

Minutes

Stroke Task Force Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2023

10:00 am-2:00 pm

***In-person meeting with virtual option** via Microsoft Teams

Welcome and Introductions: Christine Greff, Candance Thompson, Chelsey Kuznia, Deserae Harstad, Haley Gilstad, Holly Nissen, Dr. Duchscherer, Ken Rensch, Kimberley Osburn, Megan Carlblom, Karla Spence, Nikki Mack, Tim Blasl, Anna Walter in for Jody Ward, Kathy Lonski, Tawni Harvala, and Linda Zahn.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve previous minutes as is made by Haley seconded by Holly.

Brief Update from Stroke Coordinators: each hospital stroke coordinator present provided a brief update.

Chelsey- Working on ICH score documentation. Outreach STEMI and stroke team were in Carrington for hospital boot camp. They had an EMS night. Was in Fargo at night-to- night event. In September they have a Big Iron event coming up and will have a booth in the tent

Haley- Have been busy. Having a lot of Thrombectomy candidates. Working with students. Doing an outreach project in the fall. Working on improving processes and order sets.

Holly- Doing outreach events, and street fair. Going to Mayville this fall. Working on dysphagia screening. Updating policies. Updated stroke code Tenecteplase discharge order sets. Working on post thrombectomy order sets for major medical centers. Putting together telemedicine protocols. Prepping for Joint commission regulation updates.

Nikki- Super busy with things. Working on stroke and STEMI group. Working on process between alteplase and Tenecteplase. Utilizing Tenecteplase.

Desi- Sanford Mayville has been focusing on internal processes relating to order sets. Working with locums to make sure they are educated. Working with nursing for dysphagia screens and vitals.

Kim- Busy. Transitioned to Tenecteplase in May. Did education with staff. Fine tuning order sets. Going to be doing a mock stroke drill with their EMS.

Candie- Planning annual facility wide education. Hoping to do community education.

Update from Christine-

- Introduced Ken Rensch as a new member. Representative of EMSAC.
- Newsletter will be going out end of August/September. Send Christine any events or education opportunities to put in newsletter. It will go out to all the stake holders twice a year.
- Conference – October 25-26. Share Save the Date. 120 are registered so far. Presentation slides need to be submitted by September 15 to Alyssa Jenkins.
- Performance improvement Projects
 - Working on 2024 ASRH designation criteria. For 2024 site visits.
 - Revisions to Reference guide to support the designation process and criteria.
 - Printing education materials with AHA Sustainability Grant
 - BEFAST FAST ED algorithm-printed, needs mailed out to ambulance services and hospitals.
 - Dysphagia screen infographic-printing and mailing in process.
 - BEFAST Public Facing standing poster-in progress, draft reviewed.
 - Revisions made.
 - BEFAST poster approved by majority vote.
 - IV thrombolytic within 60 minutes of arrival, door in door out time, telestroke consultation should be addressed during Dr. Mutgi's presentation at the conference. Also working individually with hospitals at site visits on these quality metrics.
- Site Visits: goal is to complete five site visits for remainder of the year.

Mindy's Update given by Christine- Eight ND hospitals achieved GWTG stroke awards-all six tertiary stroke centers and two critical access hospitals. Eleven hospitals received inaugural GWTG Stroke Rural Bronze Awards for Q4 2022 data submitted.

Christine shared Rural Disparities in EMS Stroke Care Performance Measures in North Dakota

- Study size: 2,399 North Dakota stroke patients
- Study period January 1, 2020 -December 31, 2023.
- Performance measures studied were-blood glucose performed and documented, last known well, documented, stroke assessment performed documented and stroke alert when stroke screen positive.
- Findings reviewed. See NASEMSO poster.
- Question: are these being performed and not documented? Some review of EMS run reports finds that they are being documented in the narrative and not in the correct spot in ESO. Need to provide outreach on best practice documenting.

Revised ASRH Designation criteria review - Discussion and revisions made.

- **Chelsey made motion to approve the 2024 acute stroke hospital designation criteria, Holly seconded. Motion approved.**

SITE VISITS- Discussion

- **1st site visit**-site visit report reviewed.
- **Motion made by Holly to approve 3-year designation. Seconded by Chelsey. Motion Approved.**

Second Site Visit – Discussion

- Second site visit report reviewed.
- **Motion made by Megan for 1 year provisional and Ken seconded. Motion approved.**

Follow up Site Visit – Discussion

- Site visit report reviewed.
- **Motion made by Megan for the remaining two-years of a full designation, seconded by Holly. Motion approved.**

Next Stroke Task Force meeting will be December 7, 2023, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm