

**AED Access For All Network**  
February 28, 2006 Meeting Notes  
4:30 PM to 6:15 pm Iowa Heart Hospital at Mercy Medical Center

**Attendees:** Derwood Foster (Survivor), Gary L. Isle (Advocate), Mary Tappe (Survivor), Susan Brown (The Iowa Heart Hospital), Terry Moehnke (Advocate), Erika Tappe (Advocate), Butch Gibbs (Survivor), Susie Gibbs (Advocate), John Laktash (Advocate), Carol Woolheater (Survivor), Laura Kelly (Advocate)

**Notes taken by:** Laura Kelly, Mary Tappe

### **New Survivors**

- None at this time

### **Local News and Updates**

- Mari Ann Wearda sent an email as she was unable to attend our first meeting. She shares "I have been hoping for a group in Iowa. Last year I raised funds to get aed's in the schools in our county. In Nov. I was invited to Seattle (where all Medtronic AED's are made) to speak about my save. They recently let me know about a grant opportunity I wanted to pass along today." The article she shared states: Applying for Grant Funding is as simple as visiting [www.AEDGrant.com](http://www.AEDGrant.com) and downloading an easy one-page application. The application review process takes 5 to 7 business days. Upon approval of the application, participants are notified of the amount of funding that has been awarded.

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### **Old Business**

- This was our first meeting so there was no Old Business

### **Legislative initiatives**

- Federal Rural AED Funding from Butch and Susie Gibbs: "We just returned from our trip to Washington, DC. We were the only ones they brought in from outside the Washington office of the American Heart Association. We taught CPR to about 75 people. No Senators or Representatives were there---just their staff members. Our 2 Senators and the Representative from our district voted to not lower the Rural Access budget that was lowered by 83%. Senator Harkin's aide said he is still upset by the passage of the lower funding. "

### **New business**

- The first meeting of this group met on February 28, 2006. Mary Tappe gave a presentation that laid out the need for easy access to AEDs. She cited three stories of Sudden Cardiac Arrest survivors and how they were all saved by AEDs.
- Mary read the Position paper for IDEA that Sam Patterson shared with her. The group discussed if our purpose and the purpose of IDEA were the same. Butch felt that there were similarities, but coming at it from different points of views.
- Mary led the participants in an exercise to determine a Mission Statement for the group. "We will promote the placement, education and use of AEDs in order to increase the survival rate of SCA in Iowa." There will be a vote on this mission statement at the next meeting.
- Discussion of a name for the group began. Several options were considered. Mary and Terry did some research and found that the URL for "AED Access for All" was available. Terry purchased the url "<http://www.aedaccessforall.org>". It comes with 1 year hosting and 50 mail boxes.

## Upcoming Events

- The American Heart Association's Heart walk is April 22, 2006 at the Living History Farms. If you can't attend, please sponsor Butch! His page can be found at:  
<http://heartwalk.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?t=4&i=120680&u=120680-121020086&e=521004471>

## Action Items

- Susan to find out if we can have a call-in number for those who cannot make the drive
- Mary to investigate the creation of a non-profit organization
- Susan and Julie Shannon to coordinate getting the contact information for all First Responders registered with the state.
- Butch to discuss with IDEA at the March 10<sup>th</sup> call if there should be a combining or not.

## Next meetings:

Meetings to be held at:

The Iowa Heart Hospital – Medical Plaza Atrium

411 Laurel Street

Des Moines, IA

The atrium Conference Room, Level A, right by the glass entrance

- Tues March 28<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- Tues April 25<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

## Re-birthdays:

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Butch's re-birthday

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Mary's re-birthday

Aug 21 – Carol's re-birthday

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