

STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cardinal Room, Division of Public Health

Thursday, February 28, 2019

10:00 AM - 12:00 noon

Members/Partners

Present: Peg O'Connell, Chair, Fuquay Solutions; Wally Ainsworth, NC Office of Emergency Medical Services; Sue Ashcraft, Novant Health; Stephanie Bradbury, Chiesi; Anna Bess Brown, Justus- Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force (JWHDSPTF); Nicole Burnett, UNC Healthcare Comprehensive Stroke Center; Wayne Cascio, EPA; Shannon Chesney, Duke Regional Hospital; Alicia Clark, Division of Public Health (DPH), Community & Clinical Connections for Prevention & Health (CCCPH); Sylvia Coleman, COMPASS Study; Ben Collins, Johnson & Johnson; Windy Cunningham, Intern, Florida A&T; Rizza De la Guerra, Johnson & Johnson; Ashley Elks, Vidant; Michael Erwin, stroke survivor; Abby Fairbank, AHA; Heather Forrest, Duke; Ben Gill, Triangle Aphasia Project (TAP); Derek Gibson, Portola; Carmen Graffagnino, Duke University; Jenisha Henneghan, Triangle Area Agency on Aging; David Huang, UNC Healthcare Comprehensive Stroke Center; Sean Kaye, EMS Performance Improvement Center; Sanga Krupakar, CCCPH; Elizabeth Larson, Duke Raleigh; Brett Parkhurst, Genentech; Jeana Partington, Alliant Quality; Mehul Patel, UNC Dept. of Emergency Medicine; Nilam Patel, Duke; Joey Propst, JWHDSPTF member; Sharon Rhyne, DPH, CDIS; Cathy Thomas, DPH, CCCPH; Jackie Thompson, UNC Rex

By phone: Chuck Tegeler, Vice-Chair, Wake Forest Baptist Health (WFBH); Amy Jones, Novant Health; Andrew Asimos, Atrium/CHC; Mary Kay Ballasiotes, Pediatric Stroke; Mary Beth Bobek, New Hanover; Kevin Coleman, TAP; Blake Cook, NC Medicaid; Ron Cromartie, Innovative Health Care Consulting; Janie Jaberg, Wayne Memorial in Goldsboro; Ed Jauch, Mission Health; Amy Jones, Novant Health Forsyth; Joanna Keeter, Vidant; Libby Massiah, Alliant Quality; Nicole Miller, UNC Asheville Center for Health and Wellness; Kimberly Moore, JWHDSPTF member; Karen Norman, Novant Health Forsyth; Gwen Wise-Blackman, Minority Women Health Alliance

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of November 1, 2018 Minutes

Peg invited attendees in the room and on the phone to introduce themselves.

David Huang made a motion that the minutes from the November 1, 2018 meeting be approved as submitted, Ron Cromartie seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force Meeting Report

The Task Force met on January 8, 2019 and voted to sign the Care 4 Carolina resolution in support of efforts to close the health insurance coverage gap. Peg O'Connell, Stroke Advisory Council chair, reported that the Council is developing a new Stroke System of Care Plan and conducting a survey of hospitals in 2019. The Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch presented an update on tobacco cessation and prevention efforts, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program presented an update on their expansion efforts, and the NC Association of Pharmacists presented on expanding the role of the pharmacist. The [2019 Action Agenda](#) is posted on our website.

The [2017-2018 session Task Force Report](#) to the legislature has been submitted and is posted on our website.

The next Task Force meeting will be scheduled when session ends.

Evolving Strategies in Stroke Outreach at Duke University Health System

Nilam Patel and Carmen Graffagnino of Duke University Health System highlighted their "BE FAST Pay it Forward" postcard campaign. Targeted Facebook ads reached 189,000 in Durham County, and delivered messages during "hold time" on the Duke Referral Center. See the slide presentation. Anna Bess Brown encouraged everyone to make use of these tools and other resources posted on [Start With Your Heart](#). If you have an outreach tool to share, send it to Anna Bess for posting and sharing through the Start With Your

Heart website.

EMS Performance Improvement Center

Sean Kay, EMS Specialist, presented on data and projects from the EMS Performance Improvement Center. Sean noted that EMS decides if they call a code stroke from the field and how to document time when a family member says patient “has not been acting right” for 5 days. See the slide presentation. The group discussed access to EMS data and modes of communication with local EMS providers. Clinicians need access in real time for performance improvement projects. Several in the group noted that it takes time to upload data from PCR and that they are working with IT on the process. Attendees would like to invite Sean back to discuss connecting EMS fields with EHRs.

Stroke Care Plan Development

Sylvia Coleman, Chair of the Plan Development Team, shared an update from the Team which held its first meeting yesterday, Feb. 27. Members of the team are Ashley Elks, Robin Jones, Jo Malfitano, Colin McDonald, Nilam Patel, and Shree Shah. Work group members and SAC members and partners will have opportunities to provide feedback throughout the year as the Plan develops.

Hospital Survey

David Huang, Director, UNC Hospital Stroke Center and Mehul Patel, UNC Department of Emergency Medicine, presented the progress of the hospital survey which will go out in the next two weeks. The team identified stroke care contact people at each hospital, and the electronic surveys will be emailed to them. Brett Parkhurst offered to follow up with hospitals to encourage them to complete the survey.

Hospital Certification List

Wally Ainsworth, NC Office of Emergency Medical Services, explained how hospitals can get their stroke certifications listed on the DHHS website:

Email Susan Rogers susan.rogers@dhhs.nc.gov (919-855-3935) with the following information:

- Accrediting Organization
- Date of Certification
- Level of Certification
- Renewal date
- Name and phone number of contact

The list of stroke certified hospitals in NC is posted here: <https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ahc/listings.html>

Executive Director’s Report

Anna Bess Brown shared that the Stroke Prevention Campaign, called **Small Steps, BRIGHT FUTURE**, includes radio, TV and digital ads, and will launch April 22. The goal of the Campaign is to share that strokes are preventable and encourage viewers to take steps to improve their health and thereby prevent stroke.

Three MD/MPH students are working with SAC as they research policies that improve stroke care for a class with Pam Silberman at UNC Gillings School of Public Health. The Health Policy Analysis is due April 22.

NC HealthConnex, the NC Health Information Exchange (HIE), sent official word on Feb. 22 that it accepted SAC’s proposal to develop a Stroke Registry. SAC members and partners will work with the HIE to establish the registry. An HIE is a secure, electronic network that gives authorized health care providers the ability to access and share health-related information across a statewide information highway. NC created its HIE to allow providers to view their patients’ longitudinal health record in real time, to improve health care quality, enhance patient safety and improve health outcomes. It also consolidates data reporting requirements across the state. Hospitals doctors and mid-levels who provide Medicaid services and who have an electronic health record were required to connect by June 1, 2018. All other providers of Medicaid and state-funded services shall connect by June 1, 2019

Closing

Chair Peg O'Connell thanked Chiesi for providing lunch and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meetings:

2019 Stroke Advisory Council meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **May 1, 2019** from 11 am to 1pm, Vidant Health, Greenville
- **August 8, 2019** from 10 am to 12 noon, Division of Public Health campus, Cardinal Room (Building 3), 5605 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609
- **November 14, 2019** from 1 pm to 3 pm, Division of Public Health campus, Cardinal Room (Building 3), 5605 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609