

STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, WFBMC, Cancer Center
10th Floor Conference Room B

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Members/Partners

Present: Peg O'Connell, Chair, Fuquay Solutions; Chuck Tegeler, Vice Chair, Wake Forest School of Medicine; Anna Bess Brown, Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force (JWHDSPTF); Sue Ashcraft, Novant Health; Khashana Blake, Community Physician; Nicole Burnett, UNC Hospital Comprehensive Stroke Center; Cheryl Bushnell, Wake Forest Baptist Health (WFBH); Shannon Chesney, Duke Regional Hospital; Alicia Clark, Division of Public Health; Jason Clum, Cone Health; Chris Coleman, Genentech; Sylvia Coleman, COMPASS Study, WFBMC; Ron Cromartie, Innovative Health Care Consulting; Abby Fairbank, American Heart Association (AHA); Brian Forrest, Academy of Family Physicians (AFP); Heather Forrest, Duke; Jennifer Greene, Genentech; Amy Guzik, Director, Telestroke Services, WFBH; Melissa Hanrahan, Mission Health; Angela Hollis, Triangle Health Care; Rayetta Johnson, WFBH; Amy Jones, Novant Health Forsyth; Robin Jones, Mission Health; Chuck Lewis, OEMS; Lorie Ann Meek, Duke Telestroke and Subspecialties; Karen Norman, Novant Health Forsyth; Jeana Partington, Alliant Quality; Nilam Patel, Duke; Madelyn Prestage, Medtronic; Meghan Radman, COMPASS Study, WFBH; Joey Propst, JWHDSPTF member; Bruce Ritchie, Janssen; Paul Schmitt, Chiesi; Monét Sims, AHA; Mysha Sissine, COMPASS Study, WFBH; Ryan Sullivan, Johnson & Johnson; Wayne Sullivan, Janssen; Betsy Vetter, AHA

By phone: Ashley Elks, Vidant; Vonda Cogdell, Vidant; Barb McGrath, FirstHealth of the Carolinas; Jason Walchok, AHA SC; Gwendolyn Wise-Blackman, Minority Women Health Alliance

Many members and guests arrived at noon for lunch provided by Medtronic and to tour the Neuro ICU before the meeting started at 1 PM. Aarti Sarwal, MD, Associate Professor of Neurology and Director of the Neuro ICU; Janet Crumpler, Nurse Manager of the Neuro ICU; and Rebecca Fitzgerald, RN gave tours of the new Neuro ICU that was designed and tested with input from all members of the care team and with special emphasis on patients and their families. The Neuro ICU welcomes family members 24/7.

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of February 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Peg O'Connell, chair, welcomed all and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

Chuck Tegeler made a motion to approve the February 28, 2018 minutes as submitted. Cheryl Bushnell seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Telestroke Update

Dr. Amy Guzik presented an update on the WFBH Telestroke Network; see the slide [presentation](#).

Telehealth Legislation

Dr. Guzik continued with a review of draft legislation on telemedicine. The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services has adopted series of recommendations, one of which is around telemedicine. The draft legislation is in the slide set and on pages 27-29 of this [report](#). Dr. Guzik identified several issues with the proposed legislation (see slides), and the group discussed concerns about informed consent. Informed consent is not required for treatment in the ER and should not be required for telemedicine or for technology used in any other type of medical practice. All agreed that care must be quick for stroke and heart trauma.

Betsy noted that the language on informed consent was lifted from the telemedicine psychiatry bill and needs to be changed. Betsy ventured that the NCGA is concerned that telemedicine will expand care and costs. Peg O'Connell made a motion that the Stroke Advisory Council form a committee to review the legislation more closely and make recommendations to legislators. Robin Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Betsy Vetter, Ron Cromartie, Amy Guzik, Robin Jones, Amy Jones, and Peg O'Connell offered to serve and recommended inviting Stephanie McGarrah from NC Healthcare Association and Brad Kohls from Duke to join the discussion.

Justus Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force Action Agenda Update

Peg reviewed the Task Force [Action Agenda](#):

The Task Force elected to **endorse** the following:

1. Request for \$3 million in recurring funding to expand tobacco cessation including funding for QuitlineNC,
2. Request for \$7 million in recurring funding for tobacco use prevention,
3. Request for \$1 million in recurring funds to expand the Healthy Food Small Retailer Program.
4. Care4Carolina's efforts to close the insurance gap. Visit C4C's [webpage](#) to sign the resolution.

The Task Force elected to **support** the following:

1. AHA/ASA efforts to assure coverage of all cardiovascular-related USPSTF preventive services for all Medicaid enrollees with no or minimal cost sharing.
2. Request for \$3,180,887 in recurring funding for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).

Participants shared **announcements** related to the Action Agenda:

1. Care4Carolina will host a **Prayer Breakfast for Closing the Coverage Gap** at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh at 7:15 AM on **May 23, 2018**.
2. **American Heart Association** will host **Heart Health Advocacy Day** on **June 5, 2018**.
3. Anyone who uses tobacco is eligible to receive eight weeks or more of nicotine patches or up to eight weeks of combination nicotine replacement therapy of patches and gum or patches and lozenges from **QuitlineNC** if you call **1-800-QUITNOW (1-800-784-8669)** between **May 6-16**.

COMPASS Study Update

Cheryl Bushnell and Sylvia Coleman presented on the progress of COMPASS Study implementation, publications, pilot projects and the COMPASS Care Model. Robin Jones and Melissa Hanrahan shared how Mission implemented the COMPASS model for patients discharged home from rehab through the Mission Hospital Rehabilitation Pilot Project. See the slide [presentation](#).

Closing Remarks

Chairs Peg O'Connell thanked WFBH for hosting the meeting and for providing tours of the Neuro ICU. The meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Next Meetings:

- **August 10 - 10-12** UNC Rex Heart & Vascular Hospital, 4420 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh
- **November 1 - 1-3** Cardinal Room, Building 3, DPH, 5605 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh