

Minutes

Stroke Task Force Meeting

Thursday, June 5, 2025

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendance: Christine Greff, Dr. Suhas Bajgur, Haley Gilstad, Brannigan Hamrick, Candace Thompson, Chelsey Kuznia, Deserae Harstad, Holly Nissen, Dr. Jeffrey Sather, Jerilyn Alexander, Jesica Tank, Jody Ward, Ken Rensch, Kerry Krikava, Megan Carlblom, Mindy Cook, Sandy Kovar, Tony Burke, Sheree Raynes.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Dr. Suhas, Bajgur
- Second: Haley Gilstad
- Outcome: Minutes approved unanimously

III. Updates

- **Updates from Stroke Coordinators**
- **EMS Unit Update, Christine Greff**
 - Our unit will be going into some rulemaking as required by new legislation for prioritizing 911 calls, distressed ambulance services, quick response units, and training institutions.
 - EMSC Program was recognized on a national level for its poster presentation on pediatric patients who receive emergency care from ND EMS for suicide or self-harm.
 - Hospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECC) sign up and get access to things that they are giving away, such as new scales that weigh in kilograms, vein finders, and pediatric resuscitation posters.

- Symposiums and training sessions available for hospitals and EMS that sign up to be PECC.
- Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals or PEPP. Contact Chettie Greer if you or someone you know would benefit from these classes.
- The new cardiac Advisory Committee members have been selected, and we are currently collecting participation agreements and will establish a new meeting schedule soon. Those meetings will be open to the public, and the schedule will be posted on the website.

IV. Stroke Task Force Business

- Elections and Term of Office
 - The bylaws now state a one-year term of office, with the option to be reelected to serve two consecutive years.
 - A quorum is needed to pass the proposed amendment.
 - Motion made by Dr. Bajgur and seconded by Chelsey Kuznia to vote.
 - No opposition.
 - Motion passed.
- Site Visits
 - If you are available for site visits, let Christine Greff know your availability. Three in-person site visits have been scheduled for June and July.
- Removal of Designation Policy
 - Includes, but is not limited to, noncompliance with state stroke, registry reporting, or persistent or unmitigated lapses in CT coverage that significantly impact the hospital.
 - Policy discussed, recommendations include removing “diversion” language, adding time frame instead of “prompt”, and adding HAN language.

V. Conference Discussion

- Share save-the-date information, sponsorship opportunities, and a request for a presentation email.
- Cost of registration is set at \$125.00, which includes a Meet and Greet with poster showcase and the conference
- Vendor booths will cost \$250.00
- Request for Presentation: deadline for submission is June 16th.
- The Conference Planning Committee will make the section of presenters by the end of June.
- Meet & Greet Poster Session-

- Review committee for relevance, accuracy, and quality of poster abstracts. Abstracts to be submitted by September 1st. Those accepted at the end of September

VI. Performance Improvement

- Reach out to each EMS agency and emphasize importance of screening and severity screening, and how to use and implement these tools.
- Consistent and standardized use of BEFAST and Fast ED by EMS across the state.
 - BEFAST required, FASTED recommended

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm