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Meeting of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CMS Building – Jacksonville
January 15, 2014, 12:30 – 2:00 PM

Board Members Present
James Cheek, M.D., Chairman
Thomas Chiu, M.D., Secretary / Treasurer
Vibhuti Agarwal, M.D.
Jerry Bridgham, M.D.
Gary Josephson, M.D.
Saswata Roy, M.D.
Gerold L. Schiebler, M.D
Mary Soha, M.D.
Bob Threlkel, M.D.
Kelli Wells, M.D.

Board Members Absent
Michael Aubin
Michael Erhard, M.D.
Mark Hudak, M.D.
Patricia Solo-Josephson, M.D.
Shelly Thompson, M.D.
David Wood, M.D.

Designated Proxy Present for Absent Board Member
Jerry Bridgham, M.D.
Gary Josephson, M.D.
Board Chairman
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Guests and Designated Proxies Present
Sherry Buchman, RN, CMS Jacksonville Director of Nursing
Sharon Surrency, RN, CMS Regional Director of Nursing, North Central Florida Region
Laura Beverly, M.D., Primary Care Pediatrician, Duval County Health Department Beaches Health Center;
Liaison to Duval County School Health Advisory Council
Dana Ferrell-Birchfield, Administrator Medical Education, Nemours;
Executive Director, Florida Association of Children’s Hospitals
April Smith, Director, Northeast Florida Early Steps Program
Karen Billings, CMS Regional Administrator, North Central Florida Region

Guests Participating Via Telephone
Eugenia Ngo-Seidel, M.D., Director, Nassau County Health Department
Louis B. St. Petery, Jr, M.D., Executive Vice President, Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FC-AAP)
Eric Carr, Executive Director, FC-AAP
Douglas Bell, Esq, Government Relations, FC-AAP
CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Cheek called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM. He introduced today’s guest and welcomed to the Board Dr. Vibhuti Agarwal, Co-Chief Resident of the UF College of Medicine-Jacksonville Pediatric Residency Program. Dr. Agarwal shares with Dr. Chantel Walker the seat on the Partnership Board representing Residency Program.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS
The following summarizes the status of the action items from the November 19, 2013 meeting:

1. Organizing the Partnership School Health Committee. – The Committee met on December 18, 2013. Wolfson Children’s Hospital is involved through the participation of Megan Denk, Manager, The Players Center for Child Health. Partnership staff are providing administrative and organizational support.


3. Contacting Bob Sefcik, Executive Director of the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program, regarding a Grand Rounds presentation on brain concussion and traumatic brain injury – Dr. Soha will work with Mr. Sefcik to organize a Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation or Northeast Florida Pediatric Society evening event on such a topic.

4. Contacting Dr. Raj Sheth at Nemours Pediatric Neurology Department to provide clarification on what post-concussion conditions are justifications for a referral for a neurological evaluation – Dr. Cheek reported that Dr. Sheth said that the role of the Pediatric Neurology staff was to primarily address complicated issues such as ongoing pain or cognitive impairment.

5. JaxHATS update – Dr. Wood could not attend this January 15th Board meeting. Dr. Chiu will provide an update on his behalf.

6. Dissemination of available information on the Affordable Care Act – Fact sheets have been posted on the Partnership website.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
Currently there is no consistent protocol or referral process in Jacksonville for pediatricians who treat patients who have experienced a concussion. The collaborative care model is effective for treating such traumatic brain injury patients. Dr. Goldhagen reported that the University of Florida Pediatric Rehabilitation Department has agreed to be the first point of referral. Implementing a collaborative care model in Jacksonville for concussion patients would require training physicians on the criteria for referral and the
referral process. A Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation is needed to begin
to educate pediatricians and family practice physicians. The training should
be supported with live simulation of the involved process. Dr. Cheek will
follow up with Dr. Soha regarding planning such a training. Dr. Schiebler
recommended that Dr. Ronald Renuart—a family physician in Ponte Vedra
and a member of the House of Representatives in the Florida State
Legislature who was responsible for the passage of legislation regarding the
evaluation and treatment of brain concussion occurring at high school
athletic events—be invited to attend a Partnership Board meeting to explain
the issue from a legislative perspective. This recent concussion related
legislation may be an incentive for physicians to attend an educational
session on this topic.

**JAXHATS UPDATE**

Dr. Wood continues to work to seek CMS funding ($400,000) to spread the
Jacksonville Health and Transition Services (JaxHATS) model initially
across Northeast Florida. He is hopeful that Wolfson Children’s Hospital
leadership will support the effort by helping to initiate such a regional
program. Dr. Wood plans to give an update on JaxHATS at the next
Statewide CMS Medical Directors meeting on February 1, 2014.

**NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

The work of the Northeast Florida Human Trafficking Coalition has
benefitted by Partnership involvement through the participation of Dr.
Threlkel and Carol Shutters. The Coalition is working with the Duval
County Health Department staff and St. Vincent's Family Medicine Center
leadership to provide training on identifying possible victims of human
trafficking. Ms. Shutters reported that Duval County is unique in that there
are dedicated staff to manage the human trafficking alerts that are called in to
the general abuse hotline. Of the fifty victims of human trafficking
identified in Duval County in 2013, seven were children. Experts agree that
this is the “tip of the iceberg.” A handout regarding identifying victims of
human trafficking was provided. *(The handout is available upon request.)*

Dr. Threlkel thanked Ms. Shutters for her work; and he suggested that a
Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation on the topic of human trafficking be
organized.

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OF THE FLORIDA CHAPTER – AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (FL-AAP)**

Current legislative issues were presented to the Board by Dr. Louis B. St.
Petery, Jr., Mr. Eric Carr and Mr. Douglas Bell. Key issues included:

*Booster Seats* - The current law only requires that children under 3
years old be placed in car seats. As soon as a child turns 4, he or she can use
an adult seat belt. A bill (SB 518), if passed, would require children between
4 and 7 years old and shorter than 4 feet 9 inches to be secured in a booster
seat while in a moving car. Key members of the Florida House of
Representatives in past legislative sessions were opposed to the bill. A key
player in the bill’s legislative progress in the forthcoming session of the
Florida legislature is Representative Daniel Davis, the Chairman of the
House Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee of the Economic
Affairs Committee. Pediatricians and area constituents from the business
community can help by contacting Representative Davis to educate him on the importance of enacting such a booster seat law. Dr. Goldhagen will follow up to help develop a strategy for organizing an effort to communicate with Representative Davis—utilizing both his children’s pediatrician, Dr. Julie Baker, and Dr. Mobeen Rathore, President of the FL-AAP.

**Later Start Time for High Schools** - Sleep deprivation is a widespread health problem—particularly for adolescents. Studies have shown the educational value of later school start times for high school students. Efforts to pass legislation to mandate later start times has been an ongoing initiative for years. Currently there is no Senate sponsor for this proposed legislation. The House bill (HB 67) is sponsored by Representative Matt Gaetz. It is entitled “Powers and Duties of District School Boards.”

Other legislative issues include:
1. increase of Medicaid reimbursement rates to Medicare levels for physician services;
2. appropriate reimbursements for services to children on cancer protocol;
3. increased funding for the State-wide CMS Cardiac Program ($3.0 million);
4. salary parity between the Child Protection Team case coordinators in CMS and their counterparts in DCF—who are evaluating the same cases of all types of child abuse ($3.2 million); and
5. expansion to Northeast Florida of the JaxHATS program ($400,000). The Florida Association of Children’s Hospitals meets February 13, 2014 to develop a legislative agenda. Ms. Ferrell-Birchfield will share such information with the Partnership Board.

**SCHOOL HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Dr. Beverly reported that the School Health Committee members are interested and engaged in working together to address school health issues in the Duval County Public School (DCPS) system. She added that the effort would benefit by inspiration and direction from the Partnership. Dr. Beverly reported that the DCPS School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) members recognize the need for improved mental health services in the schools; but it is not clear if the interests of the SHAC are effectively communicated to the Duval County School Board.

Another issue in the school system relates to brain concussions. Athletic team coaches are generally knowledgeable about the need for physical rest after a concussion; but the cognitive-related restrictions (rest from TV, video games, etc.) and the academic-related interventions (which require “grade freeze,” etc.) are not consistently communicated to and/or implemented by parents and teachers. Dr. Goldhagen suggested that a meeting be arranged with Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti, Duval County Public Schools Superintendent, or other appropriate individuals, to discuss 1) mental health services, 2) school board coordination with the SHAC and 3) the academic-related restrictions and interventions after a concussion.
Dr. Schiebler summarized the Report of CMS State-wide Consultant to the Board of Directors of the Partnership for Child Health which was distributed at the meeting. (The report and Attachments 1 – 4 are available at http://partnershipforchildhealth.org/BODMinutes.aspx.)

Dr. Schiebler also suggested that the Board invite to a Partnership meeting Dr. Parker Small—pediatrician, immunologist and educator whose current work focuses primarily on public health response to influenza—to present to the Board the topic of school-based influenza immunizations as a public health issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CMS Telemedicine** – Karen Billings reported that CMS leadership is seeking a nurse specialist experienced in telemedicine to help introduce the proposed expansion of the CMS telemedicine program to providers. This will be an OPS position supporting the five CMS regions of the State that are served by the University of Florida’s Pediatric Integrated Care System (Ped-I-Care). Dr. Chiu added that the technological aspects of developing this program are on schedule.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion 1/15 #1** – Dr. Josephson moved to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting as presented and previously distributed. Dr. Roy seconded the motion; and it was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After ascertaining that there was no further business to discuss, Dr. Cheek adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Partnership Board of Directors is Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM in the 2nd floor large conference room of the CMS building, 910 North Jefferson Street, Jacksonville, Florida, 32209.

**SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Presentation on Concussion** - Dr. Soha will work with Mr. Bob Sefcik to organize a Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation or a Northeast Florida Pediatric Society evening event on the protocols for concussion. Dr. Cheek will follow up with Dr. Soha regarding the planning of such a training.

2. **Booster Seat Bill** - Dr. Goldhagen will follow up with Dr. St. Petery and Dr. Rathore to help develop a strategy for organizing an effort to communicate with Representative Davis about the importance of supporting the booster seat bill. This effort could also involve the pediatrician to Representative Davis’ children, Dr. Julie Baker.

3. **School Health Issues** - Dr. Goldhagen will contact Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti, DCPS Superintendent, or other appropriate individuals, to arrange a meeting to discuss 1) mental health services, 2) school board coordination with the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) and 3) the academic-related restrictions and interventions after a concussion.