

Legislative – Stroke Task Force
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2015 1:00PM
Meeting Location:
Conference Room – DPH Library
410 Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor

Task Force Committee Members Present:

Brian Cournoyer, Mehul Dalal, Wendy Furniss, Amre Nouh, Pamela Provisor, Charles Wira

Task Force Committee Members Calling In:

Karen Butterworth, John Quinlavin

Guests in Attendance:

Dawn Beland, Dan Giungi, Yolanda Williams

1.0 Call to Order

Dr. Wira called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

1.1 Introduction of Task Force Members

The task force members introduced themselves and their affiliations.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Call in Members

There was acknowledgement of Call in Members

1.3 Introductions of Audience Members

Audience members in attendance introduced themselves

2.0 Review/Approval of previous meeting minutes

Dawn Beland requested the minutes be amended to correct her name in item 6

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting with the aforementioned amendment by Dr. Wira.

Old Business

Wendy Furniss, Healthcare Quality & Safety Branch Chief, Office of Emergency Medical Services (HQSB-OEMS) applauded this group for their volunteer contributions to the state.

A brief update was provided regarding The Director of OEMS, Ray Barishansky, he is still on leave. Wendy plans to attend the meetings as much as possible, however, the EMS Medical Director, Dr. Richard Kamin will attend the meetings in her place.

Wendy reviewed the charge of the Task Force, stated that Drs Dalal and Wira are the point persons, and reiterated the overarching goal is to complete or review of (1) feasibility of adopting a nationally recognized stroke assessment tool (2) establishment of care protocols for EMS organizations relating to the assessment, treatment and transport of persons with stroke (3) establishment of a plan to achieve continuous quality improvement in the care provided to persons with stroke and the system for stroke response and (4) feasibility and cost of establishing and maintaining a state-wide, hospital stroke designation program administered by the Department of Public Health.

Other meeting formalities such as meeting Quorums, Support for the meeting and the actual writing of the report were discussed. Calls and invites can attend the meeting as the meeting is open to the public. The task group can perform research. Calls, advance notice, agenda etc. to be provided. Workgroup meeting minutes are required or at least a report for the next meeting.

Following this Dr. Wira discussed confirmation of members contact information and permission
Members contact information and permission was received from 6 of the members giving
permission to post their information on the DPH/OEMS website

Task Area Workgroup

Background information was shared, as well as other state plans. The establishment of a plan to achieve quality of improvement. Data Analysis, Committee Q/I, education and feedback will lead this initiative.

- Pre Hospital, Hospital Care and Post-Acute Care were identified.
- Review of the findings and the outcomes were discussed to tie back to prehospital assessment.
- Q/I project to be done and Stroke care to report on measures will be done.
- Communication has been identified.
- CMS Core measures (8) were reviewed as well as studies.
- Prehospital, National System and Registry were discussed.

Reporting System

Discussion was held regarding the data available, sources used to collect data and how best to obtain information as data is critical.

Core Measures

Discussion followed on the process measures and core measures will be used for Hospitals and Free Standing Emergency Departments. There may be a phased approach considered by members of the group.

Workgroup meetings

Amre Nouh will contact Elise Sicklick.

Adjournment

Adjourned – moved to adjourn by Amre Nough and Mehul Dalal at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Yolanda Williams, OEMS Secretary