



**Central Iowa EMS Directors Association
STEMI Task Force – Meeting Notes
Thursday, September 18, 2014, 2014, 8:00am
Polk County Emergency Management Office
1907 Carpenter Ave, Des Moines**

In attendance:

Frank Prowant, AFD/CIEMSD
Brian Helland, CFD/CIEMSD
David Edgar, WDM/CIEMSD
Tony Sposeto, DMFD/CIEMSD
Dawn Heimer, Mercy
Nancy Turner, Mercy
Patricia Cavanaugh, Mercy
David Keenan, Unity Point

Crystal Glazebrook-Hurley, Unity Point
Katy Hill, Unity Point
Mary Peters, Unity Point
John Koester, Unity Point
Steve House, Unity Point
Mike Wenger, Acute Care
Jeanne Harmon, Unity Point

1. Presentation: Ellen Hayes, Hayes Interpreting Services – Discussed dealing with individuals who are deaf and communicate utilizing sign language. Will discuss strategies at the CIEMSD meeting on 9/22/2014. Approximately 240,000 Iowans are deaf and communicate utilizing sign language.
2. August Data Reports:

August 2014-Data	Mercy	Unity Point	System
# STEMI Alerts	33	22	55
# EMS STEMI Alerts	2	8	10
# Tags utilized	1	3	4
False Positives		1	1
Door to Balloon time	55"	61"	

a. Discussion:

Services not providing tags – Ankeny, Norwalk, Midwest, Fraser, Boone, Northern Warren

- Health Systems to report back to the services utilizing the web site to identify patient and tag not being received.
- Discuss further at CIEMSD Meeting on 9/22/2014.

3. STEMI ALERT EDUCATION PROJECT/Rural - David Keenan, Unity Point

Goal is to improve the process in the rural emergency rooms on identifying the STEMI patient and initiating the alert through the applicable health system.

Joint effort between Mercy and Unity Point. Form and protocol will be the same for both systems.

Discussion on how we get the message out to the facilities.

- Classroom presentations
- Webinars
- Printed materials

The committee will:

- Finalize the protocol/form including the brands of both health systems and contact information (One call at both facilities)
- Develop teaching outline and talking points
- Strategies for getting the message out
- Present further information at the October meeting

4. Public Education-Tabled to the October Meeting.

- a. Committee members are encouraged to bring any current Public Education materials regarding heart attacks to our August meeting
- b. Goal is to increase the number of AMI's arriving by EMS and decrease the number of walk-in's to clinics and/or emergency departments

5. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16, 2014, 8:00am, Polk County EMA