

## Cardiac Ready Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 4, 2022

10:00 – 11:00 am

**Welcome/Introductions:** Christine, Dr. Sather, Kerry Krikava, Alana McClellan, Curt Halmrast, and Linda Zahn

**Approval of Minutes:** No quorum to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

### **Update from Christine, Dept of Health:**

#### **Cardiac Ready Community Updates –**

- **Medora/ Billings County-** added AED to pulse point and developed a system to track the AED pad and battery expiration. The Leadership group contacted each location to ensure they were tracking the expiration dates of each AED and then provided Christine with a list of all the AEDs in the community. They have been officially dedicated as a CRC.
- **State Capitol Campus-** working on becoming a CRC, and they are working on their awareness campaign and blood pressure program.
- **Richardton/ Taylor-** submitted letter of intent. Christine met with them and did a presentation on the CRC program. They will be doing a community event with a CRC slide or display, and Christine sent them some of the new brochures to hand out.

**AEDs-**Christine distributed 18 more AEDs to communities, including a bank in Bismarck and Dickinson and a few school districts, including Hillsboro, Northwood, Hatton, Wildrose Senior Center, New Rockford, and Fort Ransom Community center, and a campground.

- Have more AEDs but out of pads. Will purchase more when I have more requests for AEDs.
- Acquired 20 more AEDs from state surplus but need batteries and infant child key. This is a grant program, and we do not have funding to purchase these items at this time.
- 100 AEDs were bought from state surplus. Dr. Sather got two of them. If you know of anyone who got these, remind them that they should add them to PulsePoint. Dr. Sather mentioned that some people attending the EMS conference found out about it and got some.

**CRC Presentation-** Christine created a Cardiac Ready Community program presentation and presented it to Richardton/Taylor on the updated guidelines. She shared the presentation with the group. She will be available to present it to communities if they want. It is designed to promote survival from a cardiac event. Guidelines also include involvement with EMS dispatch, EMS agencies, and hospital services. Establish goals /plans to continue cardiac-ready efforts.

- CARES Registry- Guidelines require participation by EMS agencies and hospital services. It will be free statewide. EMS agency data from ESO will bridge directly into CARES. Hospitals will complete two small sections by direct data entry. Roll out anticipated late 2022.
- Shared a map of locations of communities with AEDs. We have 17 designated communities and 28 letters of intent.
- Ideas from designated communities - Muffins with Medics program in Billings/Medora Co. Meet once or twice a month at the ambulance bay. Offer blood pressure screens.
- Designation process-when a community fulfills the requirements met for designation, then they submit for designation and Christine brings it back to the committee for approval. They receive a certificate and two Highway recognition signs. The designation is valid for three years.
- Christine is available to present to any interested community.

### **CRC Program Awareness Campaign**

- Alana was asked to do a talk on the CAH call. Will go over designation with them. She suggested that attending conferences would be a good place to bring this program.
- The brochure is going out. Alana requested some to hand out.
- Christine will look at having a booth at the Trauma conference.
- Dr. Sather talked about the Hypertension Summit they used to do. Looking for partners to work with them. This was held by a different division in the Health Dept. Christine said we are willing to help with this if needed.
- Creating resources for CRC
- Curt mentioned that EMS has four regional conferences coming up. If Christine can tie it into some cardiac case studies for education and maybe they could have Dr. Sather or someone do some presentation for them to get credit hours. It would be a great audience to promote Cardiac Ready Communities to. Curt will let each region know that Christie will be available to promote Cardiac Ready Communities.
- Curt has 35 AEDs to add, and Christine will help to get them officially verified.

The next meeting will be on November 3, 2022

10:00 -11:00 am