

AED ACCESS FOR ALL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 25, 2006 4:30 – 6:00
Iowa Heart Hospital

Call-in Number

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The Conference Name is under AED

Attendees: Mary Tappe, Susan Johnson Brown, John Laktash, Derwood Foster,
Carol Woolheater, Terry Moehnke, Kanella Bakus, Kathy Jensen (by phone),
Butch Gibbs, Susie Gibbs

The meeting was called to order by Mary Tappe at 4:30.

The minutes from June were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

No new introductions this month.

LOCAL NEWS, UPDATES

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association (SCAA) is the new name for the National Center for Early Defibrillation. Mary discussed the meeting where Diane Canova, the Executive Director, was introduced. The new site has launched!

<http://www.suddencardiacarrest.org/>

Congress - Butch and Susie were flown to Washington to speak to Senators Harkin, Senator Grassley and Representative Leach by the AHA. Per the AHA “The Senate Appropriations Committee concurred with the House Appropriations Committee in providing \$1.5 million for HRSA's Rural and Community Access to Emergency Devices Program. Both Committees disagreed with the President's proposal to terminate this lifesaving program. The \$1.5 million is the same as the FY 2006 level of funding for the program--before the across-the-board cut. Generally the Senate Appropriations Committee provided HRSA's rural health programs with the FY 2006 funding levels.” Thanks to Butch and Susie for bringing “real lives” to the issue!

OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff and State Patrol Derwood contacted Sherry at the ambulance service in Madison County. She stated they have one AED at the High School and they receive about 20 calls a year where someone has “gone down”. Derwood will follow-up with Sheriff Paul Welch.

John has contacted Brian at WDM Fire Department to find out how many businesses in WDM have AEDs and to see if there is anything we can do to help in that area.

Non-profit news – Mary reported that Diane Canova will look into the usage of the non-profit status of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association. However, Terry will begin the process of applying for non-profit status for our group so we will not need to use SCAA.

Shirts – Susan shared that Mercy will pay for our shirts! Big THANK YOU! We will add their logo to the shirts. John will manage the printing of the shirts.

NEW BUSINESS

Medtronic and Mercy Medical Center have formed a partnership to increase awareness of SCA. “The good news regarding sudden cardiac arrest is that it can actually be prevented through the use of implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs),” says **W. Ben Johnson, M.D.**, an Iowa Heart electrophysiologist and program champion. “The bad news is that the public remains woefully unaware of SCA risk factors and many physicians have yet to be informed of the new guidelines regarding appropriate ICD indications.”

In an effort to begin the education process, Dr. Johnson will speak to the Clinic Managers of Mercy Medical Center. Mary Tappe has been asked to give a presentation to augment Dr. Johnson’s talk.

SCAA Brochures – Kathy confirmed with Diane Canova that AED Access For All can absolutely put stickers on the back of the SCAA brochures with our contact information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Iowa State Fair 2006

American Heart Association Instructors from around the state will teach the course

Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Stage
Thursday, August 17th 10:00am & 11:00am

Adult CPR will be taught

Friday, August 18th 10:00am & 11:00am

Adult CPR will be taught

Come join us! We will be helping to bring the folks in to learn CPR!!! We will have the shirts at the stage – just find Mary or John.

Minnesota Sudden Cardiac Arrest – 2nd Annual Midwest SCA Survivors Network Summit will be held September 28th. This event will be very informal and focus on sharing experiences and networking. It will be held at Holiday Inn Select Airport by the Mall of America in conjunction with Allina Medical Transportation's From the Heart Cardiac conference. So far we have 6 confirmed who will be attending!!!!

Re-birthdays

April 1st - Kathy J

April 2nd – Butch G

May 17th - Mary T.

August 21 – Carol W

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00

Respectfully submitted
Julie Shannon

Next meeting will be Tuesday August 29, 2006 at 4:30 at the Iowa Heart Hospital – Medical Plaza Atrium.

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