

# Minutes

## **Stroke Task Force Meeting**

Thursday, June 6, 2024

10:00 am-2:00 pm

**Virtual meeting** via Microsoft Teams

### **Meeting Facilitator: Christine Greff**

- I. **Welcome/Introductions**-Jessica Tank, Haley Gilstad, Deserae Harstd, Tim Blasl, Chery Kuznia, Jerilyn Alexander, Sandy Kovar, Melissa Johnson, Kathy Lonski, Megan Carlblom, Candace Thompson, Holly Nissen, Mindy Cook, Nikki Mack, Jody Ward
- II. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion made by Chelsey and seconded by Haley. Minutes approved.
- III. **Brief Update from Stroke Coordinators**-Update provided by Sandy (Altru), Chelsey (Essentia), Haley (Sanford Bismarck), Jerilyn (Trinity Minot), Desi (Sanford Mayville), Holly (Sanford Fargo).
- IV. **AHA Update, Mindy Cook**-
  - a. How to generate a patient list from GWTG
  - b. Shared stroke continuing education opportunities
  - c. 2024 recognition awards will be coming out soon, around June/July
- V. **Brief Update DHHS, Christine**-
  - a. **Stroke testimony**
    - i. Provided to the Health Care Committee last week. Century Code requires completion before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each even-numbered year. Mindy worked with her to develop data to share with that group. Christine shared stroke data slides with this group. North Dakota had 2525 strokes in 2023.
    - ii. Questions from representative regarding long-term care facilities and stroke outreach. Data on stroke from chronic health facilities run and 3.3% of strokes come from chronic health care facilities annually. Discussion regarding outreach/education.
  - b. **Budget**-midst of budgeting, we must cut 3% from our programs which include EMS, Trauma, Stroke, and Cardiac.

- c. **EMS Rules**-went into effect April 1, 2024. Changes include EMRs need to be national registered, instructors must be aligned with a training institute, ambulance services must have a lights and sirens use policy. All changes speak to quality and safety aimed protecting the public.
  - d. **EMSU Newsletter**-upcoming meeting and event dates.
  - e. **Trauma**-request for proposal (RFP) for new trauma registry. Multiple vendors bid on providing the registry.
- VI. **Stroke Task Force Business**
- a. **New members**-Candie Thompson, Harvey and Jessica Tank, Langdon
  - b. **2023 PI Follow Up**
    - i. BEFAST posters were delivered in March to all hospitals
    - ii. BEFAST flyer for community events, available on our website
    - iii. Dysphagia screening has improved
    - iv. Stroke screening improved
      - 1. Recommended by Stroke Task Force to encourage the use by EMS of adopted stroke screening (BEFAST) and stroke severity (FAST-ED) tools
  - c. **2024 Site Visits** reviewed, follow up with site visits reviewed.
- VII. **ASRH Reference Guide, reviewed by Chelsey**
- a. Discussion on adding neuro checks form.
  - b. Haley made motion to approve the reference guide with appendices. Seconded by Holly.
- VIII. **Site Visit Review**
- a. Site One-discussed strengths and recommendations for improvement.
    - i. **Haley made motion for a 3-year designation. Nikki seconded motion.**
  - b. Site Two-discussed strengths and recommendations for improvement.
    - i. **Motion made by Chelsey for remaining two years. Seconded by Holly. Motion passed.**
  - c. Site Three-discussed strengths and recommendations for improvement.
    - i. **Motion made by Jerilyn for remaining two years. Seconded by Chelsey. Motion passed for 2-year designation.**
- IX. **2024 Performance Improvement**
- a. CAH-Door to CT Interpretation-Goal of 75% compliance.
  - b. CAH-Door to IV Thrombolytic less than 60 Minutes
  - c. CAH-Stroke Consultation
    - i. Task Force worked on tip sheet to help improve these measures.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm