

Minnesota Stroke Partnership Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2010

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

In attendance: Kari Bottemiller (phone), Diane Chappuis, Melissa Fritz, Karen Gozel (phone), Angela Hedworth (phone), Judy James (phone), Donna Lindsay, Cathy Meakins, Mary Jo Mehelich, Kathleen Miller (phone), Sheryl Orcutt, James Peacock, Tess Sierzant, Carol Ann Smith, Al Tsai.

Regrets: Donna Brauer, Rachel Callanan, Amy Castle, Diane Chappuis, Ed Crisostomo, Rosie Emmons, Elizabeth Gardner, Paula Heinonen, Betty Hydukovich, Val Kriegler, Kari Olson, Alejandro Rabinstein, Corey Sargent, Stan Shanedling, Marnee Shepard, Brian Siska, Lyn Steffen, Silvina Tonarelli, Sarah Tonn, Kevin Weber, Alexander Zubkov.

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Welcome and Announcements	Welcome new members – 1. Karen Gozel – Trauma Program Manager and Stroke Program Clinical Lead at Unity Hospital	None	None
Great Lakes Regional Stroke Partnership	Angela Hedworth reported on current GLRSN activities. Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed maps of drive-times to PSCs - Quality of Care Teleconferences in November and December were highly-rated and included presentations by Minnesota Partners from Fairview Southdale (A. Zubkov & K. Olson) and the U of MN (K. Lakshminarayan) - Upcoming teleconference on April 8th will feature a panel discussion including K. Bottemiller from Mayo Clinic (registration opens Feb. 8th) – more listed on GLRSN website calendar - Work with the REGARDS study at the University of Alabama to describe the stroke risk factor burden in the Great Lakes States has generated a conference abstract and a new fact sheet on risk factors for stroke for African-Americans in the Great Lakes region - States are working on a discharge planning survey - Dysphagia workgroup is working on an article for the journal Stroke and will be the focus of an AHA webinar on Apr 15th at 12 noon - Swallow screen checklist anticipated in February - Patient education toolkit is coming soon 	None	None
AHA Update	Judy James reminded the group of the upcoming International Stroke Conference (Feb. 23 rd -26 th); many new findings will be released around that time. She also discussed AHA's key progress markers on Stroke, which will be discussed with MDH and the Minnesota Stroke Partnership.	None	None

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MDH Update	<p>Jim Peacock reported to the group that MDH has started to work on updating their 2010-2011 objectives for the work of the HDSP unit. CDC requires that this be completed by early March. Any stroke-related projects that might partner well with MDH are encouraged. Please contact Jim by the end of January with any ideas.</p> <p>Jim was happy to announce that Sanford Tracy Medical Center, in partnership with AHA, received FLEX funds to implement a rural quality improvement project for stroke with Sanford system hospitals in southwest Minnesota</p> <p>Jim also thanked the group for their continued reminders of upcoming stroke activities. These have been added to the online calendar. All MSP members should help to promote the calendar by submitting events and sharing the calendar resource with their partners.</p> <p>Jim and Al announced the upcoming Minnesota Stroke Conference 2010, to be held May 11th at the Radisson Suite Hotel in St. Cloud. A dedicated page with conference details and registration information is now on the Minnesota Stroke Partnership website. Please visit and plan to attend!</p>	None	None
Project Updates: Minnesota Stroke Registry	<p>Al Tsai provided an update on the efforts of the Minnesota Stroke Registry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 hospitals are currently enrolled, with efforts to recruit additional hospitals continuing - The new data collection tool is being test now, with plans for release the last week of January. - Jacob Zdon will be setting up conference calls for abstractors to discuss these changes - QI consultations are continuing, and Lisa has started working on a performance improvement collaborative - As part of CDC requirements for Coverdell States, Al is working on a new statewide Hospital Capacity Inventory which will address current activities around QI and infrastructure for all hospitals. This will update a survey conducted in 2006. 	None	None

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Project Updates: EMS Education Task Force	<p>Jim Peacock reported that the EMS Response to Stroke curriculum was released in December 2009. The presentation was filmed at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview (thanks to Silvina Tonarelli), with Craig Rees and Kari Olson serving as the speakers.</p> <p>The EMSRB has agreed that this presentation can be used for contact hours. MDH uses a 10-question evaluation to assess retention of learning objectives. Only those who successfully pass the evaluation are given access to a certification of completion.</p> <p>Jim reported that some early bugs appear to have been worked out, and that EMS and hospital personnel have provided very positive feedback on the quality of the presentation, both format and content.</p>	None	Jim will pull preliminary evaluation results in Spring 2010.
Public & Professional Awareness	<p>Jim Peacock reported that the Stroke Awareness and Education Resource Toolkit, published in October 2009 has been warmly received outside the state. The Delta States Stroke Network intends to use the toolkit as the framework for similar products to be used by that group. In return, they will share additional resources for inclusion in the MSP toolkit.</p> <p>Jim Peacock also announced that the MSP proposal for Drs. David Anderson and Richard Grimm at the U of MN and HCMC to present on the state of Stroke care and hypertension management at the 2010 Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) Spring Refresher was not selected. The proposal will be kept on file and can be suggested for 2011.</p>	None	<p>Communicate with Delta States Stroke Network on new toolkit edition.</p> <p>Consider resubmitting to MAFP 2011 conference when the call for proposals is announced in mid-2010.</p>
Project Updates: ED Task Force	<p>Jim Peacock and Tess Sierzant reported on progress on the Consensus Statement for Acute Stroke treatment in the ED. Tess provide a history of the project indicating that it had shifted from a very prescriptive document to one that relied on published guidelines and emphasized the importance of all hospitals. Jim has solicited input from rural hospital partners, who have had provided some good feedback for review. Additional comments by the MSP Steering Committee include specifying alteplase, including guidelines on NPO for suspected stroke until a dysphagia screen, providing a resource list of hospitals, data on tPA benefit vs. risk, and some word-smithing. This new draft emphasizes resources and treatment guidelines (ICSI guidelines for Ischemic Stroke, Hospital-specific Stroke Action Plans; AHA Scientific Advisories, AANN guidelines).</p>	None	Jim and Tess will incorporate suggestions for small hospital partners and the MSP Steering Committee and circulate back to the writing group.

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Project Updates: ED Task Force (cont.)	<p>Judy James asked if there would be any evaluation of the effectiveness of this ED statement, once released. Jim and AI mentioned that some of the items can be indirectly measured by the statewide hospital survey to be conducted later this year. Some members of the committee suggested that some hospitals may PREFER to be bypassed, similar to what is happening in North Dakota. Cathy Meakins stressed that large hospitals must provide feedback to small hospitals – this communication is key to building success.</p>		
Minnesota Rural Health Conference	<p>Jim Peacock mentioned an upcoming opportunity for the MSP to target education and awareness efforts toward rural areas of Greater Minnesota. The Minnesota Critical Access Hospital & Rural Health Conference is scheduled for June 28-29, 2010 in Duluth. This conference annually attracts CEOs, QI directors, Directors of Nursing and others from throughout the state, with several dozen Critical Access Hospitals participating. A call for session proposals was released earlier in the month, with applications due Friday, January 22nd. and will have a call for proposals in November 2009.</p> <p>Jim has successfully recruited Sanford Tracy Medical Center to present on their community-wide Stop Stroke Initiative, first presented to the MSP by then-medical directory Dr. Fareed in March 2009. Jim provided an outline of the proposal, which received positive feedback from the MSP. He intends to finalize the brief application with Sanford Tracy by Thursday. Sanford Tracy has expressed much enthusiasm for this opportunity.</p> <p>Jim Peacock also shared a potential menu of products that could be shared with conference goers if the MSP is able to secure a booth. The Steering Committee added items to this menu, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minnesota Stroke Resource Guide (to be created from a template started by AI Tsai) - Maps of drive-times, locations of hospitals - ICSI Guidelines (partner?) - Trinket with MSP name, logo and website address? (pen, pencil, pad of paper?) <p>Jim also suggested taking a laptop computer to show attendees the website and some of the online tools.</p>	MSP will pursue presence at Rural Health Conference	<p>Jim Peacock worked with Sanford Tracy Medical Center, which successfully submitted the application for a proposal on Thursday, January 21st.</p> <p>Jim Peacock will attempt to secure a booth for the MSP at the Rural Health Conference.</p> <p>Jim Peacock and AI Tsai will work on creating additional items for the MSP booth at the conference</p>

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Stroke Systems of Care Planning	<p>Jim Peacock mentioned that Al Tsai wrote an application to receive funds from the American Society of State & Territorial Health Officials for a Stroke Systems of Care Planning Process in December. The funds were not awarded to Minnesota, but the application provides a good framework for activities that could be undertaken, at least in part, by the MSP Steering Committee. A copy of the proposal and the major themes was included with the agenda.</p> <p>Al Tsai informed the group that the Coverdell grant and the HDSP Capacity-Building program would be dedicating approximately \$30,000 total to a planning process facilitated by ICSI. Members of this committee and others will be asked to participate in this process, starting later this Spring.</p> <p>Jim Peacock asked the group to prioritize activities in the application for future work by the MSP. The items selected were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emergency Medical Services (including completing the ED Statement by late Spring 2010; continuing EMS education, sharing potential future dispatcher training) - Professional Education (deepening and expanding stroke awareness activities at conferences) - Expanding efforts on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (reducing the number of people lost to follow-up; taking rehab to survivors) - Learning lobbying expertise 	4 major focus areas selected by the Steering Committee.	<p>Jim will work to develop a workplan that meets the needs of a larger SSoC planning process.</p> <p>Al Tsai will keep the MSP up-to-date with future ICSI-facilitated planning activities.</p>
MSP Steering Committee Scheduling	<p>Finally, Jim Peacock suggested to the group that the format for quarterly meetings could be changed to engage more partners, and facilitate independent work by workgroups. The schedule currently is for meetings in January, March, June, and September (with 2-mo., 3-mo., 3-mo., and 4-mo. gaps). Perhaps the meetings could go to 3 or even 2 per year, with a great deal of emphasis on working/planning activities by the Steering Committee, and some reporting by individual work groups and partners.</p>	None	Jim Peacock will revisit at a later date.

*Next Meetings:
March 16, 2010
June 15, 2010*