

## Department of Family Medicine Minutes

November 11, 2022

**Attendees:** Lourdes Ada, MD; Ashley Adams, RN; Cindy Cheng, MD; Dierdre Connolly, MD; Christen Fragala, MD; Laura Federico, RN; Malina Holmes, MD; Denise Mills; Emelyn Molato, MD; Sangita Pillai, MD; John Ragucci, MD; Catherine Trinh, MD

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Fragala called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

**II. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

**III. Old Business**

None at this time.

**IV. New Business**

Dr. Fragala reports the Christmas Medical Staff Meeting will be held on December 7, 2022. At this meeting, medical staff will vote for the new President Elect.

**V. Committee Reports**

**1. Medical Executive Committee**

No updates at this time. Per Dr. Fragala, an email with the latest updates will be disseminated after the next Medical Executive Committee meeting

**2. Labor and Delivery Committee**

Ms. Federico discussed the pediatric surge happening across the country and its affect on the hospital. Due to shortages in PICU beds and the increase in pediatric respiratory cases, the hospital has put a plan in place to help care for these patients. Most recently, there have been 15 patients transferred to LGH from across the state, mostly RSV cases. Use of high flow oxygen on pediatric patients is now available and the unit is working on building a relationship with Boston Children's Hospital who will be coming to LGH to promote education in the ED. Historically, the pediatric unit has assisted the ED by taking adult overflow patients, however at this time this practice has paused in order for beds to remain available for pediatric cases. In addition, the newborn nursery will be utilized for patients aged under 30 days and med surge units will be utilized for patients 15 and older, as needed. A question was raised I regards to sick children being seen in the office. Ms. Federico advised if it is respiratory case the patient should be sent to the ED. If the patient is a newborn with hyperbilirubinemia, a call can be placed to the pediatric hospitalist and the patient may be able to return to the newborn nursery.



**3. Cancer Committee**

No updates at this time.

**4. Credentials Committee**

Dr. Connolly gave an update of the Credentials Committee. The most recent question raised at this committee was in regards to the process for investigating criminal records of applicants as well as ongoing staff. Per the Medical Staff Office, a CORI check is done on providers from every state they have lived, worked or studied in.

**5. Infection Control**

No updates at this time.

**6. Morbidity and Mortality Council**

No updates at this time.

**7. Perinatal Committee**

No updates at this time.

**8. MCH Updates**

No updates at this time.

**9. DEI Update**

Dr. Pillai shared an update on the mentorship program. The program is up and running and going well. There have been some requests for shadowing experience in the OB/Pedi area and the program will be reaching out to providers willing to volunteer their time. Shadowing carries only a limited expectation/commitment of a day/half day to spend with a mentee.

In addition, the committee is working on trying to upgrade signage for bathrooms in the hospital, to make some gender neutral.

New ERGs are being set up as well, creating multiple ways to be involved. If anyone, is interested in becoming involved with DEI, meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Mentorship meetings occur every 2nd Tuesday of month. Please reach out to Dr. Pillai if interested.

**VI. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40am.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting will occur on February 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,



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Quality Improvement Specialist

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Christen Fragala, MD  
Chief, Department of Family Medicine

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