

Executive Committee Conference Call

April 16, 2020

5:30 – 6:30 pm

MINUTES

**Members present on the call:** Drs. Rachel Chatters, Bridgett Foreman, Kimberly Mukerjee, Roberta Vicari and Ann Kay Logarbo.

**Staff and others present on the call:** Ashley Politz (Executive Director), Taryn Daigle, (Director of Education & Membership), Stephen Wright (Seersucker Strategies), Michael Judice, MD (Education Chair), and Caroline Vanchiere.

Dr. Rachel Chatters called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

**Consent Agenda** – Documents were sent to members prior to the meeting for review. No further discussion was required. **Motion by Ann Kay Logarbo, MD and seconded by Roberta Vicari., MD to approve Consent Agenda. There were no objections and the motion carried.**

**Items for Discussion:**

**CME/ 2020 Red River Potpourri** – Dr. Michael Judice, Education Chair, reported the committee met via conference call to discuss the 2020 Red River Potpourri. Discussion was held and recommendations included postponing the meeting to 2021, rescheduling for mid-October 2020 or holding a virtual meeting in August. The Education Committee did not finalize a decision regarding the 2020 Red River Potpourri as they are awaiting additional information from the Shreveport venues. Staff has been in contact with the Hilton Shreveport and Shreveport Convention Center to inquire if the deposits paid in 2020 can be transferred to 2021. Once staff has received information from the venues, they will be in contact with the Education Committee for a final decision. Taryn Daigle, Director of Education and Membership, reported speakers for the 2020 Red River Potpourri could not commit to their participation at the conference due to travel restrictions. Without commitments from speakers an agenda and brochure could not be finalized.

**COVID-19 Response**

Ashley Politz, Executive Director, reported sixty-three (63) responses were received from the “Practice Assessment in response to COVID-19” survey. The majority of the responses came from pediatric primary care physicians from small independent practices. Concerns included patient volume, safety for themselves and staff and financial issues. Physicians are seeing 20% of their normal patient volume and it was reported Medicaid has been contacted to request covering telehealth well child visits.

Dr. Logarbo requested the Chapter create a public ad campaign to focus on well child visits. Ashley Politz indicated some ideas include writing a press release and contacting MCO’s and foundations to inquire on funds for billboard campaigns.

**Residency Program support**

A total of two hundred twenty-two (222) residents are enrolled in one of the four state residency programs. It was reported a Pfizer Foundation grant opportunity is available for up to \$20,000 and \$2,500 from a current Pharma grant is also available to provide support for each resident. **Motion by Ann Kay Logarbo, MD and seconded by Roberta Vicari, MD to use the Pfizer Foundation grant funds and Pharma grants received to support each resident. Motion carried.**

**Legislature/ Advocacy / Policy**

Stephen Wright with Seersucker Strategies reported the legislature is currently suspended without a return date. A return date will be determined after the state at home order is lifted by the Governor. Upon return, it is expected the main priority will be the budget bills. Stephen Wright reported the Legislature may call themselves back in to

deal with budgetary issues, economic development and health policy. It was also reported the chairman of all the committees have been instructed to kill any unnecessary or controversial bills.

**Other Business/ Announcements**

Chapter Chat – Ashley Politz recommended the Chapter host a regular zoom meeting and have guest speakers from various state organizations to report on current issues and to hear from LA AAP members regarding challenges or concerns in practice.

The next Executive Committee conference call will be held Thursday, May 14, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.