Illinois Stroke Task Force
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2009
9:00a.m. – 9:40a.m.

Call to Order and Welcome
Michael Gaines welcomed Illinois Stroke task force members and public guests.

Roll Call of Members
Attendance via Conference call
E. Bradshaw Bunney, M.D., F.A.C.E.P. – Represents the IL College of Emergency Physicians
Michele M. Clancy – Represents the general public
Philip Gorelick, M.D., M.P.H. – Represents the National Stroke Association
Joseph M. Harrington – Represents minorities
Richard L. Harvey, M.D. – Represents the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Sylvia Mahone, M.D. – Represents the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Dilip K. Pandey, M.D., Ph.D., M.S. – Represents the Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry
David Z. Wang, D.O. – Represents the American Stroke Association
Michelle Zemsky – Represents Illinois Speech Language Hearing Association

Members Absent
William A. Adair, M.D. – Represents the Illinois Hospital Association
Mark Alberts, M.D. – Represents medical doctor at a research university
Damon T. Arnold M.D., M.P.H., -- Represents the Illinois Department of Public Health
H. Hunt Batjer, M.D. – Represents the American Association of Neurological Surgeons
Barbara Bollenberg, Ph.D. – Represents the Illinois Nurses Association
Carolyn Brown Hodge – Representing Illinois Rural Health Association
Brian Churchill – Represents emergency medical technicians
John Gill, M.D. – Represents the Illinois State Medical Society
Christina Kavelman – Represents stroke survivors
James R. Nelson – Represents the Illinois Public Health Association
Holly Novak, M.D. – Represents Illinois Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Lisa Steelman – Represents Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of America
Rosanne Thomas, M.S., P.T., Ph.D. – Represents the Illinois Physical Therapy Association

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
Heather Gavras, M.P.H., R.D. – American Heart Association
Bridget McCarte – Illinois Hospital Association
Mark E. Peysakhovich - American Heart Association
Kathleen O’Neil, M.H.A. - American Heart Association
Deb Lawrence – Ingles Memorial Hospital Harvey, Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health Staff
Michael Gaines, M.P.A., Program Manager – Cardiovascular Program
Lynette E. Shaw, M.S.Ed., CHES – Health Educator – Cardiovascular Program
Danny Brikshavana, M.P.H., Data Analyst – Cardiovascular Program

Approval of June 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Minutes could not be approved because there was not a quorum.

Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry Update – Dilip K. Pandey, MD, PhD, MS – Director
Dr. Pandey is creating a final report of the Illinois CAPTURE Stroke Registry program that will be shared with members of the Illinois Stroke Task Force. Fifteen hospitals will be participating and continuing to collect data until 2011 and UIC is looking for other funding to continue registry work. Looks like in the future there will not be stroke registries funded by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC is looking at program integration where all programs will be funded through a chronic disease grant – cancer, tobacco, diabetes and cardiovascular health.

Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network – Angela Bray Hedworth, MS, Rhed, CHES – Program Manager
Ms. Hedworth was not able to attend the meeting but a written report from the Network will be sent out next week.

General Assembly Report
Mr. Gaines shared with the members the report for the General Assembly and asked for feedback on the report. Mr. Gaines stated that the Cardiovascular Health Program and the American Heart Association are looking at the report to make updates on the goals, objectives and projects dealing with stroke for 2010. The new version, a template, will be available at the March meeting.

Marketing Committee
The committee will meet soon to discuss stroke initiatives in Macon County – which will be the next targeted area for a media campaign on stroke. There will also be a plan on educating the legislators on stroke with Go Red and other projects. We need more representation from the stroke task force members on this committee, if interested please contact Michael Gaines. An email will be sent out requesting volunteers.

Upcoming Projects
The Body and Soul program (a collaborative between the Department’s Comprehensive Cancer Control Program; Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Program; Center for Minority Health; Office of Women’s Health; National Cancer Institute and the American Heart Association) will be focusing efforts in East St. Louis, Springfield, Decatur and Peoria. The program targets African American churches and is currently in five churches and looking to expand to seven more churches.

The Cardiovascular Health program is collaborating with the Disability and Health program to provide a Webinar on blood pressure for persons with disability. This program is targeting people with a disability and will be posted on the Cardiovascular Health Program’s Web site and 100 DVD’s distributed upon request to Centers for Independent Living (CILS). The target date for this is May 1, 2010 because May is high blood pressure education month.
American Heart Association in August collaborated with the Cardiovascular Health Program to send out information to local health departments on cholesterol as September is Cholesterol month. In October, AHA will be sponsoring two speakers at the Women’s Health 2009 Annual Conference in Oakbrook, Illinois. Public Education/Media campaign in Macon County including pre-hospital training for stroke and stemi. AHA sent out a survey to the critical access hospitals and primary stroke centers on stroke. The information found from that survey will be shared at the October 1st Telestroke subcommittee meeting. AHA, Cardiovascular Health Program and the Diabetes Program will be surveying primary care physicians on current process of treating patients on blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes management. More information will be available in the future.

Telestroke Subcommittee
The first meeting will be on October 1, 2009. This will include people who were recommended by the ISTF members and some ISTF members. The agenda will include updates on the Governor’s Telemedicine committee and a discussion on the goals, objectives and vision of what we want for Telestroke in Illinois. Summaries of this subcommittee will be shared at the March meeting. The meeting will be held video/teleconferencing at American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate – Chicago; Southern Illinois University School of Medicine – Springfield; Salem Township Hospital – Salem.

Primary Stroke Center Legislation Update
American Heart Association gave an update: August 14, 2009 the legislation was signed into law by the Governor. The Department is in the rule making process which will implement the legislation with a number of timelines that need to be met. The Department has begun internal discussions regarding the legislation. State Representative Bob Biggins and State Senator Heather Steans both have asked Director Arnold to meet with them and a group of stakeholders to convene on the rule making process and to participate on the rule making process before the rules are imposed by staff of the Department. Illinois Hospital Association offered to help with the rules; they have created a draft of the rules so the Department does not need to start from scratch.

Future Meeting Dates and Next Steps
- March 12, 2010 via conference call 10:00am – 11:30am
- June 11, 2010 in-person & via conference call 11am – 2:30pm
- September 10, 2010 via conference call 10:00am – 11:30am

Other Business
Joe Harrington – commented on the funding of the stroke registry, maybe a group should be pulled together to look at funding for this activity. We will be looking at optional funding opportunities that are offered through CDC or even hospitals could fund registries.

Networks will also be ending as of June 2010.

Public Comment
None

Closing Comments and Adjournment