

## **AED ACCESS FOR ALL**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 25, 2006 4:30

#### **Call-in Number**

Toll Free: 1-877-232-4392

The participant code is: 432450

Just call the number and asked to be connected. They will ask for the CODE.

The Conference Name is under AED

**Attendees:** Al McClatchey, Julie Shannon, Susan Johnson Brown, John Laktash,  
Butch Gibbs

#### **The meeting was called to order by John Laktash at 4:30.**

The speaker phone connection was used by Ray ??????? from Minnesota and Michele Sundberg from Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Minnesota experiences were reported by Ray. His experience was to contact the Sheriff offices in all 87 counties by starting with the 30 closest to Minneapolis-St Paul (approximately a 75 mile radius). He then contacted the next 30 counties (approximately a 125 mile radius) and then the farthest 30 counties (the rest of the state). Ray shared his spread sheet example and also recommended we contact the EMS regional boards. He included for each county the phone number and city where Sheriff office is located, number of vehicles, number of AEDs, and comments such as why they don't have AEDs.

**The minutes** from March were approved with corrections to the introductions and the first paragraph re: the telephone number.

#### **Local Saves**

John reported on news articles about the Army coach who died of SCA as well as a 13 year old and 30 year old who died in schools. One article stated that there are 300,000 episodes of V-fib per year and encouraged home AEDs, although 40% of SCA are unwitnessed.

Michele's information is that 70% of SCA happens at home.

#### **Heart Walk**

Butch reported on the April 22 Heart Walk at Living History Farms. It was well attended even though there were many other events in the Des Moines area that weekend. There was no demo for CPR or AEDs as in the past and this was felt to be a "missed opportunity".

**Sheriff and State Patrol** contact information is being assembled by Susan through the Iowa State Sheriff and Deputies Association. John suggested we send a letter then make personal contact so we are not making cold calls. Ray's experience was that person-to-person gets a better response. Butch previously sent a survey to all 99 counties and was surprised by the good number of AEDs available but he no longer has the information. Michelle stated that

she was shocked by how few AEDs were available in metro Minneapolis-St Paul when they started but the Minnesota State Patrol was equipped so they could protect their own officers. John's information is that West Des Moines Police have AEDs but Des Moines relies on the Fire Department.

**Survey and non-profit news** were not available.

**Medtronic and Mercy** are initiating a new partnership to increase public awareness of AEDs and ICDs and wish to include survivors. Mary has been invited to speak at the May planning meeting.

**Educational needs** were addressed. Many uninformed people are afraid of AEDs because they think they will hurt someone. This is untrue because an AED can't hurt anyone and if the person has SCA they are at that moment already dead. The Good Samaritan law covers citizens in Iowa.

**Parent Heart Watch** provides trifolds and cards of children who have died and Butch shared these with the group. Contact information is **Parent Heart Watch** P.O. Box 237 Geneva, Ohio 44041 440-446-0417 or 877-536-4233 [Parentheartwatch.org](http://Parentheartwatch.org)

**Survivor information**, instead of victims, is being put in a book for Minnesota according to Michele.

**EMSC** is the acronym for EMS for children.

**Farm Bureau Company** may have funding for AEDs to be used along with state funding.

**American Heart Association** has an Operation HeartBeat and Heart Attack kits to put on doors.

### **Upcoming Events**

James Taylor will be performing at the Iowa State Fair in August. He has been very supportive through his Keep the Beat and Butch will contact Medtronic regarding an AED promotion at the concert.

### **Re-birthdays**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Butch

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Mary T. HAPPY RE-BIRTHDAY MARY !!!!

August 21 – Carol

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00

Respectfully submitted  
Julie Shannon

Next meeting will be Tuesday May 30, 2006 at 4:30 at the Iowa Heart Hospital – Medical Plaza Atrium.

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