

**American Academy of Pediatrics
COMMITTEE ON PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

MAY 5-6, 2023

**AAP National Office–Conference Room 250A
345 Park Blvd, Itasca IL 60143**

Minutes from DAY 1 - FRIDAY

INTRODUCTIONS | ICEBREAKER:

New NAEMSP liaison Kathryn Kothari welcomed. | Best piece of advice you've ever received?

A. AGENDA | DISCLOSURES

1. Agenda | COPEM Roster Greg Conners
2. Conflict of Interest Statement Chair / All
No conflicts declared specific to the meeting agenda.

B. AAP & PEM INITIATIVES

1. Unique Value Proposition of Pediatric Health Care Greg Conners
*This new AAP Policy Statement is valuable and worth reading:
[The Unique Value Proposition of Pediatric Health Care | Pediatrics | AAP \(aap.org\)](#)*
2. NICU Verification Program Nicole FASTER
Presentation by AAP staff member regarding the new AAP NICU verification program, followed by COPEM discussion about the past (Including a previous AAP ALF resolution), present and future of Pediatric ED verification vs designation vs accreditation, and advisability of AAP involvement in such programs. Another approach has been to "raise all boats" by emphasizing Pediatric ED readiness / improving scores everywhere.
3. Pediatric ED Readiness Statement-NPRP Update Kate Remick
As determined at the previous COPEM meeting, we needed to determine what to do regarding the required quadrennial review of the ED Readiness policy statement. After discussion we considered a recommendation to reaffirm it with updated references. However, our co-authoring societies generally do not have this mechanism available. It was also noted that there is now considerable additional knowledge in this area. Final recommendation was to recommend a full revision, along with our co-authoring society colleagues, led by Dr. Remick.
4. Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS)
 - New SOEM POCUS in Pediatrics (PiP) SIG Deb Hsu
Dr. Hsu (Deb) noted this SIG was approved April 2023.
 - PiP Goals – COPEM Ultrasound Statements (see H-3) Jennifer Marin
Dr. Hsu (Benson) noted SOCC intent for new joint statement with Sections on Radiology and Surgery on POCUS in pediatric critical care medicine. Dr Marin noted 15 divisions at her hospital are using POCUS not just in the ED such as cardiology, neonatal, hospital medicine, radiology, urgent care, etc. Some office pediatricians are interested.

C. AAP ADVOCACY / WASHINGTON OFFICE update

Madeline Curtis

COPEM DINNER: Carnivale – 702 W. Fulton St, Chicago IL 60661

Minutes from DAY 2 – SATURDAY

- D. MENTAL HEALTH**
1. AAP Mental Health Initiatives Julie Gorzkowski
 2. COPEM Friends of Children Fund Proposal Moh Saidinejad
Dr. Saidinejad was leading the process of submitting a proposal for funding the creation of a mental health toolkit through an AAP internal Friends of Children grant. AAP decided to combine this proposal with 3 other mental health-suicide prevention project proposals, and ultimately funded an ED targeted telementoring Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) project. Drs Hoffmann and Owusu-Ansah are co-leads.
 3. EIC/EMSC Mental Health Work Moh Saidinejad/Others
Dr. Hoffmann is AAP representative to a PCORI grant being led by Dr. Ann Dietrich.
 4. COPEM Mental Health Statements in Progress Update Jennifer Hoffmann
- E. AAP LIAISON REPORTS**
1. AAP Board Report *deferred*
Dr. Joe Wright will be the new AAP Chief Health Equity Officer starting Sept 2023.
 2. AAP Section on Critical Care Benson Hsu
 3. AAP Section on Emergency Medicine Deb Hsu
 4. AAP Section on Urgent Care Medicine *deferred*
- F. COPEM STATEMENTS IN PROGRESS: UPDATE | REVIEW**
1. AAP Words Matter Guidance For Reference
 2. Trauma Systems of Care – Any Issues from COIVPP/SOSu? Katy Flynn-O'Brien
 3. Advanced Imaging in the ED Approved Revised Drafts Jennifer Marin
 4. Office Preparedness Draft Checklist Review Jennifer Hoffmann
 5. Verbal Update of Other COPEM Statements in Progress Authors Present
 6. Any New AAP PEM Policy Statements Needed? All
 7. Claiming CME/MOC for Authorship Work: Feb 1-Nov 30 Sue Tellez
 8. AAP Policy Development Flow Sheet Reminder Sue Tellez
*Suggestions from the group on possible future statements on:
Prehospital mental health/verbal de-escalation of-behavioral mode/agitation in the ED;
Eliminating race-based medicine in emergency care settings.*
- G. STAKEHOLDER LIAISON REPORTS: written and verbal**
1. American Academy of Family Physicians Andrew Eisenberg
 2. American College of Emergency Physicians Paul Ishimine
Sam Shahid
 3. Emergency Nurses Association Elizabeth Stone
 4. EMSC – DHHS/HRSA/MCHB Patty Fanflik
 5. EMSC Innovation & Improvement Center Kate Remick
 6. National Association of EMS Physicians Kathryn Kothari
 7. National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians Kate Remick
 8. National Association of State EMS Officials Cyndy Wright-Johnson
Dr. Owusu-Ansah is AAP representative to the NEMSAC Advisory Board.
- H. QUADRENNIAL REVIEW**
1. Quadrennial Review of COPEM Statements Sue Tellez
(AAP Policy Maintenance Guidance & FAQs)
 2. Death of a Child in the ED (PS/TR Reaffirmed Sept 2019)
Dr. Waseem volunteered to take the lead; Dr Hsu (Benson) offered to assist.

3. Point-of-Care Ultrasound (PT/TR Reaffirmed Sept 2019)
Dr. Marin advised reaffirmation with reference updates is likely. Final recommendation is deferred until the next meeting.
4. AAP Intent Forms - reviewed For Reference

I. ADMIN | OTHER

1. Jan 2023 COPEM Meeting Minutes | Decisions
(Members Responsible for Assigned Action Item Follow-Up) Greg Conners
All
2. COPEM Accomplishments | Annual Report Greg Conners
3. Next COPEM Call & Meeting Sue/Greg/All
Decided to continue current format for in-person meetings and have the next call on September 6, 2023, from 1-2:30 PM Central Time.
4. Future Agenda Items: All
 - Merge of ED Crowding/Best Practices Policy Statements
 - AAP Suicide Statement/Rates in Black Youth (COA/COIVPP)–COPEM Input
 - Family Readiness Toolkit Revision (Steve Krug/Sarita Chung)
 - AAP Council on Community Pediatric Rural Health SIG (David Nelson/Jen McCain)
 - Upcoming Statements for Quadrennial Review

MEETING ADJOURNED

Action Items

COPEM Members:

- Submit any travel reimbursement requests with expense form and receipts via link Sue provided by May 31.
- Send any additional comments on Imaging PS/TR, Trauma PS/TR, and Office Readiness checklist within 2 weeks to Drs Marin, Flynn-O'Brien, and Hoffmann respectively.
- Volunteer if desired to lead discussion of future COPEM statements on:
 - o Prehospital mental health/verbal de-escalation of behavioral mode/agitation in the ED
 - o Eliminating race-based medicine in emergency care settings
- Consider AAP NICU verification program presentation and opportunities for collaboration on pediatric ED verification.
- Request MOC from AAP when opportunity is provided specific to statement development by authors.
- Mark calendar for Sept 6, 2023, COPEM conference call (2-3:30pm ET).
- Set Dec 2023/Jan 2024 COPEM meeting date on Sept conference call. Check calendars before the call.

Greg Conners:

- ✓ Submit COPEM FY21-22 annual report to AAP by June 30.

Benson Hsu:

- Assist Dr Waseem as needed with Intent to Reaffirm, Revise, or Retire Death of a Child in the ED statements.

Jennifer Hoffmann:

- ✓ Relay COPEM comments on Office Prep checklist to COPAM.
- ✓ Provide final medical home Intent to COPEM for reference.

Paul Ishimine:

- Collaborate with Dr Shahid to obtain ACEP input on Intent to Reaffirm, Revise, or Retire Death of a Child in the ED statements following provision of COPEM recommendation on this.
- Collaborate with Dr Shahid to obtain ACEP input on Intent to Reaffirm, Revise, or Retire COPEM statements on POCUS following provision of COPEM recommendation on this.

Jennifer Marin:

- Review literature/consult with SOEM POCUS in Pediatrics SIG to add PiP author/provide recommendation and accompanying draft Intent form on POCUS PS/TR for review at next COPEM meeting; then ACEP/SAEM/WINFOCUS.

Kate Remick:

- Review literature/draft intent to revise Pediatric ED Readiness policy statement for review at next COPEM meeting or via email; then ACEP/ENA/ACS.
- Provide narrative needed to Sue for request for AAP extension on Non-Traumatic Arrest statement development.

Moh Saidinejad:

- ✓ Confirm prehospital-based content in AAP/ACEP Board approved mental health emergencies statements with Dr Kathy Brown.
- Provide content outline of mental health/suicide prevention in the ED project ECHO to COPEM when available.

Sam Shahid:

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- Collaborate with Dr Ishimine to obtain ACEP input on Intent to Reaffirm, Revise, or Retire COPEM statements on POCUS following provision of COPEM recommendation on this.

Elizabeth Stone:

- ✓ Relay clarification to ENA leadership regarding lethal means restriction comment as it applies to ENA Board review of joint AAP/ACEP/ENA mental health emergencies policy statement and technical report.
- Obtain ENA input on Intent to Reaffirm, Revise, or Retire Death of a Child in the ED statements following provision of COPEM recommendation on this.

Muhammad Waseem (with assistance from Benson Hsu):

- ✓ Review literature/Provide recommendation and accompanying draft intent to Reaffirm, Revise or Retire COPEM policy statement/technical report on Death of a Child in the ED for review at next COPEM meeting or via email; then Sam Shahid/Paul Ishimine/Elizabeth Stone will obtain input on same from ACEP/ENA.

Sue:

- ✓ Send expense form link to COPEM voting members.
- ✓ Send calendar appointment for Sept conference call to COPEM.
- Connect AAP PEPP staff/steering committee chair to EIIC prehospital readiness team for collaboration.
- Submit extension request on Non-Traumatic Cardiac Arrest clinical report with input from Dr Remick; relay AAP approval when provided to ACEP/ENA/NAEMSP.
- Ask ACR if they plan to simultaneously publish joint Imaging policy statement/technical report; inform-coordinate with ACEP/ACR.
- ✓ Post PEM contribution to *Pediatrics* 75th Anniversary to COPEM/SOEM websites and disseminate via SOEM listserv upon publication.
- Let ACEP/ENA know when AAP approves Intents to Reaffirm with reference/data updates on Medication Safety statement for coordination of same.
- Share any additional information on AAP Council on Community Pediatrics, Rural Health SIG, as it becomes available.
- Add any other COPEM statements in need of quadrennial review to future agenda.