

Cardiac Task Force Meeting

April 7, 2021

Attending: Christine B, Chris Price, Joan Reis Kalah Erickson, Rebecca Mitzel, Erica Erck, Kerry Krikava, Aprille Luger, Jody Ward, Mindy Cook, Karla Spence, Curt Halmrast, Ryan Telford, Jessica Werner, Deneille Haberstroh Strand, Linda Zahn

New Officers -Chair Dr. Almanaseer and vice chair Kalah Erickson

New members -Alana McCellan – CHI Valley City, Dawn Falk- Cavalier Hospital, Jessica Werner - Presentation Rolla, Karla Spence – St Andrews Bottineau, Tara Nardacci

Still need representatives from Southwest and Southeast-Christine will be working on this.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections made by Kalah Erickson – Dr. Almanaseer was not attending and Kalah Erickson name misspelled. Motion to approve changes made. Seconded by Curt Halmrast. Minutes approved.

Christine update for EMS Division

- Legislation was passed for a community paramedic. Division will be working on this.
- Helmsley law enforcement AED program- receiving AED's.
- Stroke System of Care - will be starting site visits. First ones will be virtual. Hopefully in the future the stroke and cardiac visits can be combined.
- Stroke and Cardiac Conference in planning. If you are interested in helping let Christine know. Planning for two half days with speakers and SIM ND. October 20 -21.
- 4 options for cardiac registry - waiting for budget finalizing.
- Division web site is getting a makeover.
- Cardiac System of Care Plan – Christine has been reviewing this and shared with group what she has come up with. Will attach these to the minutes for everyone's reference. Can develop one for CAH. Include something in the plan regarding EMS, cardiac rehab process and pharmacy/medications. Suggestion to have someone from cardiac rehab join the task force. Decision to work on this in STEMI coordinator meetings and then can invite others to attend as needed.
- Discussion on meetings. Suggestions to meet once in person and the rest of the meetings virtual. Could do the in person meeting the day before the conference. Other suggestion to meet in person twice a year and virtual twice a year. Groups in same region get together and join virtually.

Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital Designations criteria feedback

Kalah went over the feedback that Christine received on the criteria.

- Concern for some is lack of staff, required experience. They could provide a checklist on how they took care of a STEMI.

- Annual education is a popular option for staff, preferably virtual. We could distribute to hospitals the education that is out there. Moving towards making it more available. Christine could share with hospitals the education that Mindy sends her. Coordinators could let Christine know if they have someone new and she can reach out to them with what is available. Jody will help with this.
- Other options would be if the staff did a mock code or have discussion on set codes. Give them ideas of what they can do instead of attending a course. Maybe they can attend a task force meeting.
- Let them know that ACLS and BLS renewal doesn't count.

Motion made to change "The required experience or competency skills validation for STEMI care STEMI team ALS Cert.

Motion made to include that ACLS and BLS are not included in the annual training. Mindy seconded. Motion passed.

Criteria: Flowchart that defines... Motion made to change criteria to say Protocol that outlines each step in STEMI treatment and transfer process that follows current guidelines in clinical practice. Jody seconded; motion passed.

Criteria: STEMI Team-posted on call schedule, available 24/7. Motion made to remove criteria STEMI-Team posted on call schedule available 24/7. Seconded. Motion passed.

Criteria: STEMI activation log. Motion made by Aprille to keep this criteria as stated. Seconded by Erica. Motion passed.

Criteria: Process Improvement documentation.... Motion made to leave criteria as is, seconded by Aprille. Motion passed.

Criteria: Use of Cardiac registry with capabilities for state reporting. Motion made to leave this criteria as stated, Aprille made motion, seconded by Joan. Motion passed.

North Dakota Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital Designation Criteria discussion

- Pre-Hospital Care. Motion made by Joan to leave this section as is, seconded by Curt Halmrast.
- Emergency Assessment of STEMI Patients. Motion to leave this section as is made by Joan, seconded by Curt. Motion passed.
- Treatment. Motion made by Erica to accept the changes as it shows, seconded by Joan. Motion passed.
- Fibrinolytic Therapy. Motion made by Joan to continue with this as documented. Seconded by Erica. Motion passed.
- Transfer Process. Motion made by Aprille to approve this section as is. Seconded by Curt. Motion passed.
- Personnel. Motion made by Joan to approve this section as is. Seconded by Erica. Motion Passed.
- Process Improvement. Motion made by Aprille to approve this section as is. Seconded by Mindy. Motion passed.

- Public Outreach. Motion made by Curt to approve this section as is. Seconded by Joan. Motion passed.

American Heart Association -Mindy

Mindy talked about handouts and resources that were sent out that could be shared with the hospitals.

Next meeting will be held on July 14 from 10 am – 2 pm