

Minnesota Stroke Partnership Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2009

Snelling Office Park, Minnesota Room, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

In attendance: Al Barton, Diane Chappuis, Elizabeth Gardner, Angela Hedworth (phone), Betty Hydukovich (phone), Donna Lindsay (phone), Mary Jo Mehelich, Kathleen Miller, James Peacock, Corey Sargent, Bethany Snyder, Lyn Steffen, Silvina Tonarelli (phone), Al Tsai.

Regrets: Donna Brauer, Cathy Burd, Amy Castle, Ed Crisostomo, Rosie Emmons, Melissa Fritz, Sandy Hanson, Paula Heinonen, Darcy Olson, Susan Olson, Alejandro Rabinstein, Sueling Schardin, Marnee Shepard, Stan Shanedling, Sarah Tonn, Kevin Weber, Pam White.

AGENDA TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	DECISIONS	ACTION ITEMS
Welcome and Announcements	<p>Welcome new members –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Betty Hydukovich – Quality Resource Specialist at Lake Region Healthcare in Fergus Falls 2. Silvina Tonarelli – Stroke Coordinator at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview <p>Updated Steering Committee membership lists are available on the Minnesota Stroke Partnership website.</p>	None	None
Great Lakes Regional Stroke Partnership	<p>Angela Hedworth reported on upcoming conference calls:</p> <p>Quality of Care call – 1) April 23rd, 1 pm CT, CVD & Stroke Genetics – 2) The Dec 2008 DVT Prophylaxis Call was well attended, and the recorded call has been posted to the GLRSN website (glrsn.uic.edu).</p> <p>The Dysphagia Workgroup has met and reviewed dysphagia screens and performed a literature review. The next step is to look at pre-screens. One hospital has agreed to test screens.</p> <p>The Rehab Workgroup is meeting next week to discuss the results of the Rehabilitation Inventory completed by all states in 2008. Rehab specialists are sought to help interpret some of the data items. Diane Chappuis indicated she could participate, and Betty Hydukovich requested more information to pass along to contacts at her facility.</p> <p>GLRSN is working on creating a map of CARF-certified Stroke rehabilitation programs in the 6 Great Lakes States and bordering states. Once completed, it will be shared with everyone.</p> <p>Angela is working on the CDC grant renewal (3rd of 3 years). It is due in March.</p>	None	None

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AHA Update	<p>Bethany Snyder represented AHA in place of Sueling Schardin. AHA's legislative priorities for this year include two new appropriations. One would include \$250,000 per year to fund the Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Unit. This would fund vital activities and would enable the unit to be more competitive in accessing higher levels of CDC funding. Senator Ann Lynch of Rochester will carry the bill, just as she did two years previously. The request accompanies a \$1 per pack cigarette tax increase, which would bring in approximately \$97 million per year; a net revenue gain for the state.</p> <p>Bethany mentioned the upcoming AHA Heart on the Hill Legislative Action Day will be on Wednesday, March 11th. ~250 participants are anticipated. Also, the Twin Cities Wear Red Day Rally will be on February 6th, with FOX 9 News the media partner.</p> <p>Elizabeth Gardner distributed a copy of a proposal for some of the \$250K per year in state funding. It describes an ongoing position to coordinate and expand EMS stroke activities.</p>	None	Participate in AHA's Heart on the Hill Legislative Action Day. Communicate with legislators on the importance of Stroke.
Project Updates: EMS Stroke Task Force	<p>Elizabeth Gardner reported that the train-the-trainer PowerPoint presentation was given at the Northwest EMS Regional Conference on 3-4 October 2008 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. Kari Olson from Fairview Southdale attended and was trained for future presentations. She will be in attendance (along with Dawn Bidwell of North Memorial) this coming weekend in Duluth for the Arrowhead EMS Regional Conference.</p> <p>Elizabeth also distributed the evaluation results from the Mahanomen conference. The presentation was given high marks by all who attended.</p> <p>Jim Peacock and Elizabeth met with the new executive director of the Minnesota EMSRG (Katherine Burke-Moore) in early-January. She expressed interest in the initiatives and offered to help support some of our training activities in the future.</p>	None	Strategize on sustainability
Project Updates: ED Task Force	<p>Jim Peacock reported on progress on the Consensus Statement for Acute Stroke treatment in the ED. He and Tess Sierzant met last fall to discuss the current draft. The plan is to provide a general statement, emphasizing resources and treatment guidelines (ICSI guidelines for Ischemic Stroke, Hospital-specific Stroke Action Plans).</p> <p>Jim and Tess plan to meet before the next MSP meeting to discuss the current draft and plans for review by external partners.</p>	None	Jim and Tess will meet to complete draft document for March meeting.

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Project Updates: Coverdell Stroke Registry	<p>Al Tsai reported that as of today, 17 hospitals are enrolled. 3600 cases were in the system as of mid January. Recruitment efforts continue, but many hospitals (especially smaller ones) report that they don't have enough stroke patients or resources to move forward.</p> <p>The Minnesota Stroke Registry Conference took place on Tuesday, 14 October 2008 at the Orville Freeman Building in St. Paul. The conference was highly-attended and comments about the program were strongly positive. Planning for this year's conference will begin soon.</p> <p>QI initiatives have started with hospital level contacts being made by Kamakshi Lakshminarayan and Lisa Calhoun.</p> <p>A conference call describing the Mini-Grant program was held earlier in January. Participating hospitals are applying for extra funds to implement quality improvement initiatives within their hospital systems.</p> <p>The renewal of the registry grant is due to CDC in mid-March.</p>	None	None
Public Awareness Subcommittee	<p>Jim Peacock reported that there has been no activity with the Public Awareness Subcommittee since the last meeting. Given the little time available for MDH staff to head up this initiative, a student intern is being sought to work on this project during late Winter and Spring 2009. The main initiatives will be to engage the subcommittee and develop a pilot project for Stroke awareness.</p>	None	Advertise for Student Intern; initiate Public Awareness subcommittee
New Objectives for MDH/CDC funding	<p>Jim Peacock reported that there may be opportunities for new money from CDC to fund MDH objectives, including projects initiated by the MSP. Jim mentioned some ideas already at MDH and requested brainstorming by group members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outpatient Stroke Rehabilitation 2. Consumer Awareness of Stroke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Text messaging/Social networking to increase Awareness 3. Signs & Symptoms of Stroke for the African-American Community 4. Telemedicine 5. Buddy system for High Blood Pressure Control in vulnerable populations 6. EMS Stroke Training (as described above) 7. Student Health Questionnaire on Stroke Awareness (evolved into Know Your Numbers) <p>Jim requested more feedback and other ideas for the next grant cycle. CDC cannot award funds unless they are requested.</p>	None	Announcement to full committee on new objectives ideas; committee members should respond by 6 February 2009

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Wrap-up	<p>Steering Committee members agreed to not endorse any one Signs & Symptoms message. There was agreement that any messaging should be supported by this committee.</p> <p>Jim Peacock requested that MSP members send any upcoming events to him for inclusion on the Minnesota Stroke Partnership website calendar</p>	No Signs & Symptoms Message Preference	Send Calendar of Events to Jim Peacock

*Next Meetings:
March 17, 2009
June 16, 2009*