

## **Stroke Task Force Meeting**

**March 2, 2021**

**Attending:** Christine Greff, Jody Ward, Stacie Moen, Katelyn Fetsch, Jessi Nicola, Jerilyn Alexander, Curt Halmrast, Jamie Nienhuis, Haley Gilstad, Mindy Cook, JuLann Wiseman, Holly Nissen, Linda Zahn, Alana McClellan, Megan Carlbom, Dr. Dandamudi, Nikki Mack, Jody Ward

**New Members and changes:** Amanda Cahill is the new AHA ND Advocate. Haley Gilstad took over for Sam Richter, Lynde Quirk resigned, and Stacey Moen will fill her spot in the interim. Katelyn Fetsch has joined us and is from Essentia, Marcy Schultz and Beth Hetletved are no longer on the task Force. Alana McClellan is a new member.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from December meeting made by Jamie, seconded by Holly. Minutes approved.

### **Updates from stroke coordinators:**

- Stacy - COVID has stabilized but having more stroke codes and STEMIs. Vaccines taken over by others, so they do not have to deal with that and are getting back to normal.
- JuLann-getting back to normal. Been an increase in pediatric code strokes so they are working on policy for these situations and where to transfer. COVID numbers are down. They will hopefully start survivor meetings again.
- Jerilyn-uptick in stroke codes and STEMIs. Awaiting their joint commission survey for Primary stroke center. Will be starting in person stroke survivor meetings this month.
- Holly-they have no intubated stroke patients in COVID unit. Getting ready for the Joint Commission visit. Started ASLS classes and completed some in December and February and will do more this year and they have been full classes. Have done some survivor meetings.
- Haley-working on getting ASLS education and support groups up. They are having a lot of strokes there.
- Katelyn-COVID numbers are declining. Stroke support groups are back up virtually, and also getting education back up. Survey is coming up.
- Karla-they are in a good place with COVID. Staff is involved with vaccinations. Working on getting back on track for education.

### **Department of Health Update from Christine**

- Implementing Helmsley ND Law Enforcement AED program. Training has begun and shipping the AED's will happen. Will be getting 1700 of them and they are Striker CR2s so they are compatible with LifePak monitors. Also comes with a software program.
- New AEDs are going out and the old ones will be getting donated back to communities. Neighboring states also on this program.
- Website is getting updated and will include updated guidelines and designation criteria.
- BFAST badge guides are at the printers They will be distributed to hospitals and EMS.

### **Election of Officer Positions**

- Nominations for officers closed on March 1. The ballots for officers of Stroke Task Force went out and should be returned to Christine by March 9.

### **Acute Stroke Ready Hospital site visits**

- Governor Burgum's executive orders have expired, so we can start these again. 28 of them are overdue.
- Christine checked with ASRH's on visits. They asked for notice ahead of time since they are just getting back to normal, and some are busy with vaccinations. They will begin virtually and work into personal visits once everyone is vaccinated, hopefully by the end of the year. The virtual ones will save travel time and money but could get complicated with going over forms and charts.
- We have HIPA feature on zoom account. The team could meet with ASRH coordinator and managers to go over charts by navigating and sharing their screen.
- Can share materials on the share point site. JuLann said her visit went well, and the documents were submitted securely.

### **Acute Stroke Ready Hospital Designation Criteria Updates**

- Discussion over document. Made some changes.

### **Physician Medical Director Discussion**

- Does not need to be physician all the time, it could be a midlevel.
- Process is in place to consult with physician.
- Provide leadership on medical, logistical, and administrative issues.
- Christine went over Dr. Sachdeva suggestions.
- **Motion made by Jamie to designate that the Stroke Program medical director can be a mid-level provider, Jody seconded.**
- Holly suggested the midlevel should have certain amount of experience in stroke care.
- Reasonable requirement for midlevel to assume roll.
- Be up to date on protocols, standard of care.
- CAH's need to have process on case reviews.

#### **IV Alteplase Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria Updates and Approval**

- Discussion held and feedback given on changes.
- Christine will send out new form with the changes to Tertiary stroke coordinators and their physicians for approval.

#### **2021 Stroke and Cardiac Conference**

- Will be a one- day virtual conference on Zoom. Cardiac in the morning and Stroke in the afternoon.
- The conference will be recorded so you can watch at your convenience if you cannot attend.
- In the future we could do separate webinars for stroke and cardiac
- SIM ND could do some virtual simulations.
- Form a committee to work on this. Mindy, Erica, Jerilyn, Holly, Katelyn, Jessi-SIM ND, and Sue Johnson volunteered to help Christine.
- Do separate planning meetings. One for stroke and one for cardiac.
- Mindy will share reviews and comments from last year to see what topics were popular.
- Stroke coordinators could do case reviews and have speakers.
- Plan to hold this in October.
- Mindy will work on education credits.
- Will need the agenda completed by July.

#### **Stroke System of Care Plan**

- Went over this document that was sent out.
- Have short term, and long- term goals.
- These goals are not mandated just goals to work towards.
- Establish data oversight process and implement plan for achieving continuous quality improvement required by century code.

#### **Update from Mindy - AHA End of Mission Lifeline data**

- International Stroke conference. \$99.00 for 3 days
- Two abstracts being presented.
  - One is on benefits of Education campaign.
  - Public Awareness campaign Improvement.
- Health Data Exchange. Tertiary hospitals are in different stages of this. Trinity has it up and running.
- Not a lot of improvement in Pre-notification to hospital from EMS.
- Documentation of Last Known Well showed great improvement.
- Door to CT also had vast improvement.

- NIH reported had good improvements.
- Dysphagia screen improved.
- Stroke education and rehab has improved.

**Motion made by Jerilyn to move next task force meeting to June 8, 2021 seconded by Alana.**  
**Motion passed.**

**Next meeting will be virtual on June 8, 2021.**