

## Minnesota Stroke Partnership Bulletin

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The MSP Bulletin is distributed to all members of the Minnesota Stroke Partnership (MSP). The MSP is a statewide coalition representing individuals and organizations interested in the prevention and treatment of stroke in Minnesota. Membership is free and open to anyone interested in the promotion of stroke awareness, prevention and treatment. This monthly newsletter provides updates on activities of the MSP and announcements about upcoming events. Information on how to subscribe and unsubscribe to this list is included at the end of this message.

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#### 1. Welcome

This is the fifth issue of the *Minnesota Stroke Partnership Bulletin*. The MDH HDSP Unit has been busy writing a couple of CDC grant applications, which is why this issue is coming out so late. Stay tuned for more announcements.

Please email me at [albert.tsai@health.state.mn.us](mailto:albert.tsai@health.state.mn.us) to include information in April's *Bulletin*.

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#### 2. MSP Project Update: Emergency Department Resources Project

Notes from the meeting are (still) forthcoming. We are hoping for a May or June meeting.

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#### 3. MSP Project Update: EMS Training Project

The EMS Stroke Task Force is planning a train-the-trainer program for June 2007. For more information, contact Elizabeth at (651) 201-5411.

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#### 4. Announcements

1. The following is an email message received last week regarding the STOP Stroke Act.

\*From:\* Stephanie Mohl  
\*Sent:\* Thursday, March 15, 2007 10:51 AM  
\*To:\* Stephanie Mohl  
\*Subject:\* Exciting News About the STOP Stroke Act

Hi, friends and supporters of the STOP Stroke Act – I wanted to share with you the latest exciting news about the STOP Stroke Act: The bill was approved today by the full House Energy and Commerce Committee by a unanimous voice vote. This is the last hurdle for the bill before a vote in the full House of Representatives. We're very pleased that the full Committee acted so quickly after the Health Subcommittee also unanimously passed the bill earlier this week on Tuesday during their first mark-up of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Attached for your information is the press release that Reps. Capps and Pickering put out about the bill following the Tuesday Subcommittee action, as well as the press release that the AHA/ASA put out today in response to the full Committee action.

If you have the opportunity to thank House Energy and Commerce Committee members for their action on the bill, please do so. If I can help by providing a sample thank you letter, please let me know. I'll continue to keep you posted on prospects for a vote in the full House, as well as for action in the Senate.

Thanks.

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2. The Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network is co-sponsoring a conference call with American Heart Association Get With the Guidelines(SM), Ohio KePRO, and the Ohio Department of Health about Telemedicine and Stroke on Tuesday, March 27 from 1 - 2:30 CDT/2-3:30 EDT. You will find the flyer attached. Please note that you must register for this presentation at:

<http://www.ohiokepro.com/providers/hospital/events.asp>

The passcode/conference ID for the presentation is "Get With the Guidelines." Nursing CEUs are pending through OH KePRO.

The speakers' presentations are also attached, or you can download them from the above website. Please feel free to share this information with your partners, stroke task forces, EMS partners, neurologists, and ED physicians.

PLEASE send information from your organization about your stroke events!

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## 5. Calendar

\* March 20, 2007 – MSP Steering Committee meeting, 3–5 pm, Snelling Office Park.

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