

# Minutes

## **Cardiac Task Force Meeting**

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

10:00 am-2:00 pm

In-person Meeting, with virtual option via Microsoft Teams

- 1. Welcome/introductions:** Christine Greff, Jessi Nicola, Aprille Luger, Karla Spence, Chris Price, Danaka Walz, Joan Reis, Mindy Cook, Tony Burke, Ryan Telford, Tamera Harvey, Sandy Kovar, Anna Walter, Kelly Counihan, Debbie Hoover, Kathy Lonski, Alana McClellan, Tawni Harvala, Dr. Mevan Wijetunga, Linda Zahn.
- 2. Approval of previous minutes:** No quorum so could not vote, Aprille proposed one change to the minutes dated 4/5/2023-correction of the spelling of her name. Correction to minutes made.
- 3. Brief update provided by STEMI Coordinators**
- 4. Update for DHHS EMS, Christine Greff-**
  - Ambulance districts have been mandated
  - Have been awarded an additional 7 million dollars for Rural Assistance Grants. Used for operations including staffing and equipment.
  - Trauma Program is offering CALS and TNCC courses
  - EMS for Children Program-new Andi the ambulance, remote controlled ambulance, available for kid friendly community events
  - Christine is working on the next addition of the EMS Unit newsletter
- 5. Cardiac Task Force Business-**
  - Membership updates
  - Goal to increase critical access participation-2 representatives per region
  - Historically have a representative from ND EMS Association and EMSAC-positions on task force currently vacant
  - Christine will be attending the EMSAC meeting to recruit a member for this task force

- One physician representative from each tertiary center
  - Vacant physician position for Essentia and Sanford Bismarck
- Implemented standing physician sign on time from noon to one o'clock for the physicians to join the quarterly task force meetings
  - Coordinators will have to reach out to physicians to ensure continued participation
- Vacant position for the Vice Chair. Christine went over the duties of the Chair and Vice chair.
- Bylaws and quorum discussed
  - Need 2/3 majority to vote on changing bylaws
- Currently have 17 members, we need 9 voting for a quorum (majority)
  - Difficulty meeting quorum at last several meetings
- Tony suggested alternate delegation. Will add alternative delegation into the bylaws. The delegate chosen needs to be identified.
  - Details of alternate delegation discussed

#### **Registry Discussion-**

- Lots of discussion on statewide registry
- Christine provided State Cardiac Registry FAQ
- Facilities may use the registry they prefer but must share data into statewide registry if they would like to be designated
- GWTG-CAD currently 100% reimbursed by state
- Discussed Rural Health Care Outcomes Accelerator Program-all ND critical access hospitals qualify, plus rural Trinity-Minot

**Dr. Mevan Wijetunga**-introduced himself to the group, ND ACC representative

#### **Goals-**

- Finish our STEMI Coordinator Orientation Manual
- Awareness of Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital Designation-flyer created
- Hold a Cardiac Conference with continuing education
- Designate more STEMI referring centers Acute Cardiac Ready Hospitals
- Increase participation in the statewide cardiac registry
- Start a STEMI referring and receiving centers state map
- Cardiac Task Force quarterly case review-implemented
- Sustainable cardiac education (include EMS)
- Develop and provide outreach (EMS and critical access hospital)

**Conference-** Christine shared the draft agenda of the Cardiac focus day. Coordinators must confirm speakers.

**6. ND Cardiac Guidelines-**

- Discussion on STEMI and NSTEMI heparin drip dosing
- Cardiac Coordinators discussed with cardiologists
- Those attending recommend both STEMI and NSTEMI heparin drip dosing 12 units/kg/hour
- Changes will be made to guidelines and physician attestation letter sent to coordinators to have cardiologist review guidelines and approve

**7. CTF Historic Perspective-**Mindy provided presentation on historical aspects of the cardiac system of care

**8. Review Prehospital Quality Metrics-**

- ESO cardiac data from the previous 180 days
- Review of prehospital cardiac quality measures
- All ND EMS agencies contributing to the registry included
- Performance improvement projects discussed
- Will have quality measures broken down into rural vs urban by the next task force meeting

**9. ACRH Outreach-**agenda item was not discussed as we ran out of meeting time and will be brought to the next STEMI Coordinator meeting on August 9, 2023.

**10. Case Review-**Sandy Kovar provided a case review from Altru.

- Ryan Telford will do a case review at the next task force meeting

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023, from 10 am-2 pm