



CATRAC Mission: Lifeline Cardiac Care Professional Education Sub-Workgroup

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 1:15 to 2:15 pm

American Heart Association Office 10900-B Stonelake Blvd. Austin, TX 78759

Minutes

Attendees: Helen Raab, RN, Seton NW; Loni Denne RN, AHA; Connie Behrhorst, RN, St David's Healthcare; Glen Huschka, AHA; Melissa Juarez RN, Scott & White, Round Rock; Neva Schmelzer RN, St. David's Round Rock; Kimberly Gil RN, Westlake Medical Center; Joe Flores, Air Evac.; Renee Buhman RN, South Austin Medical Center; Chris Parker, RN, LP, ATCEMS; Tammy Moseley EMT, Hayes Co. EMS; Nancy Hill RN, Heart Hospital;

I. Roundtable introductions/ individual focus

Each participant explained their background and main reason they have joined the subgroup.

- ❖ **Connie Behrhorst** stepped up into co-facilitator roles for this arm of the education workgroup. Connie, as a St. Davids' Healthcare One Call nurse, is in the field working with these groups already so will focus on EMS outreach.
- ❖ **Joe Flores** also agreed to co-facilitate. As director of Air Evac Lifeteam, Joe will lead hospital STEMI care education. Air Evac Lifetime already has in place a STEMI care outreach program that they provide to interested referring and PPCI centers. **Thank you two so much for taking on this role!**

II. Future Meetings

It was decided that we need to increase our meetings to monthly on the third Wednes., 12 – 1 pm at the AHA office. Hopefully this will help keep the momentum going.

III. Focus/Priorities

A. Protocols: Neva related discussion she had with Louis Gonzalez regarding QI survey results and Protocol Sub group priorities:

- ❖ Standard protocols have a projected timeline to be completed by July. Once developed, this group's goal is to help incorporate protocols at the institutions, both hospital and EMS agencies, who agree to accept them. We will to this by

teaching the protocol's learning objectives to the institutions. The hospital needs to decide how to teach their staff.

❖ **Action Items:**

- i. **Neva to promote communication between Protocol Sub group per Wiggio. This will help allow us to begin work on learning objectives.**

B. Field 12 lead EKG interpretation training: QI survey found there are a variety of educational needs in the outlying areas. For example:

- ❖ Some EMS systems, such as Llano do not have EKG capabilities but once they do, will need in-depth training. They also need help in writing grant to obtain needed equipment.
- ❖ Others that have EKG capabilities need more hours of training:
 - 18% get no training: Highest priority
 - 35% receive 1-4 hours: Medium priority
 - 47% receive 5 or more hours: Lowest priority
- ❖ Need to offer variety of education opportunities to meet the individual agency preferences and needs. For example: Simulation training, on line, physician and professional educator led conferences, cath lab. observation . There needs to be a central list kept for convenience and for quality assurance. We need to assure that all training objective meet Mission Lifeline standards.
- ❖ There was a side note that in order for EDs to accept EMS 12 lead EKG's, there need to be 2 patient identifiers, such as name and DOB. If this is done, there will be less a delay in ER to cath lab since EKG will not need to be repeated.
- ❖ **Action Items:**
 - **Connie will survey outlying hospital and EMS for their learning needs content and delivery.**
 - **Loni to get list of areas whose EMS do not have EKG capabilities**
 - **Every member of professional education subgroup are to send the educational opportunities that they know of to Chris Parker who will assure content is within AHA standards and create a central list to share with group. Please e-mail to:**
Chris.Parker@ci.austin.tx.us
 - **Also, we need to approach Cath Lab. Directors to see who is willing to let EMS observe. This was unassigned and needs to be addressed next meeting**
 - **Tammy will educate her group in Hayes County. We do need to discuss this with the protocol group a well.**

C. Professional Conferences

- ❖ Seton Hays County April 2nd : Cardiac/STEMI
- ❖ Goal: AHA Mission Lifeline Fall conference

IV. Next AHA/CATRAC Cardiac Care Education sub-group Meeting:

When: Wed. March 17th 12 pm-2 pm
Where: AHA Conference Room

