

Cardiac Task Force Meeting

January 4, 2023

Attending: Christine Greff, Tamara Harvey, Sandy Kovar, Jody Ward, Danaka Walz, Mindy Cook, Karla Spence, Tony Burke, Aprille Luger, Jessi Nicola, Kathy Lonski, Dr. Flisak.

Approval of Minutes: No quorum to vote

Brief update from cardiac coordinators:

- **Sandy-** Sandy and Danielle are working on scheduling a couple STEMI educations
- **Danika** – Trinity health going through transitions as far as cardiac program coordinator so Tamara Harvey and Danaka Walz will be the contact people. Rebuilding a bit and learning the process. Will take any assistance from the group.
- **Aprille** – Will be scheduling site survey for chest pain center accreditation this spring.

Update from Christine, dept of Health – Kayla Erickson is no longer the STEMI coordinator at Sanford Fargo. Erica Erck is no longer the STEMI coordinator at Trinity Minot. Danaka and Tamara will be representing Trinity in the interim.

New AHA advocate, Tony Burke.

Accomplishments of the task force:

- Approved the cardiac certification program for STEMI receiving center designation.
- Held an Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital webinar for critical access hospitals, recorded that and created a power point that is available on our website.
- Worked on our Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital site visit material-application and agenda
- We also worked on a document for items to submit prior to a site visit.
- Developed a chart review form

- Completed an annual review of our Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital designation criteria
- Started our site visit tour question
- Completed our first Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital (ACRH) site visit and designated them
- We reviewed, revised and approved the North Dakota Cardiac Guidelines-added high sensitivity troponins and cardiac testing.
- Updated and approved the Acute Cardiovascular Emergency Medical Systems of Care advisory committee bylaws.
- Added money to our budget for the statewide cardiac registry and we budgeted that for the biennium-to help supplement the cost of the registry for both tertiary and critical access hospitals.

Cardiac System goals for next year:

- Awareness of ACRH designation
- Press release in November regarding Valley City being designated the first ACRH. Please share to help increase awareness of the designation program
- Hold the cardiac conference with continuing education
- Designate more STEMI referring centers as ACRHs
- Create a STEMI referring and receiving centers state map
- Create a STEMI/cardiac coordinator orientation manual
- Case reviews to the task force meetings. Aprille agreed to bring one to the next meeting.

Merger with Human Services-new website address that Christine sent out to group

EMSC position has been filled by Chettie Greer

Legislature is in session now. In 2022, we submitted technical corrections to the governor-some approved. The ACTION registry no longer exists. The sentence specifying the ACTION registry in the Century Code was removed. SB 2085.

Update from Mindy:

- GWTG – Going through a lot of changes
- Rural Health Care out comes Accelerator is available for rural hospitals

- 2023 Hospital recognition criteria is now out.
- They are moving beyond STEMI and NONSTEMI to capture the entire gamut of cardiac care
- Hospital recognition for STEMI Referring Hospitals
- EMS recognition criteria
- Rural Acute recognition is going to launch in February
- Webinar will be held on January 26th by Dr. Sather and two other doctors
- GWTG -CAD December educational recordings available

Election of Officers: Chair and Vice chair. No quorum so could not vote. Christine went over the officer duties. Asked group to think about who they would like to nominate for these positions.

ACRH designation Tour Questions

Cardiac Coordinator Orientation Manual

- 2023 project
- Aprille will work on her list of duties as coordinator
- Mindy will help also with the registry portion

Next meeting will be April 5, 2023

10am – 2 pm