

Maine Stroke Alliance (MSA) Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Medical Care Development Public Health- 11 Parkwood Drive, Augusta / Zoom

9:30 am-11:15 am

Present: Megan Parker (Midcoast Hospital), Norm Dinerman (EMMC/LFOM), Laura Almquist (Maine General), Angela Wheelden (EMMC), Gillian Gordon Perue (EMMC), Deb Gregoire (MMC), Pete Tilney (CMMC/LFOM), Rick Petrie (Atlantic Partners EMS), Matt Scholl (ME EMS), Kate Zimmerman (MEMS/MMC), Hannah Huggins (MCD)

On Zoom/Phone: Nate Morse (RHPC), Abigail Egan (AHA), Stephanie Gagne (MaineHealth), Elizabeth Turcotte (CMHC), Erika Roy, Nancy Murphy (Bridgton/Rumford Hospital), Jane Morris (MMC), Lisa Bemben (AHA)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up/ Recommendations
Welcome/Introductions	Introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to accept the August 8, 2019 minutes as written.	
Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>AHA Tristate Stroke Coordinator Mtg</u> Deb Gregoire read through the minutes of the June meeting. • <u>AHA Tristate Med Dir Mtg</u> No updates. 	
Subgroup Discussion	<p><u>Background:</u> Matt provided background of the last subgroup discussion in April, 2019. The concept proposed at this time was to create subgroups that function as workgroups to meet more often (proposed monthly) focusing on targeted work reporting up to the MSA at quarterly meetings. The noted benefits of subgroups: Work could get done faster and could make the group more inclusive to the entire spectrum of care.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa (AHA) mentioned subgroup structure under the AHA framework, such as Massachusetts structure. The benefit being coordination across the sector, connection to a larger network, legislative connections, and a demonstrated success in other states. There is some concern that this may impact the group's financial framework. • Gillian suggested that rather than regional or topic-based subgroups, the subgroups are themed as type of work or function, such as legislative, fund-raising, protocols and policy development, etc. Specialties can join each group that applies to their work, spanning statewide. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa will meet with Matt and others from the group at upcoming NECC Summit (October 24) to discuss AHA subgroup framework. • Group will work together in the coming months to identify working group, group members, goals, and how to include

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group identified a subgroup to trial: System Performance Assessment Subgroup. This subgroup would support ED decision making and providing timely feedback to ED/EMS team. 	members from across the system.
CTA Survey	<p><u>Background:</u> Jane provided some background of the purpose and goals of CTA Survey. The group discussed the impact of adding approximately 5 questions from the 2017 MSA survey.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group agreed on 5 questions from the 2017 Survey to include. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah will follow-up with Jane on incorporating these questions into the CTA survey and distribution.
Pre-hospital Protocol Overview (Kate and Matt)	Matt provided an update to the pre-hospital protocol. It remains relatively unchanged since the last time it was presented. NH and VT have adopted iterations of the protocol. They are applying for grant funding to further the expansion in Northern New England.	
EMS Inter-facility Document	<p>Pete presented a checklist at the last meeting that serves as a detailed process overview. Jane built off this checklist to create a one-page hand-off document. The documents are both helpful and complementary to each other, but would be difficult to combine and keep on one page.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The group reiterated the goals of this document, and then discussed how to get hospitals and EMS to embrace using it during transfers. Some ideas were to make it a bright color and having “influencer” physicians asking for the form upon arrival.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next step: Continue to brainstorm how to get hospitals to embrace this document during transfers. Possibly another priority for a subgroup to tackle.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>A place for drug/device representatives at MSA</u> – There was a small discussion MSA’s stance on industry influence, such as the emerging use of healthcare communication apps/platforms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has been identified as an important topic of discussion for a future meeting or for a subgroup to tackle.
Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting will January 28, 2019, from 9:30 to 11:15am at Medical Care Development Public Health-11 Parkwood Drive, Augusta / Zoom.</p> <p>Please contact Hannah Huggins at hhuggins@mcd.org or 207-622-7566 ext. 224 with any questions regarding the group meetings.</p>	