



**Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force (VSSTF) Meeting Minutes**

**July 20, 2018**

**Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center**

**6610 Public Safety Way**

**Chesterfield, VA 23832**

**Number of Attendees:** 63 individuals representing Hospitals, EMS, AHA, VDH, VHHA, Get Ahead of Stroke

Agenda Item	Minutes
<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>  <b>– Kai Funk, RN, BSN, CNRN, SCRN, &amp; Stacie Stevens, PhD, FNP</b>            Introduction of members</p>	<p>Stacie Stevens and Kai Funk opened the meeting with round-robin introductions. Attendees shared their name, role, organization, and what their interest was in VSSTF. <u>Major themes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking, diverse disciplines present</li> <li>• Opportunity to hear and share about best practices and new advances</li> <li>• Taking back information from meetings to regions/organizations</li> <li>• “Taking off organizational hats to improve overall stroke care”</li> </ul>
<p><b>VSSTF Business: Co – Chairs: Kai Funk and Stacie Stevens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 19, 2018</li> <li>• Review of Agenda</li> <li>• Other Announcements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next VSSTF Quarterly Meeting Friday, October 19, 2018:</b> UVA Health System Education Resource Center (Meeting Room B), 1220 Lee St., Charlottesville, VA 22903</li> <li>• Announced that Dr. Alattar has completed her term as co-chair as of July 20th. Beginning July 20<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Sherita Chapman will be the new co-chair. Let’s welcome Dr. Chapman!</li> </ul>
<p><b>EMS Driven Stroke Triage in VA: Implications from the PEMS Data and the 2018 AHA/ASA Guidelines on Acute Large Vessel Stroke Treatment</b>            Pankajavalli            Ramakrishnan, MD,            Riverside Health System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Pankajavalli Ramakrishnan’s slides are available by request.</li> <li>• Dr. Ramakrishnan’s recommended urgent next steps:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Implement in-field screening for ELVO.</li> <li>○ Implement guidelines for triage and transport to appropriate hospital the first time.</li> <li>○ Expand triage patients with possible ELVO to an endovascular-capable hospital up to 24 hours, as they could benefit from thrombectomy.</li> <li>○ Systemic data collection of data along the pathway – door in, door out, tPA, imaging, etc.</li> <li>○ Legislative support: establish a registry for a repository of data. Periodic assessment to review.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Rehab Survey Results</b>            Melissa Banta, Sheltering Arms            Chad Aldridge, UVA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melissa Banta and Chad Aldridge’s slides are attached.</li> <li>• Question from the audience: What was the regional breakdown of responses to the Rehabilitation survey?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Follow-up answer: Blue Ridge (18%), Central (18%), Hampton Roads (14%), Northern VA (23%), Southwest (27%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question from the audience: will interactive maps of resources and stroke centers be made available on the VDH Stroke Webpage? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Follow-up answer: Yes, VDH epidemiology staff are currently developing interactive maps through Tableau mapping software to be made publicly available on the VDH Stroke Webpage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>VSSTF Mission &amp; Goals</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VSSTF co-chairs and stroke coordinators are deciding upon a new process for nominating and electing future co-chairs.</li> <li>• VSSTF directory update: Members can indicate if they are interested in a leadership role in VSSTF or a VSSTF initiative.</li> <li>• Summary of open discussion on VSSTF priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocacy (two members expressed interest in leading)</li> <li>○ Networking</li> <li>○ Education</li> <li>○ Data Collection</li> <li>○ Funding</li> <li>○ Resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 1-pager with Vision, Mission and Charter to be provided in the upcoming VSSTF quarterly meeting.</li> <li>• Members agreed that we need to see baseline data of key metrics in order to guide and prioritize key initiatives. It will be helpful</li> </ul>
<p><b>Virginia Stroke Care Quality Improvement Initiative (Open Forum)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginia Department of Health</li> <li>• American Heart Association</li> <li>• Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrick Wiggins, Health Systems Intervention Coordinator, Virginia Department of Health, facilitated an open discussion with VSSTF members to propose ideas for quality improvement and focus areas within the recent stroke legislation: <a href="https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title32.1/chapter4/section32.1-111.15:1/">(https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title32.1/chapter4/section32.1-111.15:1/)</a>.</li> <li>• Several ideas presented include: AHA Get With The Guidelines, Get Ahead of Stroke, the need for centralized database, explore data and prioritize based on gaps, focus on underserved areas, EMS data, Hospital-EMS collaboration for quality improvement.</li> <li>• Feedback from VSSTF meeting will be shared with the VA Stroke Care Quality Improvement Advisory Group in August. Feedback from the August meeting will be shared in the next VSSTF October meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VSCC Meeting</b></p>	<p>Minutes provided separately by Kai Funk. Please email <a href="mailto:Kathryn_Funk@bshsi.org">Kathryn_Funk@bshsi.org</a> if you wish to receive the minutes.</p>