

Cardiac Ready Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 3, 2023

10:00-11:00 am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

1) **Welcome/Introductions-**

- a) **Meeting Facilitator:** Christine Greff
- b) **Attendees:** Christine Greff, Kyle Michels, Dr. Bryan Delage, Alana McClellan, Kari Enget, Tim Nikolai, Kathy Lonski, Holly Nissen, Holly Boltz. Dr. Jeffrey Sather

2) **Approval of Minutes-**Motion to approve minutes from May 4, 2023, meeting by Alana, seconded by Kathy. Minutes approved.

3) **Update from Christine Dept of Health:**

- a) **Stroke System of Care-**working on performance improvement projects. Shared BEFAST/FAST-ED algorithm. Laminated copies are available for all EMS services. Christine will work on a mail out of these. Stroke educational videos on website. Next project, working on public facing BEFAST standing poster.
- b) **Cardiac System of Care-**working on Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital designation program. Includes registry to collect STEMI data. The Rural Health Care Outcomes Accelerator program provides registry to rural hospitals for free through June 2025. All North Dakota critical access hospitals (CAHs) qualify. Currently, have four CAH's and two tertiary centers enrolled in registry.
 - i) Part of designation for Acute cardiac ready hospitals is to provide feedback to EMS.
 - ii) Working on performance improvements with the data that is available to us prehospital and we're breaking that down into rural versus urban. Hope to identify where we need to focus our education and outreach.
- c) **ND Cardiac and Stroke Conference-**Save the date for Cardiac and stroke conference went out and includes registration link. The conference will be held virtually. October 25 will be the cardiac focused day and 26 will be the stroke focused day.
- d) **Helmsley-**will be purchasing PulsePoint AED Program. Must verify all the AEDs that are pending, and the ones already verified.
 - i) Rural fire district project
 - ii) Hearts on Duty program

2) **CRC Business-**

- a) **New Members-**
 - i) Holly Boltz representative of the ND EMS Association

- ii) Kyle Michaels represents a designated CRC community
 - iii) Dr. Bryan Delage represents designated CRC campus
 - iv) Christine reached out to STEMI coordinators as requested at last meeting
- b) **CRC Awareness**-A new brochure was developed to promote new guidelines. Goal to reach ten people before the next quarterly meeting November 2, 2023. Please share brochure.
- i) Kari expressed concerns over funding for AEDs and supplies. Encouraged other members to work on a list of organizations that help with funding for AEDs and supplies. Kari will work on finding some funding. Committee members please compile a list of resources in your area.
 - ii) Dr. Delage said their students could help with rural outreach/awareness. Christine will send him some brochures.
 - iii) Kyle commented on PulsePoint AED app awareness. Kathy suggested creating a flyer to bring awareness to PulsePoint AED registry. Christine can create an informational flyer on Pulse point.
- c) **Redesignation Discussion**-how can we help communities with redesignation and to continue CRC efforts throughout designation period. Some ideas discussed include reminder emails, rapid check list, and a timeline/template tracker. Discussion to continue at next meeting.
- 3) PulsePoint AED Registry-**
- a) 729 AEDs have been approved and 272 are pending. Christine asked the group to check their AEDs in their communities and surrounding communities. Confirm AED info, check pads and batteries. If you are willing to participate, Christine will share spreadsheet for your community.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 2, 2023, from 10-11:00 am