BUSINESS	Dr. Bridgham introduced Allegra Jaros, WCH Hospital President. Allegra has been a children’s healthcare leader for 25 years with the last nine years as the president of Oishei Children’s Hospital in Buffalo, NY. As she is enjoying getting to know the Jacksonville community and really understanding the history of Wolfson and the history of children's healthcare in our community, she is looking forward to building the Children's Health Network in Jacksonville. One of her focuses is advancing and building upon the already great relationships that Wolfsons has with its physicians and community-based organizations around the Jacksonville area. She is looking forward to working with community pediatricians to understand what needs our kids and families face and how Wolfson’s can be a part of a solution.
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STANDING BUSINESS	<u>School Health Advisory Committee:</u> Flu shots will be offered to all students in the Duval County Public School (DCPS) in the fall of 2023. They will cover all 150 schools in 1.5 weeks. Last year they immunized 7,500 students against the flu.
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Hazel Health continues to offer telehealth services for both physical and mental health issues to DCPS students. Parents/guardians must sign an agreement to use these services. If utilized, an attempt is made to contact the parent/guardian to participate in the visit.

In the 2022-23 school year, they saw 11,655 student sick visits virtually and 80% were returned to the classroom. 2,981 virtual mental health visits were provided as well. Physical health visits will be available Monday through Friday from 8am to 3pm, and mental health visits will be available Monday through Friday from 7am to 7pm.

The School Health Services Manual has been revised by SHAC as required by law every two years.

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House Bill 1537 was recently signed into law. It allows students of all ages to carry medication for headaches while on school property without a physician's note or prescription, as long as the medication is FDA approved for over-the-counter use for the treatment of headaches. There is discussion concerning children self-medicating, carrying pills that are not in the guidelines but disguised in bottles that do meet the guidelines and how that's going to be monitored.

DCPS is working with DOH to possibly offer Tdap vaccines to rising 6th graders going in 7th grade. The state mandates that 95% of 7th graders are vaccinated with Tdap. Schools have been utilizing the Ascension St. Vincent mobile unit the last several months to offer the Tdap vaccine to students in schools.

There was discussion around taking a position and reaching out to the current interim superintendent and the School Health Committee regarding what it means to take care of kids in the schools. There is a lot happening in children's external environment that impacts them. It was suggested that a physician should be running the School Health Services Committee. If anyone is interested in being a part of a working group for this initiative, please reach out to Dr. Kellogg or Dr. Beverly.

FL Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) & FMA/CMS/AAP – Dr. Hudak reported that the annual Florida Chapter meeting will be in Orlando over Labor Day weekend. This meeting has been very successful at engaging medical students and residents in academic and clinical aspects of pediatrics.

There has been a lot of activity with legislative issues. On a less optimistic note, challenges persist in areas concerning LGBT rights, the unlicensed carrying of concealed weapons, immigration policies, etc. On a positive note, there is additional Medicaid funding for pediatricians and additional reimbursements designed to incentivize participation in medical education, particularly in pediatric specialties.

The Florida Chapter is being subpoenaed by the House Committee to produce records related to internal discussions on its advocacy on behalf of LGBT community including internal emails and communications among chapter members and executive board members. This is happening in Universities as well and DEI's are being defunded.

There was discussion around drafting a position statement from NEFPS stating full support of the Florida and National AAP's efforts to support rights for the LGBT community. Dr. Hudak agreed to draft a resolution and circulate it via email to be reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Rathore reported that Dr. Lisa Costco, who is from Jacksonville and a former president of the Florida Chapter, is the only candidate for FMA President. The AP just announced the Chief Diversity Officer, Joseph Wright.

University of Florida: No report

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

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

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Secretary –Treasurer’s Report: Dr. Reddy spoke about trying to increase NEFPS membership. It was mentioned that people may not be clear on the benefits of joining. Dr. Reddy is planning a get-together and will reach out to the CMS and CSS distribution list join NEFPS and ask current members to pay their membership dues for 2023.

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, August 30 at 8:00am via Microsoft Teams.

Approved by:

Julie Kellogg, MD
NEFPS President