Illinois Stroke Task Force
Summary of Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2007
10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome
Lynette Shaw welcomed Illinois Stroke Task Force members and public guests.

II. Roll Call of Members
Members in Attendance
William Adair, MD – Represents Illinois Hospital Association
Mark J. Alberts, MD – Represents Medical doctor at a research university
H. Hunt Batjer, MD – Represents the American Association of Neurological Surgeons
Barbara Bollenberg, Ph.D., RN – Represents the Illinois Nurses Association
Carolyn Brown Hodge – Represents the IL Rural Health Association
Philip Gorelick, MD, MPH – Represents the National Stroke Association
Joseph M. Harrington – Represents minorities
Richard L. Harvey, MD – Represents Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Christina Kavelman – Represents stroke survivors
Edmund G. Lawler – Represents the IL Chpt. of American Assn. of Retired Persons
Sylvia Mahone, MD – Represents the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians

Members Absent
E. Bradshaw Bunney, MD, FACEP – Represents the IL College of Emerg. Physicians
Brian Churchill – Represents emergency medical technicians
Michele M. Clancy – Represents the general public
Kristine Coryell, Ph.D. – Represents the Pharm. Manufacturers Assn. of America
Gregory J. Mishkel, MD – Represents the Illinois State Medical Society
Michael R. Murphy – Represents the Illinois Life Insurance Council
James R. Nelson – Represents the Illinois Public Health Association
Dilip K. Pandey, M.D., Ph.D., M.S. – Represents the Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry
Rosanne Thomas, MS, PT, PhD – Represents the Illinois Physical Therapy Assoc.
Eric E. Whitaker, MD, MPH – Illinois Department of Public Health

Ex-Officio Members Absent
Representative Mary E. Flowers – Chicago, Illinois
Representative JoAnn Osmond – Antioch, Illinois
Senator Dale A. Righter – Mattoon, Illinois
Senator Carol Ronen – Chicago, Illinois
III. Approval of December 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes
Minutes for the December 15, 2006 meeting were approved by a vote and consensus of the group.

IV. Primary Stroke Centers – Legislation Update

David Z. Wang, D.O. – American Stroke Association Member
Dr. Wang provided an update on legislation about the primary stroke centers. The sponsor of SB 1585 was Senator Susan Garrett. Peggy Jones, American Stroke Association, will send out SB 1585 to all Task Force members. The sponsor of HB 1541 is a State Representative, Bob Biggins, who is a stroke survivor. This is a DRAFT bill and is ready to be reviewed by stakeholders (Illinois Hospital Association) and for the stakeholders to make comments. Hospitals to become a mandated primary stroke center or work with a primary stroke center hospital. These would be certified by the State Health Department or Joint Commission on Accreditation. This opportunity provided the Illinois Stroke Task Force with a foundation to build on for next two years. It will serve as a catalyst for discussion and action to move forward in improving the stroke systems of care in our state. American Heart Association/American Stroke Association will be coming out with new national Acute Stroke Guidelines within the next month or two that acute stroke patients should be taken to the nearest certified or recognized stroke center. This is the first time that a National organization has stated this. This statement should be added to the Bill. There was a discussion regarding the bill and guidelines regarding liability with hospitals. More than 10% of all hospitals in the United States are certified primary stroke centers.
V. Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network – Update  
Angela Bray Hedworth, MS, RHEd, CHES – Program Manager  
Ms. Hedworth provided an update on activities of the Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network. Handouts were included in the packet of information: Stroke Atlas. The Stroke Atlas takes a closer look at the counties in each of the States in the Network (2000-2004) to see stroke deaths, location of primary stroke centers and counties with no hospitals. It seems that Midwest has its own “Stroke Belt” – there is really no explanation but this is helpful to know where we should focus for our efforts and resources in Illinois. Five counties in Illinois right now have primary stroke centers. Discussion regarding Telemedicine – Ms. Hedworth mentioned that Dr. Hess, Georgia, and Dr. Young, New York, will be presenting on the REACH Program during a Telemedicine conference call scheduled March 26th. Ms. Hedworth encouraged Task Force members to attend this conference call.

Ms. Hedworth will send a report that Missouri did on stroke where a portion of Missourians go to the Quad cities area for services rather than Missouri.

Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry is having an educational workshop in Effingham on Mary 23rd and they are inviting non-registry hospitals to attend this year’s workshop.

Ms. Hedworth is in the process of putting together a small group of rehabilitation professionals that will be creating an inventory of guidelines specific to stroke rehabilitation throughout the six states. If interested in volunteering, contact Ms. Hedworth.

Another project in the Network is to have all governors in the region sign a region wide proclamation for stroke during May – and outreach to the local health departments in all six states during stroke month to support their stroke education on the warning signs and calling 911.

VI. Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry – Update  
Dilip K. Pandey, MD, PhD, MS – Director, Neuroepidemiology & Clinical Trial unit  
No update was given due to Dilip being ill. A grant application for the Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry will be submitted to CDC on April 6, 2007.
VII. Grant Application Updates
Chandana Nandi, Chief
Completed the applications:
- GIS Mapping – from National Association of Chronic Disease Directors – Not funded $50,000
- Capacity – CDC – competitive new application - $400,000
- Optional Funding – CDC – $155,000
- Stroke Network Funding – CDC - $196,000
- Paul Coverdell Registry Funding – CDC - $600,000
- State Cardiovascular Health Examination Survey – CDC – Did Not Apply due to staffing.

Announcement that Claude-Alix Jacob’s last day is today and we do not know when we will have an acting Deputy Director.

VIII. Future Meeting Date and Next Steps
July 20, 2007 in person - American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, 208 South LaSalle, Suite 900, Chicago, Illinois (July 13, 2007 was the first date but has been changed to July 20, 2007)
December 14, 2007 via Conference Call

IX. Other Business
None

X. Public Comment
Mr. Lawler said that there are several organization bulletins that can get the stroke information out. Now that he is retired he has been playing golf and has had an awareness of golf courses and other place (churches etc) to put in AED’s and have trainings on AED’s and CPR.

Dr. Bollenberg we should use these organizations to talk about risk reduction and make people aware that they are having an acute stroke.

Ms. Jones mentioned that the Governor invited many African-American ministers to a dinner to discuss Power to End Stroke Sundays.

Ms. Nandi mentioned the Stroke Task Force report is in our Communication’s Department Members wanted to review the report before it went to the Governor’s Office.

XiV. Closing Comments and Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned by a vote and consensus of the members at 11:30a.m.