

NY COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE TASK FORCE

General Meeting – 3/12/13

Attendance

Vince Flood, EMT-P, FDNY
Elizabeth Callaghan, JD, PhD, Columbia University
Shawn Bowe, EMT-P, NSLIJ CEMS
Mike Guttenberg, Forest Hills Hospital
Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, REMSCO
Lewis Marshall, MD, JD, Brookdale Hospital
Marie Diglio, EMT-P, REMSCO
Arthur Cooper, MD, Harlem Hospital
Kevin Munjal, MD, MPH, Mount Sinai

- Self-Introductions of Members Present
- Welcome and Overview of Community Paramedicine by Kevin Munjal
- Review of Recent Round of Subcommittee Meetings
 - Legislative Committee
 - performed Legal Document Review
 - Crafted strategies to overcome legal barriers
 - Action Items
 - **Have our work reviewed by lawyers.** - Dr. Marshall has agreed to review **Draft a legal brief to articulate position that CP is legal under current law** (exists outside the bounds of Article 30) - Brian Wilkow will make first pass.
 - By crafting the argument now, we will be better prepared for future debates and discussions on the legality of the concept.
 - **Write a commentary on regulatory environment of CP and what the task force is trying to do about it.** – Matt Friedman
 - Discussion generated Addition Action Items:
 - **What additional regulatory issues need to be dealt with?**
 - **What role if any does the Department of Education play in all this?**
 - Are we really staying within scope?
 - Yes, it is mostly public health and patient counseling skills that are needed.
 - Perhaps **we need a white paper on how exactly we can defend specific CP programs as staying within the scope of current practice.**
 - Others welcome to join these efforts
 - Public Relations Committee
 - We have published a website
 - We have received 9 letters of support and counting.
 - We have engaged with GNYHA, HANYS, SEMAC and others
 - Action Items:
 - **Focus Groups of EMS Providers** – Munjal & Callaghan
 - First week in June. Will advertise during EMS week.
 - **Reach out to Schools of Public Health** – Donell Harvin

- **Reach out to EMS Educators** – Donell Harvin & Aaron Scharf
- **EMS Unions**
 - **1199** – Meeting last month facilitated by Brian Lewinsky → awaiting response
 - **FDNY Union** – Vince Flood will seek to arrange a meeting
- **Nursing Outreach** – Mike Redlener and Donell Harvin
- **Home Health Outreach** - *** unassigned ***
- **White Paper** – What do we think CommunityParamedicine is and what is the Task Force trying to accomplish? – Aaron Scharf and Vince Flood
 - Vince Flood turned in a rough draft.
- **Presentations and Lectures**
 - **UNYAN Conference** – Set up by Timothy Egan
 - **Brookhaven Grand Rounds** – Set up by Carl Goodman
 - Mike Guttenberg working with Hudson Valley EMS to set up a presentation
- **Letter of Support Campaign**
- **Building off Conceptual Model** – All members should reach out to stakeholders listed in the Conceptual Model.
- Financial Reform committee
 - Performed analysis of Medicaid reimbursement policy.
 - Munjal recently published a reimbursement policy paper in JAMA
 - Action Items:
 - **Write more articles in trade magazines, newspaper, other media advocating for reimbursement reform.** *** unassigned ***
 - Seeking ability to receive and distribute funds
 - **Partner with a 501c3 Financial Conduit** – Munjal will reach out to NY Academy of Medicine
 - Are we ready to:
 - engage with payers and develop a reform package ?
 - engage with governmental payers like Medicaid Redesign Team ?
- Health Information Technology
 - Goals: Encourage use of ePCR, participation in RHIO's, Use of telemedicine technology, and improve ability of EMS to perform CP
 - 2 of our letters of support are from HIT companies, one ePCR, one RHIO.
 - Action Items:
 - **Reach out to RHIO's** -*** unassigned ***
 - Dr. Marshall will reach out to Brooklyn RHIO where he sits on the board.
 - **Reach out to NYeHealth Collaborative** – Rami Rafeh
 - **Research legal and billing issues related to Telemedicine** – Kelly Barsan
 - **White Paper** – “Telemedicine Enhanced EMS” - ***unassigned***
- Soon to come: Workforce & Education Subcommittee
 - Chaired by Jonathan Smith and George Contreras
 - George Contreras is a faculty member at Metropolitan Community College in Brooklyn where they are starting a paramedic college degree program
 - Marie Diglio and Munjal are serving on the steering committee.
 - Marie Diglio will arrange for presentation opportunities at NYC REMSCO Credentialing Committee and Training / Education Committee.
- Open Discussion

- There was discussion of Critical Care Medics and the relationship between their scope and a Community Paramedic
 - While there was disagreement, our group is not advocating a change in scope.
 - Most of the additional training would be on public health, connecting to social services and patient education and management of chronic conditions.