



**Central Iowa EMS Directors Association  
STEMI Task Force Minutes  
Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
Iowa Methodist Medical Center  
Denniston/Nettleton Dining Room**

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**Attendees:**

**Mercy, Des Moines/West**

Jeri Babb, Mercy ED  
Susan Brown, Mercy Cardiovascular Services  
Sara Pike, Mercy ED Clinical Educator  
Jeff Jarding, Mercy West Lakes ED  
Bev Clark, Mercy ED  
Matt Klein, Mercy One/WHFD

**CIEMSD**

Frank Prowant, Ankeny FD  
David Edgar, West Des Moines EMS  
Jim Fox, Des Moines FD  
Tony Sposeto, Des Moines FD  
Lee Richardson, Altoona FD/Mercy College

Brian Helland, Clive FD (by phone)

**Unity Point, Des Moines/ILH/West**

Crystal Glazebrook-Hurney-Unity Point  
Mike Killam, Unity Point ED  
David Keenan, Unity Point ED  
Dr. Larry Baker, Unity Point ED  
Jolene Beveridge, Unity Point – ILH ED  
Jeanne Harman, Unity Point – ILH ED Manager  
Phyllis Vos, Unity Point  
Steve House, Unity Point Cardiovascular Services  
Katy Hill, Unity Point EMS Coordinator

**Background:**

EMS Providers in the Des Moines area have been very fortunate to have great working relationships with metro hospitals. Both major health systems, Mercy and Unity Point, have actively included EMS providers in the Chest Pain Accreditation process.

Several members from both health systems and the EMS community have recognized the need and benefit for working together to strengthen the continuum of care for cardiac patients in the Des Moines metro area.

**Discussion:**

During the meeting, discussion focused on the structure and function of this committee, and initial goals were established.

Central Iowa EMS Directors shall appoint a chairperson for this task force and provide leadership for this group as it is developed. The Committee will meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 8:00AM at the Polk County Emergency Management Agency office at 1907 Carpenter in Des Moines.

**Recommended representatives:**

The following representatives and/ or their designee are encouraged to attend the task force meetings:

- Central Iowa EMS Directors representatives
- Mercy and Unity Point:
  - Cardiac Catherization services
  - Emergency Department
  - Quality Improvement
  - Emergency physician (if available)
- Representatives from Des Moines, Polk County and Westcom Communication Centers
- Additional representatives as need arises

*The goal of the Central Iowa EMS Directors Association is improved pre-hospital care for the sick and injured in our respective communities, and to maintain and improve communication and collaborative efforts between EMS agencies and associated organizations.*

**Goals:** The following goals were identified;

Establish / improve a method for data collection that includes pre-hospital data and feedback

Establish standardized pre-hospital protocols for STEMI, including 12 lead ECG transmission

Develop a standardized response for hospitals receiving STEMI patients from EMS

Continue to monitor and improve outcomes, such as D2B, first medical contact to balloon, etc.

Develop a method for improved communication between EMS providers and hospitals for the purposes of education and quality improvement.

Increase medical director involvement in pre-hospital STEMI care.