

**Connecticut Department of Public Health Stroke Task Force
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 10:00AM

Meeting Location:

Conference Room F - Connecticut Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, 2rdFloor

Task Force Committee Members Present:

Raphael Barishansky, Brian Cournoyer, Charles Wira, Mehul Dalal, Pamela Provisor,
John Quinlavin, Richard Kamin

Task Force Committee Members Calling In:

Due to technical issues the call in line was unavailable

Guests in Attendance:

Tim Shea, Judi Reynolds

1.0 Call to Order

Director Barishansky called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

A. Introductions/Members

The task force members introduced themselves and noted their affiliations.

B. Introductions/Guests

The guest in attendance introduced himself and his affiliation.

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Director Barishansky asked the members for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting. Richard Kamin motioned to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015, Mehul Dalal seconded the motion. Director Barishansky requested a modification in Section 1.0, subsection B, third line the word concern be changed to "concerning". Motion passed with John Quinlavin abstaining as he was not in attendance.

D. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2.0 Old Business

A. Appointment of Task Force Chair

Director Barishansky has received a letter from Dr. Wira expressing his interest in becoming the Chair of the task force, which was forwarded to Commissioner Mullen. He has not heard back from her and will follow up.

B. Task Force Future Meeting Schedule

There was discussion on the best meeting dates and times. Consensus was to hold the meetings every two weeks on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

3.0 New Business

A. Review of Past Stroke Efforts in Connecticut

Discussion followed on The Connecticut Department of Public Health Connecticut Comprehensive Plan for Stroke Prevention and Care 2009-2013, previously distributed to the group. There have been funding and program changes but the recommendations from an EMS standpoint are still appropriate and could be used to move forward. Richard Kamin commented that he was involved in the creation of the document and processes have changed but priorities remain similar and the document provides a good basis. Brian Cournoyer asked if it would be worth going through the document and red lining it with comments for moving forward. Director Barishansky suggested the group look at the charges of the public act and utilizes that as the overlying focus, then break it down based on comparison with the 2009-2013 report. Director Barishansky reviewed the tasks set by the public act. Discussion followed, with Dr. Dalal offering to take task # 4. As acting Chair, Director Barishansky appointed Dr. Dalal the point person for task # 4. Director Barishansky will be the point person for task # 2.

Director Barishansky reviewed task # 1 and task # 4, he asked members to please contact him if they would like to serve as the point person for either task.

Director Barishansky asked the group to consider during their review they may find dramatic changes from the 2009 – 2013 document but sections may still be relevant.

Pam Provisor commented on other State's legislative influence on stroke programs and stroke certified hospitals, she feels this could be used as supporting documentation. Discussion followed on the correlation to patient outcomes as well as reimbursement.

Richard Kamin asked about tracking documents as we move forward. Director Barishansky reviewed how the materials were shared and stored during the PSA Task Force. Director Barishansky will research available programs for the most efficient electronic method to store relevant documents. If members find relevant documents please share them with the entire group or forward them to him for distribution.

Discussion followed on the Cincinnati and the Los Angeles EMS stroke scales, which are the primary assessment tools utilized in a prehospital environment. Director Barishansky asked the group to consider if these could be utilized in meeting task # 2 objectives. John Quinlavin suggested engaging CEMSMAC in the discussion.

Rich Kamin commented considering the focus of the task force is to design processes for prehospital care, it may be beneficial to have a discussion on how EMS looks in Connecticut to assure all the task force members have an understanding. He has a very brief primer that can be sent out on the system.

Development of a mission/vision statement, reviewing the past report for relevancy and hospital designations were discussed as next steps.

There was discussion on utilizing other system documents as examples, Director Barishansky will bring documents related to trauma center designation to the next meeting for review.

Louise McCullough, AHA designated representative, has moved to Texas to accept a new position her replacement as the AHA designee will be Dr. Arme Nouh.

4.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Kamin at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judith A. Reynolds

**Connecticut Department of Public Health
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Vote Tally Sheet**

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By: Judith A. Reynolds

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Task Force Member	Yes (in favor)	No (opposed)	Abstain	Excused from meeting
Raphael Barishansky	Yes			
Brian Cournoyer	Yes			
Charles Wira III	Yes			
Richard Kamin MD	Yes			
Mehul Dalal	Yes			
Amre Nouh MD				absent
Joseph Schindler				absent
Karen Butterworth				absent
Pamela Provisor	Yes			
Sanjay Mittal				absent
John Quinlavin			Abstain	