

Executive Committee Conference Call
September 10, 2020
5:30 – 6:30 pm

MINUTES

Members present on the call: Dr.'s Joseph Bocchini, Jr, Rachel Chatters, Bridgett Foreman, Ann Kay Logarbo, Kimberly Mukerjee, Elizabeth Seiter and John Vanchiere

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes from 8-13-20 – Minutes from the August 13, 2020 Executive Committee conference call were distributed to members prior to the meeting for review. No changes were suggested. **Motion by Joseph Bocchini, Jr., MD and seconded by Kay Logarbo, MD to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020. There were no objections and the motion carried.**

Education

2020 Virtual Potpourri Update – Taryn Daigle reported the 2020 Potpourri in the Cloud launched on August 21, 2020. As of September 7, 2020, a total of seventeen (17) have registered for the 2020 Potpourri in the Cloud. Thirteen (13) have registered for the Potpourri in the Cloud package, three (3) have registered for the medical track only and one (1) has registered for the practice management track only. Ms. Daigle reported virtual exhibit hall was live with seven companies supporting the Potpourri in the Cloud for a total of \$3,500 in funds. A recommendation to advertise the Potpourri in the Cloud on LinkedIn was recommended. Staff will look into getting the webinars advertised on LinkedIn.

Application for CME Accreditation – Ms. Daigle reported she is in the final stages of the CME accreditation application and has a goal to submit the application and supporting documents to LSMS by the end of the month.

Legislature/ Advocacy / Policy

Meeting with Dr. Billioux/ Sec. Scalco- Ashley Politz reported a follow on a follow up meeting with Dr. Billioux and Secretary Scalco was held to discuss the alignment of ACIP and school required vaccines. Secretary Beth Scalco has talked with Office of Public Health to review the current rule and statute and draft up recommendation to change the language. A draft will be sent to LA AAP for review. Ashley Politz reported Dr. Billioux will be resigning at the end of the month to spend more time with his family.

Ashley and Stephen presented Grand Rounds to the Tulane/Ochsner program on September 2nd. Approximately 140 people participated on the Zoom meeting.

HHS Announcement Re: Pharmacy Administered Vaccines – The AAP has issued guidance on pharmacies administering vaccines. Discussion was held and a recommendation to reach out to LDH and OPH to further discuss. Ashley Politz will meet with Stephen to set up a call with LDH and OPH.

Financial Wellbeing Committee – A call was held last week with Amanda Dumas, MD and Marcus Bachhuber, MD with LDH regarding LA AAP having input on the upcoming MCO contracts and RFPs. A suggestion was made by LDH for LA AAP to convene to make official recommendations and to review the quality matrix and the previous RFP published.

Workgroup to make recommendations for MCO contracts and RFP – The workgroup will be made up of members of the Financial Wellbeing Committee and members of the Pediatric Subcommittee of the Medicaid Quality Committee who are interested.

Response to informal request for recommendations of support – LDH contacted Greg Ivey regarding conversations with MCOs. The initial letter previously sent to LDH highlighted PMPM rates- using 2019 data, providers should be paid their previous PMPM through 2021 as it will take this long to get offices back to previous levels of operation. The PMPM should be paid on the number of patients currently in the pool with each plan. Additionally, if a provider had not previously met the threshold to obtain an enhancement but does in 2020 or 2021, that should be included as an addition to their 2019 PMPM, incentive payments for meeting MLR/ HBR- Again using 2019 data and paying through 2021, providers should be paid their incentive payments monthly. We suggest totaling the incentive payments made to the provider in 2019 and dividing that out by 12 and paid monthly. This regular and predictable income will help keep pediatric practices viable and operations stable and case management- MCOs are contractually obligated to provide case management but have failed to do so. Pediatricians are spending energy, time, resources (staff and money) to provide case management services for their patients. If the MCOs are not capable of carrying this task out, the majority of the funds being paid to MCOs for this service should be passed to the provider to reimburse for their service delivery.

Finances:

Chapter financial report August 2020- Ashley Politz reviewed the Profit and Loss by Class report. She highlighted the dues revenue for the past three years beginning with July and August 2018 at \$20,470, July and August 2019 totaled \$30,750 and July and August 2020 totaled \$21,825. Ms. Politz reported the balance in the Chapter checking account ending August 31, 2020 was \$167,501.06 and the balance in the Chapter investment account as of July 31, 2020 was \$80,225.69.

Foundation financial accounting for August 2020 - Ashley Politz reported that the balance in the Foundation checking as of August 31, 2020 was \$111,086.65. The balance in the Foundation investment account as of July 31, 2020 was \$47,010.56.

PediaPAC financial accounting for August 2020 - Ashley Politz reported that the balance in the PediaPAC checking as of July 31, 2020 was \$6,185.80.

Chapter Business

Back to the Office Campaign Activity Update- Ashley Politz reported that we continue to share the toolkit. Caroline Vanchiere has been adding information to the materials regarding back to school vaccines and has begun promoting flu vaccines. A representative from Pfizer contacted LA AAP to partner to promote vaccines through the media, Facebook ads, and press releases. Some of this work will also be co-branded with the Louisiana Vaccine Alliance with the help of Dr. Bocchini, Dr. Vanchiere and Seersucker Strategies.

Chapter request for ABP Certification extension – Taryn Daigle reported for those with Maintenance of Certification cycles ending in 2020, the ABP has awarded MOC points for COVID-19-related learning and improvement to all certified pediatricians who have requirements due this year. These MOC points will satisfy any remaining Part 2 and Part 4 requirements, allowing all ABP-certified pediatricians with a cycle that ends in 2020 the ability to enroll in their next cycle. No documentation is necessary and these points should be visible in your ABP Portfolio. For those with Maintenance of Certification cycles not ending in 2020, the ABP has awarded 25 Part 2 points and 25 Part 4 points to all pediatricians maintaining certification to recognize the commitment to lifelong learning and improvement during the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no documentation necessary and these points should be visible in your ABP Portfolio.

Membership

Communication and member count - Taryn Daigle reported as of September 10, 2020 the Louisiana Chapter had a total of 742 members with 425 voting members and 317 non-voting members. In August 2020, 51 members renewed, 17 new members joined and 40 members let their membership lapse or expire.

Market share Report – In May of 2020, AAP began sending Chapters a monthly market share report to be able to view trends in membership. Beginning in May 2020 we began with 74.1% to a slight increase of 74.3% in August 2020.

Membership Committee Development- Ms. Politz and Ms. Daigle participated on a call with AAP regarding the information and reports that Chapters are able to generate. One of the reports provide a list of members who are national members and not chapter members. A membership committee will be organized for the beginning of 2021 to begin identifying those that are not chapter members.

Installment Billing – AAP plans to move forward with installment billing for members. Three town halls took place with AAP and Chapter discussing concerns regarding the installment billing. Concerns include AAP offering monthly, quarterly and bi-annually installment options that make it difficult for chapters to determine how they will get paid, the option for members to unselect their chapter membership on the form and no term requirements for members which allow them to opt out of their membership at any time without penalty,

Discussion Items

Chapter award nominations – At least one nomination has been received for each award. Ms. Politz reminded members to submit nominations. Nominations will be presented at the next Executive Committee conference call.

Temperature “guns” and children – Discussion was held regarding the temperature “guns” used to take temperatures. Members have not heard of any concerns regarding these temperature “guns” and feel that LA AAP should not make any statements until there is further evidence and research.

Hurricane Recovery and Relief efforts – A survey has been created to poll members on practice or patient needs. One response has been received and it pertained to vaccines. Discussion entailed partnering with the hospital systems and contacting regional officials for needs in the region.

Grant Updates

Mask for Children- Ashley Politz reported we have been written into the grant by the Bureau of Maternal Health which would allow LA AAP to place the masks into kits which will be provided to families that are not connected with any assistance programs.

Visiting Immunization Expert- Ashley Politz reported Dr. Sharon Humiston will present a Grand Rounds which will be broadcasted from Children’s Hospital in New Orleans at noon on October 14, 2020; a stakeholder meeting from 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm on October 6, 2020 and Louisiana Chapter Chat from at 7:00 pm on September 30, 2020.

HPV/ Pediatric Flu in Rural and Underserved Areas –LA AAP has been selected as one of the six applications and the first call will be held in either late September or early October.

Master Pediatrician Awards – Taryn Daigle reported no changes will be made to the Master Pediatrician criteria and the nomination letter will be sent to program chairs to begin accepting nominations. The Executive Committee will review nominations and select the Master Pediatrician award nominations in October.

Next call: October 8, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.