

Minnesota Stroke Partnership Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2009

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

In attendance: Jessica Barth, Al Barton, Cathy Burd, Mohammad Tariq Fareed, Melissa Fritz (phone), Elizabeth Gardner, Heather Gavras, Angela Hedworth, Betty Hydukovich (phone), Donna Lindsay, Mary Jo Mehelich, Kari Olson, James Peacock, Marnee Shepard, Silvina Tonarelli, Al Tsai, Alexander Zubkov.

Regrets: Donna Brauer, Amy Castle, Diane Chappuis, Ed Crisostomo, Rosie Emmons, Sandy Hanson, Paula Heinonen, Kathleen Miller, Alejandro Rabinstein, Corey Sargent, Sueling Schardin, Stan Shanedling, Lyn Steffen, Sarah Tonn, Kevin Weber.

AGENDA TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	DECISIONS	ACTION ITEMS
Welcome and Announcements	<p>Welcome new members –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melissa Fritz – Stroke Coordinator at United Hospital (St. Paul) 2. Alexander Zubkov – Medical Director of the Stroke Program at Fairview Southdale Hospital 	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 remains posted on the GLRSN website (http://glrsn.uic.edu) under Quality of Care.</p> <p>The Dysphagia Workgroup has met and reviewed dysphagia screens and performed a literature review. Any screen to be considered must be externally-validated.</p> <p>GLRSN has created a map of CARF-certified Stroke rehabilitation programs in the 6 Great Lakes States and bordering states. It is available on the GLRSN website under Rehabilitation.</p> <p>Angela completed the CDC grant renewal (3rd of 3 years) earlier in the month.</p>	None	None
AHA Update	<p>Heather Gavras represented AHA in place of Sueling Schardin. Heather mentioned that AHA's downloadable Stroke kit is available at AHA's website (Power to End Stroke).</p> <p>In addition, she announced that the AHA has released details from an EMS survey for STEMI and Stroke.</p> <p>Also, AHA has worked through local affiliates to create a national map of acute stroke-capable hospitals. Sueling has shared early version of these maps with the Stroke Partnership at earlier meetings.</p>	None	None

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Project Updates: Minnesota Stroke Registry	<p>Al Tsai provided an update to the Stroke Partnership on the efforts of the Minnesota Stroke Registry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 hospitals currently enrolled, with more than 4000 cases entered during 2008. - Jacob Zdon has started chart re-abstractions at some hospitals - Data Quality calls will be scheduled bi-monthly - Data Quality reports will come from Jim once a quarter - Lisa Calhoun and Kamakshi Lakshminarayan completed their initial teleconference consults with hospitals in February, and will be able to come for a site visit, if requested - Mini-grant proposals for QI initiatives are currently under review, with notices of award anticipated in the next few weeks - New training manuals coinciding with the new date elements and modifications are in the mail - Planning for a statewide stroke conference is underway, anticipated for early 2010 - Development of a "QI corner" and Data abstraction tool is in development for the website, and will be available to all MSR hospitals (including those using GWTG) 	None	None
Project Updates: EMS Stroke Task Force	<p>Elizabeth Gardner reported that the train-the-trainer PowerPoint presentation was given at the Arrowhead EMS Regional Conference in late January in Duluth. Kari Olson and Dawn Bidwell with North Memorial were the presenters, having been trained at the fall conference in Mahanomen.</p> <p>Elizabeth mentioned that the evaluation results from this conference were not yet available, still be to be compiled and shared by the Arrowhead EMS region.</p>	None	None
Project Updates: ED Task Force	<p>Tess Sierzant reported on progress on the Consensus Statement for Acute Stroke treatment in the ED. She and Jim Peacock met earlier in March to work on an outline that made the statement more general to hospitals of all capacities. The plan is to provide a general statement, emphasizing resources and treatment guidelines (ICSI guidelines for Ischemic Stroke, Hospital-specific Stroke Action Plans). The next steps will be to refine the writing and circulate to a review committee.</p>	None	Jim and Tess will meet to complete draft document before June meeting.

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MDH Update	<p>Jim Peacock reported to the group that the recent renewal application for MDH's CDC grant included the addition of several supplemental initiatives, as requested by CDC. MDH added approximately 15 initiatives to its regular list of objectives, and five of them have direct implications for stroke. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stroke Statewide EMS Training 2. Emergency Medical Dispatch Standardized Pre-hospital Protocol for Stroke and Heart Attack Patients 3. Signs & Symptoms of Heart Attack & Stroke in the African-American Community 4. College Health Survey: Know Your Numbers Awareness and Education in Minnesota Young Adults 5. Worksite Policy Change: Know Your Numbers and Healthy Choices 	None	<p>CDC indicated in mid-April that all states will receive level funding for 2009-2010, so none of these initiatives will be funded at this time. If more funds become available, some of these initiatives could be revived.</p>
Community-wide Stop Stroke Initiative in Rural Minnesota	<p>Jim Peacock announced a special guest to the Stroke Partnership in Dr. Mohammad Tariq Fareed, Medical Director and Chief of Staff at Sanford Tracy Medical Center in Tracy, Minnesota. Dr. Fareed provided a short presentation on his experience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. increasing community awareness of the recognizing and responding quickly, 2. developing hospital emergency room protocols for stroke management locally, 3. harmonizing stroke management protocols with their tertiary care facility in Sioux Falls, and 4. increasing focus on stroke in primary care clinics in the community. <p>Sanford Tracy began or increased initiatives in each of the areas listed above, developed a Stroke Team crossing multiple disciplines within Sanford Tracy and the Tracy community.</p> <p>The Stroke Team first met in early 2008, began implementation of strategies and protocols in early summer 2008, plans to complete EMS training in spring 2009 and continues efforts to find speech therapy and patient advocacy team members. The program will be re-evaluated in January 2010.</p> <p>Examples of education materials currently being used were passed around.</p> <p>Dr. Fareed answered questions from the group regarding barriers and successes he and his team had encountered.</p> <p>Jim Peacock can help facilitate contact with Sanford Tracy and Dr. Fareed on any of questions from the group.</p>	None	<p>Bring Sanford Tracy into the communications loop regarding resources and opportunities from MDH and other partners.</p>

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Public Awareness	Jessica Barth, a candidate for the MPH degree in Community Health Education at the U of MN, reported to the group on her work to engage with hospitals on community messaging targeting Stroke awareness. She provided a brief overview of the types of work done in the past, potential venues and communication strategies. The committee indicated that AHA has several online tools (mentioned earlier) that can be used for stroke education in multiple venues. Also, some members suggested targeting Health Educators. Jessica and Jim mentioned that more details would be forthcoming.	None	Jessica and Jim will contact the Public Awareness Subcommittee on recommendations for moving forward.
Miscellaneous Items	<p>The team from Fairview Southdale circulated and shared a book entitled "Climbing the Mountain: Stories of Hope and Healing after Stroke and Brain Injury". It is a compilation of stories written by stroke survivors as part of their rehabilitation. Committee members were invited to provide any feedback on the book directly to Marnee Shepard or to Jim Peacock.</p> <p>The committee asked if it would be good to have a Master Stroke Calendar for activities occurring around the state, from clinical conferences, to the MSP, to conferences and educational events sponsored by hospitals and academic institutions.</p>	None	<p>Provide feedback to Fairview Southdale on book.</p> <p>Jim Peacock will look into expanding the MSP online calendar to encompass a broader range of events, targeted toward a broader audience.</p>

*Next Meetings:
June 16, 2009*