

**Illinois Stroke Task Force
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2008
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Michael Gaines welcomed Illinois Stroke task force members and public guests.

II. Roll Call of Members

Attendance via Conference call

Mark Alberts, MD – Represents medical doctor at a research university
Barbara Bollenberg, Ph.D. – Represents the Illinois Nurses Association
Brian Churchill – Represents emergency medical technicians
Michele M. Clancy – Represents the general public
Joseph M. Harrington – Represents minorities
Richard L. Harvey, MD—Represents the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Christina Kavelman – Represents stroke survivors
Sylvia Mahone, MD – Represents the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Dilip K. Pandey, M.D., Ph.D., M.S. – Represents the Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry
Rosanne Thomas – Represents the Illinois Physical Therapy Association
David Z. Wang, D.O. – Represents the American Stroke Association
Michelle Zemsky--Representative for the Illinois Speech Language Hearing Association

Members Absent

William A. Adair, MD – Represents the Illinois Hospital Association
Damon T. Arnold MD, M.P.H., -- Represents the Illinois Department of Public Health
H. Hunt Batjer, MD – Represents the American Association of Neurological Surgeons
E. Bradshaw Bunney, MD, FACEP – Represents the IL College of Emergency Physicians
Philip Gorelick, MD, MPH – Represents the National Stroke Association
Carolyn Brown Hodge employee representing - Represents the IL Rural Health Assn.
Representative for –The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of America
Gregory J. Mishkel, MD (Resigned) – Represents the Illinois State Medical Society
Michael R. Murphy – Represents the Illinois Life Insurance Council
Jim R. Nelson – Represents the Illinois Public Health Association
Representative for--The IL Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Edmund G. Lawler, MSHA, LCHE--- Represents Illinois Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons

Ex-Officio Member Present

Senator Dale A. Righter – Mattoon, Illinois

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Representative Mary E. Flowers – Chicago, Illinois
Representative JoAnn Osmond – Antioch, Illinois
Senator Carol Ronen – Chicago, Illinois

Public Attendees

American Heart Association- Greater Midwest Affiliate/American Stroke Association

Peggy Jones, Director, Heart and Stroke Initiatives
Mark E. Peysakhovich, Senior Director of Advocacy, Midwest Affiliate
Bridgett McCarte, Illinois Hospital Association
Kathleen O'Neal, American Heart Association
Lisa Steelamin, Illinois Pharmaceutical Association
Deb Lawrence, Ingles memorial Hospital Harvey, Illinois

Illinois Department of Public Health Staff

Michael Gaines, MPA Program Manager

Lynette E. Shaw, MSED, CHES – Health Educator

III. Approval of June 13, Meeting Minutes

Dilip K. Pandey, M.D., Ph.D., M.S. ---- Made motion to approve minutes; Michele M. Clancy seconded that same motion. All in Favor motion carried by the same.

IV. Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry

Dilip K. Pandey, M.D., Ph.D., M.S. —We will continue this work with the American Heart Association in collaboration Illinois Department of Public Health as they continue providing funds for this project. We will use a hybrid model for this year and the hybrid will consist of Stroke registry and “Get with the Guidelines” model. This will provide the hospitals with an option that was not there before, this will also allow hospital to provide a higher quality of care to the patient that was not there in the past. Six new subscriptions have been purchased for hospitals that are not using “Get with the Guidelines” and four hospitals will receive a module that they do not currently have and this will allow the hybrid to be utilized by ten more hospitals. We will continue looking for funding. This year we will publish the State of Illinois Stroke Care. CDC will not be funding any new Coverdell projects. If the programs are able to foresee carryover monies, CDC may use that money to reach out to additional states and in that respect the project will be able to continue. The Task Force needs to reach out on federal level and lobby to get funding for the Coverdell project, also as Task Force we need to send a letter to the legislators. Stephanie Mohl has been involved at the federal level in the Stop Stroke Act, and may be helpful in getting more funding from the CDC for the Task Force. Mark Peysakovich will for those interested set up a smaller call on this subject with certain point people in Washington D.C.

V. Chicago Area Stroke Task Force (CAST)

Mark Alberts, MD ----- We have had meetings with the EMS directors, Illinois Hospital Association, as well as the American Heart Association, and the Metropolitan Chicago Hospital Association to iron out a few details, and then a one-on-one meeting with Dr. Willoughby to further hammer out details. One thing that came out of these meetings is everyone that was involved in these meetings is 100% behind this effort. Major concern going forward is logistic and political ownership and things of that nature. The following is going to be done to push this effort forward, 1) an questionnaire will be sent out to the 30 or so hospitals this questionnaire will be put together with the help of EMS and possibly AHA; 2) then a letter of agreement, and packet with protocol and a data collection form will go out next. In speaking with Dr. Willoughby, her commitment to this is to have everything up and running by January 1, 2009.

V. Primary Stroke Center Legislation Subcommittee Update

Mark E. Peysakhovich, Senior Director of Advocacy----- The legislation is moving forward well. A number of us meet with State Representative Bob Biggins in the beginning of August, there was agreement that is something that needs to happen and is going to happen everyone just needs to be comfortable with it. The biggest area of concern is about small rural critical access hospitals, who want to make sure that work that they are doing already will not get penalized by system that is contrary to what has already been worked out. We are working with critical access hospitals as well as the IHA, to ensure that there is a noticeable difference between primary stroke centers and other hospitals. We are very committed to ensuring that everyone all across the board knows what the legislation says, that every hospital plays a roll in stroke care. We really want to make sure that everyone goes to the correct place to get the proper stroke care. Representative Biggins and Patterson are both stroke survivors and both had very different outcomes and they both believe that is because of where they were treated. Both representatives are very good advocates for this legislation. Negotiations will conclude in October. We are hoping to call this bill during veto session, we may have to change some of the language in the bill to get this pass both chambers, and then go the Governors desk. Mark Alberts, MD--- There is a debate on a national level as to bring in a third level of a stroke center. At this time there are only two levels primary and comprehensive. Should there be a level that is less than primary but more than nothing? That designation is under active discussion. This will be a way to recognize a hospital that is not quite there a primary but is capable of doing some amount of treatment. This is actively being discussed at a national level.

What is going on with Mayor Daley's office in regards to this bill?

The Chicago Fire Department and the mayor's offices have not articulated any new concerns.

VII. General Assembly Report

Michael Gaines, MPA Program Manager ---- Currently in the General Assembly report there is nothing about CAST or Primary Stroke Center, if someone has something they want to add in either one of these areas it maybe done now as an update or later as an completion area update. Dr. Alberts will give an update for CAST of effort, goals, and should be and is being done, and he will have this to Michael Gaines by the first week in October.

VIII. Marketing Committee

Lynette E. Shaw, MSED, and CHES – Health Educator: Meet on July 18th and then again on August 18th. Wanting to get a specific message out about stroke, and we are looking at Clay county as a target area. Made contact with Clay County this past week to see if they would want to collaborate with us to put out a Public Service Announcement about stroke, and at this point that is still in the works.

We are looking at having a event that will include the legislators, Mark Peysakhovich and Michael Gaines will be working together on this. We also spoke about having an event that will include Director Arnold in early may.

We also want to send to letters to the legislators regarding the stroke members in the district to make them aware of stroke looks like in their district. As soon as Danny Brikshavana gets that data together, Michael, Mark and Danny will work together on drafting a template. This letter will go out from members as well as from the entire the STF. The next call for the subcommittee is on Friday September 26, 2008 from 3-4 pm.

IX. Funding/ Grants

Michael Gaines, MPA Program Manager: We have done a lot of projects in this past year but a most of those have been done by carry over funds. We are going to start looking at other grant foundations to provide funds for the task force. If any of you come across a project or grant that would fit the Stroke Task Force of the Heart Disease and Stroke program please send it to us and we will review and see if it will fit. I just got back from a CDC conference and spoke with people there who are using different organizations to fund there project.

The AHA has people on their staff that helps with special funding, and would be more than willing to lend help to the IDPH staff.

X. Telemedicine

Michael Gaines, MPA Program Manager: What we are doing with the Great Lake Stroke Network is we are going to survey who is doing telemedicine in there state. If you know of any one who has a grant that is for telemedicine that we are not already aware of please let us know because we want to survey these areas to make this as effective as possible. We will share the information from the survey with the Task Force so you will know exactly what comes back. We are looking for hospitals that are using telemedicine for stroke, researching, or have the initiative to use telemedicine; those are the hospitals that we will be looking at.

XI. Future Meeting Dates

March 13, 2009 via conference call 10:00- 11:30 a.m.

June 12, 2008 in-person and via- conference call 11-2:30 p.m.

September 11, 2009 via conference call 10:00- 11:30 a.m.

XII. Other Business

None

XIII. Public Comments- Michael Gaines

None

XIV. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Michael called for the meeting to be closed. It was proposed by: Joe Harrington and seconded by: Brain Churchill, all in favor, motion carried.