

Executive Committee Conference Call

March 19, 2020

5:30 – 6:30 pm

MINUTES

Members present on the call: Drs. Rachel Chatters, Bridgett Foreman, Kimberly Mukerjee, John Vanchiere and Roberta Vicari

Staff and others present on the call: Ashley Politz (Executive Director), Taryn Daigle, (Director of Education & Membership) and Stephen Wright (Seersucker Strategies)

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

The minutes from the February 13, 2020 were emailed to members before the meeting for review. **There being no discussion or changes a motion was made by Kimberly Mukerjee, MD and seconded by Bridgett Foreman, MD to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.**

Items for Discussion:

Regional reports on Coronavirus – Members reported on their concerns and needs concerning the COVID-19 virus. Discussion included universal use of VFC vaccines, perinatal recommendations from the AAP, AAP guidance strains the supply stock (requirement for multiple sites/ testing), advocating for hospitals to recognize pediatric patients having different needs, increased reimbursement rates during the time we are in a declared emergency, the availability of bi-lingual/ multi-lingual communications, availability of school meals, and the implementation of a social media campaign.

Chapter's role – Ashley Politz, LA AAP Executive Director, will contact AAP regarding the universal use of VFC vaccines, perinatal recommendations, advocating for hospitals to recognize pediatric patients have different needs, and increased reimbursement rates during this time of a declared emergency. Once a response is received from AAP it will be forwarded to members. Resources from the Northwest Pediatric Society will be sent to members and is also available on the LA AAP website. A link will be sent with the times and locations of schools providing meals for pick-up. Staff will work on a social media campaign to begin forwarding messages through multiple platforms.

Legislature/ Advocacy – Stephen Wright reported legislature has been deferred until March 31, 2020. The legislature has filed place holder bills to hurriedly move the process along once back in session. Information regarding the session is also listed on the LA AAP website.

Other Business/ Announcements

Ashley Politz reported Jessica Williams, a reporter from New Orleans, has reached out regarding an upcoming article on how parents are coping with school being out during the COVID-19 virus and how this relates to the AAP screen times. Ms. Politz shared the AAP's [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org) resource.

The next Executive Committee conference call will be held Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.