

**Illinois Stroke Task Force
Meeting Minutes Summary
March 13, 2009
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
E. Bradshaw Bunney, MD, FACEP – Represents the IL College of Emergency Physicians
Michele M. Clancy – Represents the general public
John Gill, MD – Represents the Illinois State Medical Society
Joseph M. Harrington – Represents minorities
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 Association
David Z. Wang, D.O. – Represents the American Stroke Association
Michelle Zemsky – Represents 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
Carolyn Brown Hodge – Representing Illinois Rural Health Association
Brian Churchill – Represents emergency medical technicians
Philip Gorelick, MD, MPH – Represents the National Stroke Association
Richard L. Harvey, MD—Represents the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Christina Kavelman – Represents stroke survivors
Edmund G. Lawler, MSHA, LCHE--- Represents Illinois Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons
Sylvia Mahone, MD – Represents the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Michael R. Murphy – Represents the Illinois Life Insurance Council
James R. Nelson – Represents the Illinois Public Health Association
Holly Novak, MD – Represents Illinois Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Lisa Steelman – Represents Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of America

Ex-Officio Member Present

NONE

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Representative William Davis – East Hazel Crest
Representative Elizabeth Coulson – Glenview
Senator William Delgado – Chicago
Senator Dave Syverson – Rockford

Public Attendees

Peggy Jones - American Heart Association- Greater Midwest Affiliate/American Stroke Association
Mark E. Peysakhovich - American Heart Association- Greater Midwest Affiliate/American Stroke Association
Kathleen O'Neil- American Heart Association- Greater Midwest Affiliate/American Stroke Association
Deb Lawrence – Ingles Memorial Hospital Harvey, Illinois

Kathleen Pankau – Illinois Hospital Association
Angela Bray Hedworth – Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network
Whitney Richie – Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry

Illinois Department of Public Health Staff

Michael Gaines, MPA, Program Manager – Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program
Lynette E. Shaw, MEd, CHES – Health Educator – Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program
Danny Brikshavana, MPH, Data Analyst – Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program
Cheryl J. Miles, M.A. – Division of Emergency Medical Services & Highway Safety

III. Approval of September 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved with minor spelling errors being corrected.

**IV. Chicago Area Stroke Task Force (CAST) Update
Mark, Alberts, M.D.**

A questionnaire was sent out to 30 Chicago hospitals by Dr. Jim Walters from the University of Chicago. Responding hospitals stated they have some or all elements of a primary stroke center. Not all wanted to participate.

There is a Chicago Stroke Steering Committee formed to deal with the logistics of activities for the Chicago Area Stroke Task Force. A CAST meeting was held a few weeks ago at the AHA office. People involved in the STEMI programs were at the meeting and felt that stroke is just as important as trauma and STEMI that if becoming a stroke center, cannot go on by-pass. There was a discussion on the issue on certifications of hospitals. Self-certification or seeking application to be a certified stroke center is not acceptable. To treat stroke patients, a hospital must be a certified stroke center. To become certified a hospital, a hospital must be certified by Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification program or Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program or the hospital must have an application and payment into these certifying bodies in order to be considered a hospital to treat stroke patients. Anticipated start date is June 1, 2009.

**V. Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry Update
Dilip K. Pandey, M.D., Ph.D., M.S.**

Since the program was not federally funded, IDPH has been funding the program with State money since October 2008. The Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Program is working with the AHA Get with the Guidelines program so that hospitals will be able to choose either program to participate in. Whitney Ritchie, Program Manager, stated that the Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry program currently has 14 hospitals in their program. Staff are actively recruiting hospitals to use the CAPTURE Stroke program. Alberts had questions about additional funding from CDC for enrolling hospitals. Need proposals on looking at data collection passed hospital stay – 30 – 60 days out of hospital discharge. This type of proposal is only available to currently funded Coverdell States which Illinois is not currently a funded Coverdell State.

**VI. Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network – Rehabilitation Inventory Update
Angela Bray Hedworth, M.S., RHED, CHES**

A thank you goes to Rosanne Thomas, MS, PT, PhD for her input on the Great Lakes Rehabilitation Inventory. The network created an inventory to see what follow up is done with stroke patients in the region once discharged. Last year the states implemented the inventory and this year they are looking at the results region wide.

Danny gave an update on the conducted inventory in Illinois. A slide presentation hand-out was provided to Task Force members to review during his presentation. Joe Harrington asked who and why was this done...with a better understanding of the research in Stroke Rehabilitation in the great lakes region.

VII. Primary Stroke Center Legislation Update

Mark Peysakovich, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

Stroke Legislation is moving through the legislature this week as they were amended by language agreed upon by the Illinois Hospital Association and their constituencies, the Department, AHA/ASA and EMS community.

SB 1516 and HB 2244 are amended and ready to go to the floors for votes. After the votes and governor's signature then rules have to be written by the Department.

Dr. Wang had some questions regarding the revision. Mark explained that the Department and EMS requested technical changes that will not affect the outcome of the legislation. The new part identifies the emergent stroke ready hospitals. This is what the critical access hospitals were wanting and meets with the American Stroke Association Guidelines.

Another question regarding stroke ready hospitals on page 13 of the bill concerns the diluting of stroke center hospitals. Other members voiced that they do not think this will occur because there are a number of primary stroke centers in Illinois without any legislation. Most hospitals if close to being certified, will still opt to obtain the designation of primary stroke center.

The Illinois Hospital Association thought this would be fair for all hospitals having a tiered level of support with the emergent stroke ready hospitals. This tier was created because some of these hospitals will never have the resources to become primary stroke centers. These hospitals will be used for initial diagnosis of patients and then the patients will be shipped to primary stroke centers.

Dr. John Gill stated that we have a model of this with STEMI. Smaller hospitals are not myocardial infarction ready/STEMI ready so they do not treat the patients but stabilize to be transported to capable hospitals.

Dr. Wang also wanted to know if it was too late to change some of the language on the legislation. It was stated that language could be changed, but it would have to be agreed upon all constituencies and pulling that many groups together may not be feasible. An analogy was given that the legislation is the skeleton; rules and regulations is the muscle and when all that is done then the local EMS regions will bring the skin onto this legislation to enforce it.

An off-line conference call can be set up after this meeting to discuss these issues if need be. Kathleen O'Neil volunteered to set-up the call. If participants are interested contact Michael or Lynette to set up a call.

VIII. Marketing Committee

Clay County Update

Lynette Shaw, M.S.Ed., CHES

The Ad-hoc committee chose Clay County to do a media campaign because of the high rate of stroke according to the Department's Burden Document. A pre-survey on warning signs of a stroke and other information regarding stroke was sent to residents of Clay County. There were 94 of 420 responses received.

Kate, American Heart Association and Deena, Clay County Health Department did an interview on the local radio station with approximately 15, 000 listeners. They also attended a woman's luncheon where Kate did a presentation on stroke. Some of the activities for the media for the next three months include: magnets, radio PSAs, tray liners for restaurants and other innovative marketing ideas.

In June a post survey will be sent to determine if the media campaign has an impact on the community's knowledge of the signs of stroke.

ISTF/AHA/Legislators May 2009 Event Update

Michael Gaines

ISTF and AHA are putting together a letter that will be addressed to the legislators to explain what the burden of stroke is in the counties that the legislator represents. This letter is intended to go out in May 2009.

They are also planning a breakfast with legislators where Dr. Arnold will discuss the importance of stroke in Illinois. The Department with Denise Gaines, Governmental Affairs office will assist in the planning of this event in May. All members of the Illinois Stroke Task Force are invited.

IX. Burden Document and State Plan Update

Danny Brikshavana, M.P.H.

The survey was sent out third week of January and the beginning of February. The survey was sent out with a letter from Michael Gaines regarding thoughts and comments about the burden document and state plan. There were 13 responses out of 77, 34 percent response rate. A summary of the questions and the responses were handed out to ISTF members. If anyone would still like to respond to the survey they can complete a hard copy or online. The survey has been reactivated on line.

X. Chicago Department of Public Health – Hypertension Project Update

Joseph M. Harrington, Assistant Commissioner

Support from the Department, Cardiovascular Program allowed five primary clinics' physicians to be prepared and ready to go through the recognition of NCQA. A professional education curriculum was developed on the clinical management of hypertension for the employees to become prepared and will later be recognized through the NCQA in heart and stroke. Educational materials were looked at in the clinics to make sure they were standardized. Patient information that will now be used is through the AHA. Equipment that is used to measure blood pressure was examined and new equipment was purchased.

XI. Future Meeting Dates

June 12, 2009 in-person and via- conference call 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate

208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1500 – Conference Rooms ABC

Chicago, IL 60604

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

XII. Other Business

The Body and Soul Program training will be in Decatur and Peoria with the collaboration with the Department's Office of Women's Health, American Heart Association, National Cancer Institute and churches in Peoria and Decatur.

The Department's Cardiovascular Program's CDC Project Officer will be in attendance at the June meeting.

XIII. Public Comments

Kathleen O'Neil informed everyone that Central DuPage Hospital will be having a FREE conference on May 2nd, 8:00am – 3:00pm, at Eaglewood Resort and Spa, in Itasca titled: Caring for the Stroke Patient. For more information you can call 1-877-933-4234. Angela Bray Hedworth will send out a flier to everyone on the list serve.

XIV. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Michael called for the meeting to be closed. It was proposed by: Joe Harrington and seconded by Dilip Pandey.