

# Maine Stroke Alliance (MSA) Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Zoom

9:30 am-11:15 am

Present

Hannah Huggins (MCD), Jane Morris (MMC), Norm Dinerman (EMMC/LFOM), Shelly Davgun (MMC), Andy Ehrhard (EMMC), Daryl Boucher (AR Gould), Deb Gregoire (MMC), David McDermott (Mayo), Eileen Hawkins (Pen Bay), Kate Zimmerman (MME/ME EMS), Mercia Tripp (ME CDC), Pete Tilney (CMMC/LFOM), Roope Unia (EMMC), Stephanie Gagne (MMC), Elizabeth Turcotte (CMMC), Brian Chipman (Maine General Augusta), Dottie Carroll (Androscoggin), 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 January 16, 2020 minutes as written.	
Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>AHA Tristate Stroke Coordinator Mtg</u> – Deb provided an update on the minutes from this meeting. Most notably, Concord Hospital, Mass General, and others are switching from TPA to tenecteplase (TNK). Jane mentioned that she is proposing that Maine Medical switch to TNK as well. After this, she plans to seek MaineHealth approval. Elizabeth Turcotte mentions that CMMC is also working to make this switch on October 1. Many approve of the switch system-wide, but agree that collaboration and education will be key.</li> </ul>	<p>Jane will present at the next MSA meeting about her research into TNK.</p> <p>Hannah will send EMS Acute Stroke Routing Resources to the group via Deb.</p> <p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.acepn.org/article/breaking-updates-in-critical-care-and-stroke/2/">https://www.acepn.org/article/breaking-updates-in-critical-care-and-stroke/2/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7081848/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7081848/</a></li> </ul>

<p>The future of the Maine Stroke Alliance</p>	<p>Jane presents documents: Organizational Structure and MSA Purpose. Subgroups work independent of one another. Each group has a leader. That leader is a member of the board. The board is a place where groups can share ideas across subgroups and coordinate efforts on a state level.</p> <p>Hannah updated the group that administrative support funding for MSA will end on June 30, 2020. ME CDC Rural Health has funding on hold, but Merica reports this is not a hard “no” from them. Lisa of American Heart Association reminds the group that AHA is able to provide administrative support, as well should funding not be available to fund MCD’s support.</p> <p>Hannah will continue to actively seeking options for short- and long-term funding through state government, hospital networks, philanthropic foundations and others.</p> <p>Shelly asked for a budget and will work it up the chain at Maine Medical Center and MaineHealth (Leadership and philanthropy department). She suggests other networks do the same, so they can share in supporting this role.</p>	<p>Hannah will create a document where members can sign up for each subgroup and volunteer to lead groups.</p> <p>Hannah will send budget for funding MSA through the year of 2020 to the group.</p> <p>Shelly will inquire with MaineHealth about funding.</p>
<p>Maine Stroke Alliance Website</p>	<p>Hannah demoed the website. Once we create sub-groups, each group can help to mold the website and allow it to complement group activity. The website is contingent on the future funding of MSA via MCD.</p>	<p>Hannah will send out the link to the website for MSA members to review:  <a href="https://dev.mcd.org/msa/index.php">https://dev.mcd.org/msa/index.php</a></p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>Discussion about RAPID: MMC and EMMC are both meeting with reps. The tool is regocnized to be powerful, yet only sends the RAPID and not the plain CT or CTA. There may be a trial that includes the CT or CTA. Rapid integrates with Pulsara, which is expected be approved for use at MMC. RAPID would in the meantime be a tool that could be used within every hospital in the system. Deb expects this to be approved by the technology department, so this will happen soon.</p> <p>EMS triage and LVO screening should be live: Kate, Elizabeth and Pete reported seeing a lot of direct-to-CTs.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting date is 9:30am-11:15am on July 28, 2020 via 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>	