

Minnesota Stroke Partnership Bulletin

April 10, 2007

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

Welcome to the April issue of the *Minnesota Stroke Partnership Bulletin*. The MDH HDSP Unit has been busy writing a CDC grant application for the Paul Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry, which is why this issue is coming out late this month. We submitted this grant last week and will hear at the end of May about it. Should we be funded, the program will start July 2007. Stay tuned!

Please email me at albert.tsai@health.state.mn.us to include information in May's *Bulletin*.

2. MSP Steering Committee

The Steering Committee met on March 20 – with the largest in-person attendance ever! We welcomed several new members to the committee. The topic of the meeting was stroke public awareness and education. Stay tuned for next steps – hopefully we can create a new task force to focus on the complex issue of addressing awareness of stroke – risk factors, signs and symptoms, and general awareness. Next meeting is June 19.

3. MSP Project Update: Emergency Department Resources Project

Recruitment is underway for a core writing team to draft the consensus statewide protocol for emergency stroke care. Please contact Albert Tsai at albert.tsai@health.state.mn.us if you would like to volunteer to be on this small group. Also, please contact your emergency department nurses, physicians, and other care providers to be involved with reviewing and providing input into this protocol. For more information, please contact Tess Sierzant at (651) 326-3415 or Darcy Olson at (763) 520-5093.

4. 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.

5. Announcements

- On June 23, 2007, there will be a CME event, "Innovations in Neurovascular Medicine: Medical Advances in Acute Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke." Attached you will find the save the date card.

- You are invited to participate on our next collaborative call between the American Heart Association Get with the Guidelines, Ohio Department of Health, Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network and HCR Manor Care on Weds., April 18 from 12 - 1 PM EST/11-12PM CST on "Chronic Illness - Patient and Family Education and Support Groups of the Stroke and HF Survivors."

Dial-in information: 1-800-967-7141 - Passcode: GWTG

Please note that this topic also has a Heart Failure component, so you may want to invite your colleagues for this call. The flyer announcing the call as well as the presentation is attached. To register, send an email to gwtg@heart.org. For technical difficulties, please contact Meighan Hodgson at 216.619.5163.

- Current Trends in Stroke Care. Alexandria Technical College, Alexandria, MN. April 21. Please see attached brochure.

PLEASE send information from your organization about your stroke events!

6. Calendar

- April 10 – Minnesota Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Steering Committee meeting, 2:30-5:00 pm, Snelling Office Park, St. Paul, MN.

- April 18 – GWTG Conference call. See announcement above.

- April 21 – Current Trends in Stroke Care, 8:00 am -12:30 pm, Alexandria Technical College Auditorium, Alexandria, MN. Please see attached brochure.

- April 24 – Getting to the Heart of the Matter. 14th Annual Heart Disease and Stroke Conference. Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN. Please see attached brochure.

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