

In a Heartbeat Executive Committee Conference Call
October 17, 2006
Teleconference Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Committee members in attendance: Dr. Dennis Shubert, Dr. Steve Diaz, Ms. Darlene Glover, Ms. Deborah Carey Johnson, Dr. Bud Kellett, Dr. William Phillips, Dr. Guy Raymond, Ms. Kim Tierney, Dr. Paul vom Eigen, and Ms. Debra Wigand.

Not able to attend: Dr. Larry Hopperstead.

MQF staff: Mr. Christopher McCarthy, Ms. Carrie Hanlon, and Ms. Tish Tanski

MINUTES:

The minutes of September 21, 2006 were approved.

DYNAMIC WORKGROUP REPORTS:

Metrics and Data: Dr. Kellett reported on the Metrics and Data workgroup. The Protocol Subcommittee has met and discussed commonalities and differences. The next step is to develop a graphic depiction and to circulate it to the workgroup for comment. If there is significant disagreement, a teleconference may be scheduled before the next regular meeting (October 30). The Executive Committee discussed the data elements and definitions, and suggested that a definition of symptom onset be included. The group agreed to use the definition in the REACT trail: the first diagnostic ECG with measurable STEMI. Dr. Shubert and Mr. McCarthy will revise the data element and metrics to reflect these revisions and will circulate them electronically to the Metrics and Data Committee, Protocol Subcommittee and Executive Committee for additional review.

AMI Community Engagement Workgroup: Ms. Debra Wigand reported on the AMI Community Engagement dynamic workgroup. The workgroup has developed a set of strategies to develop consistent messages to encourage individuals and the public to recognize symptoms and call 911. The strategy calls for development of an information toolkit, delivery through a number of groups including EMS, training for presenters, developing a speakers bureau, involving 7th graders in a messaging competition, developing information for primary care providers, including information in CPR training and working with the American Heart Association to focus on STEMI in a scientific session. Dr. Lambrew stressed the importance of emphasizing chest pain for both men and women. Ms. Debbie Johnson offered to take the lead in approaching the Public Relations Committee of the Maine Hospital Association for their participation and support.

Heartbeat AMI Response and Treatment: Dr. Diaz reported that the HART workgroup would meet on October 18 to finalize the 12 lead curriculum. He thanked Dr. Lambrew for his assistance. A transfer protocol already exists, which is being beta tested in EMS. He expects approval by mid November. Dr. Shubert asked Dr. Diaz for a copy of that transfer protocol.

November 9 meeting of all stakeholders: Dr. Shubert reported on the meeting scheduled for Nov 9. Executive Committee members asked if notices had been sent. Ms. Tanski said that an electronic “hold the date” notice had been sent in September, followed by an electronic notice with online registration. Hardcopy notices were scheduled to go out the next day. Executive Committee members expressed concern that there might not be adequate time to get the level of participation that they hope to attract.

NEW BUSINESS

Long term implementation plan: Dr. Shubert discussed the future of the In a Heartbeat initiative and governance structure. He suggested that the Executive Committee and workgroups continue, and that the Metrics and Data workgroup review the protocol and data structure after 6 months of implementation. Dr. Diaz stated that the HART committee would be an ongoing effort, and would continue to meet as it has done prior to and throughout the In a Heartbeat Project. Ms. Wigand suggested that the AMI Community Engagement Committee meet quarterly. Dr. Shubert will develop a description of the long term process and will circulate it to the Executive Committee for Comment.

NEXT MEETING

The Executive Committee will gather at 12:00 noon on November 9, just prior to the In a Heartbeat Conference in Augusta, Maine. The purpose of that meeting will be to introduce Dr. Jollis to the group. If there is a need for an additional Executive Committee meeting, MQF will schedule another meeting.