

Stroke Task Force Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Christine Greff, Chelsey Kuznia, Holly Nissen, Desi Harstad, Nicole Mack, Jerilyn Alexander, Sandy Kovar, Jessica Tank, Haley Gilstad, Tony Burke, Melissa Johnson, Ken Rensch, Megan Carlblom, Suhas Bajgur, Kerry Krikava, Mindy Cook, Deserae Harstad, Karla Spence, Jeffery Sather, Tawni Harvala, Annie Mayhew Narum.

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Chelsey Kuznia
- **Seconded:** Holly Nissen
- **Outcome:** Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Coordinator Updates

- **Chelsey Kuznia:**
 - Finalizing system order sets, including hemorrhagic stroke alert.
 - Education plans for 2025 and completing staff in-person classes.
 - Preparing for DNV survey in March.
 - Recent conference attendance and planning on ISC in February.
 - Completed 5th-grade "Save a Life" boot camps.
- **Sandy Kovar:**
 - Conducting STEMI-stroke boot camps and staff education.
 - Prepping for Joint Commission call
 - Updating wake-up stroke protocol and observing increased hemorrhagic strokes.
 - Elementary education for first graders completed.
- **Jerilyn Alexander:**
 - Conducting standards review for the upcoming Joint Commission survey.
 - New 24/7 endovascular coverage initiated in December.
- **Holly Nissen:**
 - Introduced Dr. Suhas Bajgur as a new neuro-interventionalist.
 - Outreach education reached 253 attendees.
 - Introduction of Vivistim for upper limb weakness rehabilitation.
- **Dr. Bajgur:**
 - Neurology residency the University of Texas and vascular neurology and neuroendocrine fellowship in Minnesota.
 - Fargo Neurointerventionalist and Vascular Neurology
 - Master's in public health and in Neuro Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Texas
 - Interested in growing Telestroke in ND and MN

- **Haley Gilstad:**
 - Conducting internal education and planning external outreach for World Stroke Day.
 - Joined the Multi-Partner Health Collaborative to promote health statewide.
- **Jessica Tank:**
 - Hospital adopted Kcentra consignment, thanks to pharmacy efforts.
- **Christine Greff:**
 - Legislative session updates related to EMS and ambulance services.
 - Trauma chose Biospatial registry after long RFP process.
 - Update on AED project and Hearts on Duty.
 - Pediatric emergency care coordinator designation initiatives.
 - Next unit newsletter scheduled for end of January release.

4. Task Force Business

- Membership updates:
 - Southwest representative vacancy; outreach ongoing.
 - Dr. Suhas Bajgur welcomed as a new member, filling Dr. Drofa's position.
- 2024 Accomplishments:
 - Distributed BEFAST standing posters and public education flyer.
 - Acute Stroke Ready Hospital Reference Guide completed and distributed.
 - Completed seven site visits and would like to accomplish 14 site visits in 2025 starting February/March.
 - 2024 performance improvement goals.

5. Election of Officers

- **Term length:** One year term of office with the option to be re-elected to serve two consecutive years. Holly Nissen motioned to approve, and Chelsey Kuznia seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.
- **Chair:** Dr. Suhas Bajgur, nominated by Megan, seconded by Holly, approved unanimously.
- **Vice Chair:** Haley Gilstad, nominated by Chelsey, approved unanimously.

6. Conference Discussions

- Discussion on in-person versus recorded formats, securing speakers, and potential vendor support for future conferences.
- Value in-person conference and break away from cardiac for 2025.
- AHA can support continuing education for live event.

7. Site Visit Reviews

- **Site One:** Strengths and recommendations discussed. Approved for a three-year designation (motion by Holly, seconded by Desi, motion unanimously approved).
- **Site Two:** Strengths and recommendations discussed. Granted six-month provisional designation with action plans (motion by Chelsey, seconded by Haley, motion unanimously approved).

8. Performance Improvement Initiatives

- Tip sheets approved for:
 - Door-to-CT interpretation <45 minutes.
 - Door-to-IV thrombolytic <60 minutes.
 - Stroke consultation documentation improvement.
- 2024 progress:
 - Primary and Comprehensive hospitals exceeded expectations; rural hospitals need improvement in stroke consultation and IV thrombolytic within 60 minutes.
- 2025 focus:
 - Address barriers in door-to-door processes for rural hospitals.
 - Carry over 2024 PI initiatives.

9. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM