

Minutes

Stroke Task Force Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024

10:00 am-2:00 pm

- I. **Welcome/Introductions:** Christine Greff, Haley Gilstad, Nicole Mack, Tim Meyer, Deserae Harstad, Melissa Johnson, Ken Rensch, Tim Blasl, Tim Meyer, Sandy Kovar, Jody Ward, Kathy Lonski, Mindy Cook, Holly Nissen, Megan Carlblom, Jerilyn Alexander, Tony Burke, Tawni Harvala, Candance Thompson, Brannigan Hamrick, Chelsey Kuznia, Linda Zahn
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Tim Meyer to approve, Seconded by Tim Blasl
- III. **Brief Update from Stroke Coordinators:**
 - a. **Chelsey**-Stroke survey complete. Participating in stroke awareness events. Stroke Boot camp available.
 - b. **Branigan**-Preparing for upcoming survey. Dr. Hyder will be speaking on stroke mimics on March 28, 2024, at Stroke Grand Rounds. Upcoming stroke awareness cornhole event on May 4, 2024.
 - c. **Haley**-Preparing for annual survey. Increasing pediatric stroke protocol education within facility.
 - d. **Jerilyn**-Completed survey in November. Primary stroke center certified.
 - e. **Sandy**-Prepping for survey.
 - f. **Holly**-Providing outreach education. Providing ASLS classes. Hosting stroke support group with unmasking event. Joint commission call completed. Applied for grant to support our inpatient APPs doing consults for primary centers without neurologist.
- IV. **Update from Mindy, AHA-**
 - a. New resources including LKW interview and questionnaire.
 - b. Instructions on generating EMS feedback form in GWTG, can export to Word.
 - c. Melissa Johnson is a new quality consultant working with tertiary hospitals in North Dakota.
 - d. Deadline for data submission March 31, 2024, for submitting 2023 data. Getting ready for 2024 Award Recognition & Data Deadline.
- V. **Brief update Christine, EMS-**

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- a. EMS rules went before the Legislative Rules Committee, and they were passed. They will go into effect April 1, 2024. They made updates to 15-year-old Rules.
- b. ND EMS Association conference is coming up April 4-6, 2024, at the Bismarck Event Center.
- c. EMS Unit Newsletter-Putting together spring edition of the EMS Unit Newsletter. Share your upcoming events or educational offerings, email them to Christine. Wide audience includes all EMS agencies and all critical access hospitals.
- d. Stroke registry reimbursement grants were distributed at the beginning of February and the signed notice of grant awards were due at the end of February. If you haven't returned these to Deb, please do so as soon as possible.

VI. **Stroke Task Force Business:**

- a. **Reference Guide**-PHAC group and the stroke task force subcommittee have been meeting bimonthly and are continuing work on revisions of the Acute Stroke Ready Hospital reference guide. The goal is to have this finished by our next Task force meeting for some approval. It will help prepare acute stroke ready hospitals for their site visits. It will help them meet their designation criteria and provide stroke program resources.
- b. **2023 API Projects**-BEFAST standing poster. Christine shared the poster. Each hospital will receive a retractable standing poster. Intended to stand in hospital emergency department waiting room but can be easily transported to also be used for community events.
- c. **Stroke Task Force Roster**-Any updates needed, email Christine. Check in with Physicians and gauge continued interest. Hoping for physicians to be available at meetings sometimes to help with treatment guideline revisions and/or approvals and expert guidance.
- d. **New 2024 ASRH Designation Criteria**-includes post-lytic complications and reversal protocol. Add to treatment guidelines? Discussion around completing addendum or resource within reference guide instead of adding to limited space on treatment guidelines poster.
- e. **2024 Conference**-Will scale back this year. One lecture for Cardiac and one for Stroke. Any physicians interested in this teaching opportunity?
- f. **2024 Site Visits**-Have goals to complete site visits for 2024 includes half-day follow up visits.

VII. **Election of Chair**- Megan Carlblom agreed to fill the position of chair if nominee at December meeting declined. December nominee declined position. No further nominations for chair. Megan agrees to assume role. Elected by acclamation.

VIII. **Site Visit Review**

- a. **Site One**-discussed strengths and recommendations for improvement.

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- i. Holly made motion made for one year designation with six month follow up and corrective action plan submitted within 60 days. Haley seconded motion. Motion passed.
 - b. **Site Two**-discussed strengths and recommendations for improvement.
 - i. Motion made by Chelsey for remaining two-year designation with a one year follow up. Seconded by Tim. Motion passed.
 - c. **Site Three**- discussed strengths and recommendations for improvement.
 - i. Motion made by Holly and seconded by Haley for a full three-year designation. Motion passed.
- IX. **2024 Performance Improvement-**
- a. **CAH- Door to CT Interpretation**
 - i. **Plan**-improve Critical access hospital CAH quality measure door to CT Interpretation within 45 minutes to 75% compliance.
 - ii. **The STF hopes this produces**-Improve door to CT interpretation time communicated documentation.
 - iii. **Steps to execute**-Ways to improve your Door to CT Interpretation Times Tip Sheet that includes statewide data on tip sheet to help increase understanding.
 - b. **Door to IV thrombolytic less than 60 minutes**
 - i. **Plan**-improve the critical access hospital quality measure door to IV thrombolytic less than 60 minutes.
 - ii. **The STF hopes this produces**-faster door to treatment time, increase in the number of patients treated faster.
 - iii. **Steps to execute**-Stroke code review Feedback form for staff at the critical access hospitals included in the reference guide and outreach education geared toward improving door to needle time-webinar, case review-recorded.
 - c. **CAH- Stroke Consultation**
 - i. **Plan**-improve critical access hospital quality measure stroke consultation to 75% compliance.
 - ii. **The STF hopes this produces**-improved documentation of stroke consultation.
 - iii. **Steps to execute**-Create a tip sheet for provider documentation that includes stroke consultation and add to PI EMSU newsletter.

Next meeting: June 6, 2024, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm