

## Cardiac Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

### Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attending: Jessi Nicola-UND SIM Coordinator, Lynde Quirk-Altru, Grand Forks, Joan Reis-St. Alexius, Bismarck, Chris Price-NDDoH DEMS Director, Kalah Erickson-Sanford, Fargo, Curt Halmrast-NDEMSEA, Kathy Lonski-F-M Area Ambulance, Jeffery Sather, MD-Trinity, Minot, Jaime Meyer-Essentia, Fargo, Erica Erck-Trinity, Minot

Approval of Minutes: Joan Reis made a spelling correction then approved the minutes from last meeting, Lynde Quirk seconded the approval.

- Christine Brondyk updated Task Force roster with Cardiac Coordinator attendees
- Cardiac Coordinators updated attendees on role changes during pandemic response

Update from Christine Brondyk, Dept. of Health:

- The Division of Emergency Medical Systems was called into the Department Operations Center and ran Coronavirus pandemic response for 6 months
  - Glad to be back in my “normal role”
  - Understand some cardiac coordinators may have been pulled from their primary role and are still assisting their hospitals in the COVID-19 response
  - As we return to our “new normal”, everything will be done virtually until it is safe to gather again
- Interviews will be held for vacant Trauma Coordinator position this month
- EMS rules are being brought to EMSAC this week
- We are licensing ambulance services at their request, but licensure is not required during the state of emergency
- Aiming to implement Helmsley project by the end of 2020, distribution of approximately 1700 AED's across the State
- Acute Stroke Ready hospitals site visits will be held virtually
- Stroke and Cardiac Conference will be held virtually October 20, 2020
  - 8:00am-5:00pm
  - No cost to attend, registration required
  - Up to 8.25 CE's
  - Half day stroke, half day cardiac
- Cardiac Ready Community
  - Designations have been put on hold due to the pandemic
  - Many organizers of Cardiac Ready Communities are involved in the COVID-19 response
  - Designated: UND Cardiac Ready Campus
  - Awaiting official designation: Metro Area Ambulance
  - Some other requests for designation are pending but we need a little more information on their Cardiac Ready Community Program
- Cardiac Coordinator roles in hospital discussed

Acute Cardiac Ready Hospital Designation Criteria:

- Each designation criterion reviewed and discussed
- Dr. Sather re: STEMI (and TNK) education-develop education program that creates competency in caring for STEMI patients

- Discussion regarding arrival ACRH to PCI capable centers, transport time, and quality metric goals.
- Discussed outreach to the Critical Access Hospitals (virtual), a meeting to review designation criteria, get their feedback/assess their status regarding meeting criteria.

#### STEMI Receiving Center Designations:

- Discussed certifications that tertiary hospitals hold
- Certification process for STEMI Receiving Center not yet obtained by ND hospitals
  - Expensive and extensive process

#### Cardiac Registry:

- AHA (GWTG) vs. ACC (NCDR) registry
- We must think about how much the registry costs and keep that in mind, especially for our Critical Access Hospitals
- For hospitals that are CP accredited, it is required that they use the NCDR
  - NCDR robust, gives more information than just quality metrics, better reports
- Does the NCDR have state reporting capabilities?
- What is required of registries is that they report to the State
- Will invite both AHA and ACC to speak provide presentations on registries at next Cardiac Task Force meeting

#### Lindsey Narloch, North Dakota EMS Association:

- Rural EMS Counts QI project PowerPoint presented
- To implement a demonstration project on data collection and reporting for a set of rural-relevant EMS quality measures
- 3-year project that ends in August 2022
- National EMS performance measures through NEMSQA
- Delphi Process-3 rounds of surveys to determine census of what is truly rural relevant for performance measures
- Cardiac measures that made first round with 97-100% agreement: ASA for patients with suspected cardiac chest pain or STEMI, 12-Lead ECG equation for patients with suspected CP or STEMI, advance hospital prenotification for patients suspected of STEMI, and 12-lead ECG interpretation or transmission to emergency physician for patients with suspected cardiac chest pain or STEMI
- 12 subject matter experts will decide which measures we will work on, what's feasible for ND
- Which one of the cardiac measures do you feel is most important to concentrate on?
- Monthly townhalls on topics important to EMS and measures
- Survey with ground ambulances-62% of agencies rarely/never receive feedback from hospitals on patients
- Curt Halmrast, Lindsey Narloch offered to assist in contact of EMS services, ask for run reports if not receiving them
- Facilitate good interactions and feedback with EMS
- Discussion: open communication, building relationships with EMS, encourage EMS to reach out to coordinators
- See brochure for project

#### Dr. Sather-The state of our State

- Dr. Sather will be presenting the state of the Cardiac System at the Stroke and Cardiac Conference
- Coordinators please put together a list of the hospitals that you do education and outreach for to the next STEMI Coordinator Meeting on December 11, 2020