

## Cardiac Task Force Meeting

April 5, 2023

**Attending:** Christine Greff, Tamara Harvey, Aprille Luger, Tony Burke, Joan Reis, Ryan Telford, Sandy Kovar, Kathy Lonski, Mindy Cook.

**Approval of Minutes from January 4th:** no quorum

### Coordinator updates:

**Sandy-**Working with Danielle to get her work handed over to Sandy, will be working on getting some education scheduled for the year

**Tamara-**Big focus is transitioning to the new campus

**Joan-**Working on completing all the registries

**Aprille-**Accreditation at the end of February and now reaccredited

**Ryan-**Confirmed speakers for October conference

### Update from DHHS – Christine:

- Monitoring the legislative sessions that impact our unit
- One of the bills expands the number of ambulance districts in the state. Passed the Senate and is going back to the House
- We also requested an additional 700,000 for registry costs, and nothing was cut out of our base budget, so hopefully will still be able to continue supplementing registry costs for EMS, Trauma, stroke, and cardiac
- Working on a quarterly newsletter for our unit. Waiting for the approval process. This will go out to all our stakeholders. You can send educational offerings, support groups, outreach participation events to post in the newsletter
- Annual EMS Conference will be April 13-15 at the Bismarck Civic Center

### Updates on CTF Committee:

- Curt Halmrast is no longer on the task force
- Sandy Kovar is the cardiac coordinator for Altru replacing Danielle
- Tara Narducci was removed from task force
- Doctor Flisak, Tony Burke, and Karla Spence recently joined task force
- Will need to revisit our bylaws and what constitutes a quorum. Will work it out so Physicians can join for part of the meeting and not have to attend the whole meeting. Christine will create an invite so they can sign on at noon and do the voting then. More discussion on how to make this work since we are not getting official business accomplished.
- Looking to recruit more members. Looking at ND EMS association and EMSAC
- Hoping to get more cardiac coordinators from Critical Access hospitals. We allow two representatives from each region.

- **Will be implementing the cardiac coordinator spotlight in our newsletter.**
- Kathy and Ryan volunteered to be next spotlight to show how EMS and STEMI coordinators can work together
- Asked for interest in meeting in person for the next meeting. Will be July 12<sup>th</sup>. Virtual option will be available

#### **Updates on Cardiac Conference:**

- Ryan has confirmed a speaker
- A paramedic from Metro
- Sandy has a cardiologist confirmed

#### **Goals for task force:**

- Awareness of the Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital (ACRH) designation
- Hold a cardiac conference with continuing education
- Designate more STEMI referring centers ACRH
- Increase participation in statewide cardiac registry
- Start a STEMI referring and receiving center state map
- Create a STEMI cardiac coordinator orientation manual
- Christine would like to attend accreditation surveys if the organization will allow it

#### **Barriers to Designation:**

- Christine offered her help to Critical access hospitals and what may be hard for them to achieve with acute ready hospital designation and the barriers for the STEMI receiving centers
- Coordinator reports-one of the big barriers is inputting data into registry
  - Bridging should be minimal time constraint

#### **Update from Mindy:**

- Hoping to get additional proposals for the conference
- Have five hospitals participating in the GWTG: CAD registry in North Dakota
- Mindy went over the registry and what is available and how they can help
- Christine mentioned that the state helps supplement the cost of the registry and how good it would be for our State of North Dakota. Goal is to collect all our data in one place for continuous quality improvement
- Christine went over options for certification programs for STEMI receiving center designations
- Can get a hold of Christine to discuss certification barriers if you choose, would love to help you overcome barriers to designation

#### **Election of officers –postpone, no quorum**

#### **Aprille- Shared a case Study**

#### **Task Force Business:**

**Next case study** on July 12<sup>th</sup> CTF meeting - Sandy Kovar will do a case study.

**Feedback on Cardiac Guidelines** – Carla had noticed some needed corrections regarding STEMI and NSTEMI heparin dosing. Will be added to the agenda for the next task force meeting.

**STEMI Receiving manual.** Christine went over the manual. It will be shared with all critical access hospitals when it is completed and approved.

**Acute Cardiac Ready hospital outreach.** Christine shared a flyer she created and asked how we want to complete this outreach. Joan suggested we email it out and follow up with a phone call.

**ACRH Awareness**-Christine will send out an awareness email to the group.

**What constitutes a quorum?** The group should think about what would be comfortable for a quorum.

**Conference**-Need to continue working on getting speakers for the conference. Christine shared the Cardiac stroke conference agenda. Still need 3 more speakers.

**To do:** Take our ND cardiac guidelines to a pharmacist and an interventional cardiologist to review the STEMI and non-STEMI heparin dosing.

- Ryan and Kathy will be spotlighted in the next newsletter.

**The next task force meeting will be held in person July 12th**