

AED ACCESS FOR ALL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2006 4:30

Attendees: Mary Tappe, Erika Tappe, Al McClatchey, Dr Bailin, Julie Shannon, Susan Johnson Brown, Tom Whitcombs, Carol Woolheater, John Laktash, Derwood Foster, Kanella Bakas, Terry Moehnke,

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

The speaker phone connection was not used but will be available at future meetings. The call-in number to participate by phone is:

Introductions were presented as follows:

Mary Tappe - Survivor

Erika Tappe - Advocate

Al McClatchey - PA-C, Vice-President of Iowa Heart Hospital at Mercy

Dr Steven J. Bailin - Electrophysiologist at Iowa Heart Center

Julie Shannon - RN BSN CCRN-CSC Cardiac Surgery Patient and Family Educator
at Iowa Heart Hospital at Mercy Medical Center

Susan Johnson Brown, RN - Advocate

Tom Whitcomb - Health and Safety Marketing and Sales Coordinator, American Red
Cross

Carol Woolheater - Survivor

John Laktash - Survivor

Derwood Foster - Survivor

Kanella Bakus - Advocate

Terry Moehnke - Advocate

Local Saves

- As SCA is the leading cause of death in America, one of our goals is to increase (at least double) the number of SCD saves each year in the State of Iowa.
- We have no information on local saves and this could be difficult to obtain due to HIPPA privacy regulations. Although Butch Gibbs did send this article out: <https://www.iastate.edu/Inside/2006/0331/aed.shtml> about a save at ISU! In the article, survivor Skip Walter stated: "They saved my life. If that defibrillator wasn't there, that would have been it for me."
- There is a possibility of getting information through a report some manufacturers submit to the American Red Cross which includes age and location but no name.
- Susan B. has contacted the Medtronic, Phillips, and Zoll representatives to obtain information on where AEDs have been sold. She is awaiting those reports.
- Iowa Heart Center SCD patients are seen by the electrophysiologists which could be another source of information for us.

Mission Statement: *WE WILL PROMOTE THE PLACEMENT, EDUCATION, AND USE OF AEDS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE SURVIVAL RATE OF SCA IN IOWA.* This was approved as our mission but it may be a purpose rather than a mission. We will continue to develop it. One of Mary's goals and motivation in organizing this group is to assist in the distribution of AEDs and to find that "one of our machines" was used to save a life.

First Responders have 2 common definitions. (1) Lay responders who have CPR/AED training through the American Red Cross or American Heart Association and are considered the first person on the scene. (2) Persons trained through the EMS system in the basic level. We will use this second definition in further discussion.

Non-profit status will be investigated by Joseph Tappe with the assistance of Tom W.

Group Name is **AED ACCESS FOR ALL**. Companies are welcome to join our group but we will not promote or sell a specific brand. We do not want to become grant writers. We are willing to be an information and referral to guide groups through purchase and continuing commitment to education and maintenance of AEDs.

Web site is being developed by Mary T and Terry. We want to be able to provide information to show increased number of machines and increased number of saves.

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

- **Minutes from the Midwest SCA Survivor Network** will be attached to these minutes when available.
- **IDEA** (Iowa Defibrillation Education Advocates) meets quarterly. They are working with the EMS schools and Fire Departments to encourage AED placement and use. Their focus seems to be on state and national legislation. This is based on their occupation as differing from our group based on personal passion. We hope to work in synergy with them.
- **SCA Association** has asked us to be an affiliate group. Mary T. will determine what is involved with this. Their headquarters is moving to Washington, DC.
- **The AICD Support Group** meets in the Iowa Heart Center Atrium on the first Tues of the month. Mary T will encourage sharing between our group and this group.
- **Peds SCA Group and a parent support group** will be added to our contact list.

Grant monies are available with restrictions according to population and matching funds. The State of Iowa person in charge of EMS regions was contacted by Susan B. Anita Bailey. There is also a need for maintenance and on-going education for those places which have AEDs. Dallas County is the fastest growing county and has already written a grant.

FUTURE PLANS

Heart Walk is April 22 at Living History Farms. Butch will be walking if anyone is unable to walk and would like to contribute to his collection.

A motion was made and approved to work with the Sheriff and State Patrol because they tend to have a longer response time than urban police departments. We will also look at high schools, especially in rural areas where they also function as community centers.

Tom W will develop a survey for the 6 EMS regions (easier to assess than 99 counties) in Iowa which will include approximately 10 questions designed to raise SCA and AED awareness.

Think about connections with media for a blitz later.

- School boards
- School nurses association
- Churches

Re-birthdays

April 2nd – Butch – HAPPY RE-BIRTHDAY BUTCH!!!

May 17th - Mary T.

August 21 – Carol

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25

Respectfully submitted
Julie Shannon

Next meeting will be Tuesday April 25, 2006 at 4:30 at the Iowa Heart Hospital – Medical Plaza Atrium. John will chair in Mary's absence.

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

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