

# Maine Stroke Alliance (MSA) Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Zoom

9:30 am-11:15 am

Present

Gillian Gordon Perdue (EMMC), Hannah Huggins (MCD), Norm Dinerman (EMMC/LFOM), Brian Chipman (Maine General), Angela Wheelden (EMMC), Andy Ahrhard (EMMC), Roope Unia (EMMC), Deb Gregoire (MMC), Pete Tilney (CMMC/LFOM), Rick Petrie (Atlantic Partners EMS), Kate Zimmerman (MEMS/MMC), Nate Morse (RHPC), Abigail Egan (AHA), Stephanie Gagne (MaineHealth), Kelly Collins (MDI Hospital), Dottie Carroll (Androscoggin), Eileen Hawkins (Pen Bay)

| Agenda Item           | Discussion   | Follow-up/<br>Recommendations  |
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| Welcome/Introductions | <p>Introductions were made.<br/>                     Welcome to new members, Dr. Unia, Dr. Ahrhard, Brian Chipman, and Kelly Collins (in a new role)!<br/>                     Well wishes to Gillian Gordon Perdue as she transitions out of state!</p>   |  |
| Approval of Minutes   | <p>The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to accept the October 22, 2019 minutes as written.</p>   |  |
| Updates               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>AHA Tristate Stroke Coordinator Mtg</u> – No updates</li> <li>• <u>AHA Tristate Med Dir Mtg</u> – No updates</li> <li>• <u>Northeast Cardiovascular Consortium (NECC) Conference</u> – Those who attended the conference updated the group.</li> <li>• <u>National Association of EMS Physicians Meeting</u> – Kate and Matt attended Medical Director’s council. Kate reports we are well ahead of the curve when it comes to algorithms and protocols and many folks in other states are working on this, as well.</li> <li>• <u>Legislative</u> – LD 304, a bill that would fund a stroke coordinator along with stroke education. Nate reports that nothing official is happening yet, but the state will notify MSA if/when there is a call-to-action. Norm suggested to discuss this topic with the Healthcare Transformation Taskforce.</li> <li>• <u>Other</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Discussion around 2020 meeting dates</u>. Consensus of the group was to move 2020 meeting dates back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month to correspond to the same day as Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings.</li> <li>○ <u>Survey</u> – Hannah identified organizations that still need to take the survey and asked the group to share updated contact information and “phone a friend” to encourage a</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Hannah will check in with members who were not at this meeting to ensure that changing meeting time to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each quarter works with their schedule.</p> <p>Hannah will email the list of survey contacts to the group, so folks can have the opportunity to update contacts or send the link to a colleague.</p> |

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|   | <p>more robust response. Gillian sent updated Northern Light contacts, Kate agreed to contact Cary Medical Center and St. Mary's, and Andy agreed to send the survey link to his contact at St. Joes.</p>  |  |
| Finalize Interfacility Documnets        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pete suggested adding ME EMS or other relevant logo(s) to the documents. He also noticed some inconsistencies in BP parameters.</li> </ul>  | <p>Stephanie will follow-up with Jane regarding aligning BP parameters in the documents.</p> <p>Once these are finalized, they can go on the MSA development site.</p>   |
| The future of the Maine Stroke Alliance | <p>Short term funding: Hannah updated the group on MSA finances. Due to being "in-between" grants/funding, there is a gap in financial support. Maine Stroke Alliance needs to find funding for administrative support starting June 2020 to December 2020 as well as longer term funding. Ideas: American heart association national center, Hannah will keep an eye out for grants, organizations or networks contribute funds.</p> <p>Long term sustainability: Group consensus that sustainability is tied to productivity, such as producing valuable resources statewide that benefits the delivery of stroke care. Priorities identified: Project management, education, and local leaders and educators. Norm suggested connecting with the Governor's taskforce on healthcare transformation and others suggested legislative pushes to invest in stroke care.</p> <p>Subgroups: Members agreed that topic-based subgroups would reduce potential for silos, as opposed to regional groups. Members discussed structuring the subgroups like a stroke system of care, such as EMS/Prehospital, ED, Inpatient/Rehab, and Quality/Data. Data and education could be a component of every group. Under this structure, sub-groups would meet separately from the larger MSA group, then come back together to report their work quarterly. Hannah offered assistance in organizing/coordinating subgroup meetings.</p> | <p>Short-term funding: Hannah will create a projected budget for continuing Maine Stoke Alliance from June-December and send to the group for consideration and possible sponsorship from affiliate organizations/networks.</p> <p>Subgroups: Hannah will send out a survey that will gauge interest in subgroup topics and how many members would be in each group. A decision can be made about topics and leadership at the next meeting.</p> |
| Maine Stroke Alliance Website           | <p>Hannah presented the website to the group. Discussion about how this website will need to be top-notch, so we can promote ourselves statewide. The cost of website hosting and maintenance will need to be a discussion along with MSA sustainability and funding.</p>  | <p>Discuss domain names and securing funding to launch and maintain website at a future meeting.</p>   |
| Other                                   | <p>Rick mentioned EMS department bill that will allow the sharing of hospital outcome data through HealthInfoNet. This is important for quality improvement in EMS. He hopes that MSA members can provide support.</p>   | <p>Rick will send Hannah information about the EMS</p>   |

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|                     | <p>Hannah promoted the Massachusetts Paul Coverdell Online Trainings that are developed by MCD. Trainings are free for Maine users, so she encourages members to check them out:<br/><a href="http://www.macoverdell.org">www.macoverdell.org</a></p> | <p>department bill, which she will share with the group.</p> |
| <p>Next Meeting</p> | <p>Next meeting date is TBD.</p> <p>Please contact Hannah Huggins at <a href="mailto:hhuggins@mcd.org">hhuggins@mcd.org</a> or 207-622-7566 ext. 224 with any questions regarding the group meetings.</p>   |  |