

Stoke Task Force Meeting

March 3, 2020

Jamestown Regional Medical Center

Attending: Christine Brondyk, Sue Johnson, Holly Nissen, JuLann Wiseman, Marcie Schulz, Lynde Quirk, Kathy Mcevoy, Alana McClellan, Nikki Mack, Jerilyn Alexander, Mindy Cook, Janna Pietrzak, Sandy Gruhot, Linda Zahn. On the Phone: Joy Ward, Jessie Nicola, Krista H and Jamie Nienhuis.

Approval of Minutes: Janna made motion to approve and JuLann seconded. Minutes approved.

Updates

- New task force members were announced.
- Division of EMS updates
 - Awarded 3.4 million for the next 3 years from the Helmsley Trust
 - Approximately 1700 AEDs will be distributed around the state
 - Working on training and distribution plan for the Helmsley AED project
 - Cardiac System of Care working on developing designation criteria
 - Century code requires STEMI Receiving and STEMI referring
 - Cardiac Ready Community Program-UND is the 13th CRC to be added. Bismarck/Mandan and Fargo/West Fargo applications are under review. There are 30 communities working towards designation
 - Trauma system expanded reimbursement for training TNCC
 - EMS System of Care-rewriting personnel licensure rules
 - Trauma rules through the Attorney General to public comment
 - EMSC is rolling out pediatric champion program

EMS Stroke Protocol

- Looking for recommendations from the task force.
- Check balance and eyes. Add posterior.
- Provide examples of BEFAST
- Joint commission – Cincinnati Scale.
- ASLS -severity scoring-FAST ED, others using RACE and VAN
- Rural places do FAST ED
- Suggestion for Stroke Assessment is to keep it simple. Cincinnati and BEFAST.
- It is important to support education, educate on one tool so we are speaking the same language
- Task Force suggests FAST ED, work with hospitals to speak same language
- NIH Severity score for ALS. AHA promotes FAST ED
- BEFAST not supported for public awareness, used as assessment tool
- Mindy recommends the state EMS protocols consider adding posterior screening
- Next biennium for stroke budget
- This is Janna's last meeting and then she will hand over some processes to Christine.
- Still have materials so any ideas on how to use up funding.

- BEFAST poster to hospitals
- Badge guide for EMS
- PDF on website
- Teaching tool – 5 syndromes
- NIH
- Binders with guidelines and other info and or zip drive
- Zip drives could have protocols and other things on it.

Legislative testimony. Christine must testify and speak to them about the progress and to show that the money is being well spent.

Examples of achievement

- Data feedback
- Partnering with SIM MD
- Success story from survivor
- Feedback is shared
- A lot of education
- Guideline Changes
- Prehospital data
- ASLS class

Update from Mindy – AHA

- Dysphagia screen improved
- Stroke education increased
- In hospital mortality decreased
- There are 6 hospitals with Survivor programs so if you have any ideas to help with the survivor programs let Mindy know. They can use funding to help these programs.

Jerilyn with Outreach program

- Making sure they get feedback.
- Coordinators should take credit for the work they do.

Mission Lifeline Stroke Updates – Janna

- Would like to have an in person focus group with the task force members.
- Haven't received any data from coordinators on the Stroke to Survivor Program. Volunteers final report needs to go to Helmsley.
- The grant for this program will be ending but the Brain injury program may be able to help.
- Webinar Wednesdays for Brain injury ND network. Lots of good resources.
- Printing out a resource manual for brain injury survivors.
- Public awareness campaign
- ND Advocacy update- Plan to host Meet and Greet this Spring in different towns to engage key advocates and volunteers
- ND Stroke Guidelines have been distributed and being used.
- ESO Health Data Exchange Update. Connects EMS and Hospitals for data sharing.
- In person trainings underway – 50 services
- Regional conferences and the EMS Rendezvous

- Advanced stroke Life support classes coming up.
- Twenty- two people trained as instructors
- Hospitals- year 3
- Stroke coordinator boot camps
- Hemispheres online stroke education.
- Education recordings will be done.

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 2 at Jamestown Regional Medical Center 10am – 2pm