

Stroke Task Force Meeting

September 1, 2022

10:00 am – 2 pm

Welcome/Introductions: Christine Greff, Carmell Barth, Megan Carlblom, Jerilyn Alexander, Sandy Kovar, Curt Halmrast, Haley Gilstad, Tim Meyer, Chelsey Kuznia, Alana McClellan, Jessi Nicola, Holly Nissen, Mindy Cook, Tim Blasl, Nikki Mack, Liz Albers, Brannigan Hamrick.

Approval of previous minutes: Suggest corrections on 5th site visit. Motion made by Holly, seconded by Hailey.

Brief update from stroke coordinators:

Trinity - Jerilyn. Still fairly busy. Have a date to move to new facility. Maintaining registry and doing quality. Did do the ASLS instructor course so in process of transition to hybrid classes online didactic and in person. Hoping to get it rolling as soon as AHA contracts are signed.

Haley - Dr. Henzler has left so Haley does have someone to take his place. She will send his info to Christine. Transition to tenecteplase. Very pleased with the outcome of the patient

Did some outreach To CAHs regarding Tenecteplase.

Reached out to Stroke coordinator in Mobridge

Doing some advance stroke outreach in September and October

Taking instructor course of ALS in September

Holly – Went live with Tenecteplase. Had great feedback and patient outcomes. Will keep a watch on it.

Updating stroke code inpatient order sets.

Doing some site visits and public outreach in Fargo. Did a Plinko game and had statistics and risk factors. Prepping for Joint commission visit and trying to wrap up education for the year. Hoping to offer classes this fall.

Chelsey - Transitioning to Tenecteplase. Had first site visits. Stroke program doing lots of outreach. Stroke educator has been busy and doing outreach in surrounding towns. Educated on BEFAST. Annual event in October partnering with ND Brain Injury network.

We have the only hospital based hyperbaric chamber and are looking at expanding the treatment for the retinal artery occlusion. Treatment plans and protocols to make it work.

Sandy Kovar - doing lots of community outreach, education on BEFAST, doing patient stories on their blog in newspaper. Updated stroke code process. Keeping up with the registry and working on education plans on floor to make sure stroke education gets done. Waiting to see what comes from next year's ISC before TNK transition.

Update from Christine, Dept of Health

Today we are officially the Department of Health and Human Services under the division of Public Health. So will be updating documents with the new logo.

We had an opportunity to submit language changes to the century code to the Governor. Requested that we recognize the designation of thrombectomy capable stroke centers. Haven't heard back yet.

No changes in budget for registry reimbursement.

Trauma Conference is coming up September 28 -29 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo.

Emergency Medical Services for Children position is open. It is a full-time temporary position.

EMS program is working on re-licensure for EMS services which is done every two years.

Working on internal stroke Dashboard. This will help make our stroke data more visible to us and it will be interactive. Data will be from 2016 – 2022. Holly asked about length of stay data. Mindy mentioned that she is working on dashboard improvements. Carmell discussed work on the dashboard, and it will hopefully work well with data from GWTG.

Stroke educational videos were distributed along with the BEFAST FASTED algorithm. Links are public and will be added to Stroke System of Care website under education tab. Have been shared with Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals, tertiary centers, and EMS services. Thanks to all those who helped and contributed in any way. And thank you to AHA to help make this possible.

Bylaws: We were recently informed that it is no longer permissible to have voting by email and proxy votes are not permitted. Discussion on quorum. Christine will take care of the technical corrections. Asked if there should be a subcommittee to address some of the issues and edit them. We have now 19 voting members. There could be a cap on how many members could have voting rights and the size of the quorum. There is difficulty with physician presence. A physician can send another physician to attend meeting in their place, but they could not vote on anything. Discussion on the meetings, attendance, length of time, physician availability etc.

Motion made by Megan for Christine to make technical changes to bylaws and bring to next task force meeting for review, seconded by Tim.

Update on Site visits - Setting up dates for visits and will be caught up by the end of the year. Need to schedule some follow up visits from 2021 that had one year designation and if they have met all the recommendations then they would receive the remaining two years of a full designation. Prefer to have the same coordinators along that were in the original site visit. Discussion on how they see the follow up visits will go. Suggested to have at least 3 hours for visit. Maybe have a stroke coordinator from their region to do the site visits. Christine will put together an agenda for site visits.

Stroke Performance Improvement

BEFAST and FASTED videos were distributed in August.

Dysphagia screening. PHAC committee choose the Yale swallow screen to share with Critical Access hospitals if they choose to use it. Christine went through the form and will make some changes. Holly talked about certain patients that may need to go to speech therapist and not the swallow screen. Some

hospitals do not have speech therapist available on weekends. Will be doing a webinar on this form, and a video that can be sent out. **Motion to approve the Yale Swallow Screen made by Sandy and seconded by Chelsey.**

Stroke Guidelines Update – Adding TNK

Could make TNK an option on the stroke guidelines in the IV thrombolytic Eligible Ischemic Stroke Patient box. Instructions should spell out Tenecteplase and not use TNK. Other wording changed was Alteplase changed to IV Thrombolytic. Also add independent double check dosing. Christine will make the changes and bring to the next task force meeting.

Site Visit Reviews -Christine went over them

Site #1. They had a lot of strength, and they were given some minor recommendations. Good visit. They were very active and open to feedback. They had comprehensive stroke log and they included inpatient stroke in protocols and great algorithms. They will receive a copy of their report with recommendations for improvement.

Holly made motion to approve for a 3- year designation Dr. Sather seconded. Motion approved.

Site #2. Did not have a very good stroke log. They have a formalized feedback form but don't always use it. Have a stroke ready protocol. Have an annual stroke skills fair. Great collaboration with EMS. Consistently documented the NIHSS. Had a lot of recommendations for them.

Hailey made motion to recommend a 1-year provisional designation with action plan submitted within 60 days and 6 month follow up. Seconded by Brannigan and motion approved.

Action Plan – some sites have not yet submitted their action plan.

Summary-Christine's work to do:

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| -Making technical corrections to Bylaws | -Fix the minutes from last meeting |
| -Develop follow up site visit agenda | -Add new snippet of the guidelines to info graphic |
| -Designate two site visits | - Schedule a webinar for the dysphagia screen |
| -Make changes to treatment guidelines | -Follow up on action plans that aren't submitted |

Next meeting will be December 1