

Cardiac Ready Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Introductions: Christine Greff, Tim Nikolai, Kay Zirnhelt, Alana McClellan, Tony Burke, Kari Enget, Linda Zahn

Approval of Minutes: -Kay made motion to approve, and Kari seconded it.

New members

Tim Nikolai - American Heart Association taking the place of Mindy Cook

Tony Burke – American Heart Association – Public relations for North and South Dakota

Update from Christine, Dept of Health:

Helmsley- Hearts on Duty program each year four saves can qualify for this program. It recognizes an officer who has used one of the AED from the grant to save a life. They receive an AED to donate back to their community.

- **CARES-**approved to purchase CARES for our state. On hold until the ESO upgrade final. Go live date is July 1. Some of the data points have been changed to make bridging go more smoothly.
 - Training for Cares and EMS services to make sure all the information is entered correctly for bridging data.
- **PulsePoint-**Implementing PulsePoint for the state. Dispatch will be able to Direct caller to nearest AED.
- **Rural Fire District Project-**Got approval to distribute AED's to rural areas that do not have an ambulance or QRU. Will be meeting with State radio.

CRC Business:

Membership-

- Discussed the CRC Advisory membership vacancies we have-looking for NDEMSEA representative and leaders of community CRC programs.

- Went over century code requirements for membership.
- Tony will do some checking on possible members.
- Kari said she will talk to Kyle Michels in Medora
- Christine will send out an email to the CRC leaders to see if anyone is interested in joining our efforts

AED Distribution-

Have 12 AEDs that are already spoken for and will distribute these soon. Delay in distribution due to supply chain hold-ups. Will continue to look for more to distribute to communities.

CRC Awareness-

- Community-driven. There is no funding for it at this time.
- Biggest benefit is that it may save lives in rural communities.
- It takes a lead person in the community to take it on.
- Tony also suggested that maybe a survivor would be a good leader.
- Alana mentioned that the STEMI Coordinator group would be a good group to involve. Maybe inviting the STEMI coordinator group to the next meeting.
- Kari-the other issue is the cost of AEDs, batteries, and pads.
- Tim recommended AHA highlighting new designations on their social media
- Cardiac and stroke conference or the EMS conference would be a good place to talk about this.
- Christine started a quarterly newsletter and will highlight CRC in it.
- Reaching out to community leaders, city council.
- Tony mentioned the statewide advocacy committee through AHA. This could be a connecting point.
- Tim suggested also reaching out to different groups such as American legion, Rotary, etc.
- Christine has a presentation on CRC, so if there is a community interested, Christine would go out to meet with them.

PulsePoint AED verification-

- Hoping to implement this statewide
- Give them the ability to know where the nearest AED by showing every registered AED in the state

- We have 689 that are approved and 283 that are pending, so we need to make sure they are up to date and are actually located where it says they are
- Kari will work on checking on the ones in her region
- Alana has someone to help her do the ones in Barnes County
- Kay is trying to work on getting someone to work on it for Lisbon

CRC Redesignation-

- Reviewed blinded redesignation application
- They are doing a good job, the group agreed, but Christine is waiting to hear back from them on some follow-up questions

To-do list-

- Christine will speak on the CRC at the conference
- Reach out to STEMI coordinators to see if they would like to partake in CRC
- Come up with funding for AEDs
- Sending Kari and Alana spreadsheet for their AEDs
- Tim was going to look into American Legion and VFW for some encouragement advocacy

Next meeting: August 3, 2023, 10-11 am