

Stroke Task Force Meeting

June 8, 2021

Attending: Christine Greff, Jerilyn Alexander, Haley Gilstad, Stacie Moen, Megan Carlblom, Jamie Nienhuis, Christopher Price, Sue Johnson, Tim Meyer, Mindy Cook, Rebecca Quinn, Nikki Mack, Karla Spence, Alana McClellan and Linda Zahn

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Tim Meyer to approve previous minutes. Seconded by Megan. Minutes approved with no corrections.

III. Updates

Megan – They have extended offer to program manager and he will be starting in next few weeks. Started stroke support group online.

Hailey - They have been very busy with stroke patients. Changes in providers and new locums starting. ASLS training, have the staff but looking for a location.

Jerilyn- Busy with stroke alerts and patients. Hoping to start up support group but also struggling with finding a space to have it. Waiting to hear about joint commission visit.

Sue – Have gotten official letter from joint commission. ASLS classes in June, mostly for internal and picking dates for the fall. Holding support groups with minimal attendance. Ahead of numbers. Telemedicine new system started today and are working out the kinks.

Stacie – Stroke coordinator starting in July. Joint commission recertification survey in the next three months.

Nikki - Very busy with stroke codes. Going to take advantage of GWG. Waiting for survey for acute stroke designation. Keeping up with training and education.

Jamie - Getting better at stream- lining workflow. Looking for an advance stroke life support class. Sue said they are hoping to do some outreach classes this fall.

IV. Update from Christine

Community paramedic legislation passed for community emergency medical service personnel. Medical assistance must cover the services provided by community emergency personnel. Rules will be worked on soon.

Emergency Medical Services for Children. Working on National pediatric readiness project to make sure that all US emergency departments have the essential guidelines and resources to provide effective emergency care for children. An assessment was sent out to determine the progress in pediatric readiness. ND is leading in all states to this response. Contact your nurse managers and make sure they are getting this assessment done.

Trauma System of care. Trauma coordinator was able to purchase intubation and chest tube mannequins for every trauma designation facility except for tertiary centers.

Helmsley AED project- 1318 AEDs were purchased and distributed statewide. Most law enforcement agencies will be receiving the new Stryker CR2.

Our department website is still under construction.

Christine would like for coordinators to share their ASLS training flyers or link to it. Want to get the word out for people to take the class.

Mission Lifeline stroke - Planning on doing the stroke educational videos. BEFAST, FAST ED and NIHSS. Scripts have been approved. Simulation center in Fargo set up to get these filmed. Looking for actors for examiners or patients. We have a small budget to help cover expenses for traveling to Fargo.

BEFAST badge guides are in and there should be enough to cover the state. Coordinators can let Christine know how many badges they would need so they can be sent out.

DR. Sachdeva is the new chair and would like to have meetings on Thursdays so he could join. **Motion made by Hailey to move meeting date to first Thursday every three months, Jamie seconded. Motion passed.**

Stroke conference will be held virtually on 10/20/2021. Presentations by Kathy Lonski, Dr. Sachdeva, Dr. Strive and Sara, Dr. Chantasi and case reviews by stroke coordinators and SIMMD. Conference planning meeting tomorrow 6/9. Would like to start Formation of stroke and Cardiac foundation to help support the conferences and help with education and equipment. Can be modeled after the Trauma foundation. Need a committee to form a stroke and cardiac foundation. Sue Johnson will help and has some contacts to get help from.

V. IV Thrombolytic Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Christine did some revisions and then got feedback. Megan thought we should put this on hold until the physicians can participate in discussion and approve it. Other members agreed. Megan went over some of the concerns of the criteria and what changes should be made. Discussions on other changes. Wait for more trials and published data that may be coming in the next year. May have to schedule time during meeting probably around lunch hour for the physicians to be able to attend for this discussion.

VI. APP Stroke Program Medical Director Qualifications Discussion

We would have to make sure the person is qualified. Lots of discussion on the criteria. Hope to get physician input on this also.

- #1 NIHSS trained is reasonable
- #2 Stroke care experience – 2 years
- #3 Stroke specific education credits required should be at least 8 hours per year.
- #4 Working relationship with Physician Medical Director of Hospital or ED
- #5 An APP may only take on the role of Stroke Program Medical Director if a physician is unwilling or unable.
- #6 Must have collaborative physician to consult from nearest Primary or Comprehensive Center-may be difficult
- #7 Advanced training in stroke- too hard to do
- #8 Maintain evidence-based practice guidelines and up-to-date stroke protocol.
- #9 – Each stroke patient chart must be reviewed by a physician medical director within 14 days and document review-May need to make changes. Must be clearer.
- #10. APP Stroke Program Medical Director must participate in quality measures program including stroke program performance improvement.

- #11 – Change to Primary or Comprehensive Stroke center. It may be a challenge for them to do job shadow.
- #12 APP appointed Stroke Program Medical Director by facility Medical Director.

VII. Update from Mindy, AHA

- With the serious pandemic they have launched a public awareness campaign called **Doctor, it's been too long.**
- Advocating for everyone to receive vaccination
- Updated the three different nursing care scientific statements that haven't been updated in 10 years. Would like to dive into these with the stroke advisory committee.
- One of the pieces in the prehospital care is the **Emergency Medical Services Acute Stroke Routing.**
- GWTG is going to move to the IRP platform at the end of 2021 or early 2022. This will have more functionality.
- Mindy went over some of the data.
- Stroke publications. Materials on COVID-19, Stroke Awareness month, Emergency Medical Services Acute Stroke Routing.
- **Heart.org website.** Education site, you can take free courses
- EMS Stroke documentation. Went over charts and measures.
- Enduring Stroke Education. Have webinars available.
 - GWTG Stroke Abstraction Training for CAH's.- 3-part series.
 - ND Stroke and Cardiac conference will be October 20 - 21st.

Next meeting will be Thursday September 2, 2021.