**IMPROVE Minutes**

**Chicago Meeting, March 25th & 26th, 2011**

**Attendees:** COAP (Chris Bryson, Kristin Sitcov); MSTCVS (Richard Prager); VCSQI (Alan Speir, Ed Fonner); NNE (Donald Likosky, David Malenka, Cathy Ross)  
**Absent:** Maritime Heart Centre (Greg Hirsch)

**I. Focus of the Network**

* 1. **Decision-Making** 
     1. Appropriateness of Coronary Revascularization-

**• To do:** have the NNE send out the algorithm to code appropriateness- Donny to follow up with NNE senior analyst to identify algorithm and which variables required beyond what is included within STS latest dataset

* + 1. Data to Support Clinical Decisions-
       1. Mitral Regurgitation
          1. Not all centers have internal analytic support but can approach their data contractor to run analysis needed. Network could first look at Washington and NNE.
       2. Choice of revascularization
          1. Not all collaboratives have PCI data. It was thought that Webex conference calls across collaboratives may be a way of supporting this goal, and potentially increase the number of collaboratives collecting PCI data.
       3. Guidelines- Practice
          1. Use data to assist clinicians with knowledge concerning how and in what context we can implement evidence-based guidelines into practice.
    2. Proven care and other checklists (see enclosed)
       1. Geisinger’s Proven Care
       2. NNE Readiness for Surgery

• **To do:** Donny/Cathy to disseminate Geisinger checklist and NNE documents.

* + 1. Share decision support tools and standard orders

• **To do**: Share tools across collaboratives.

1. **Benchmarking**
   1. Benchmarking Process and Outcomes data
      * 1. Share each other reports
        2. Meet as group to explore opportunities for benchmarking
        3. Develop a common report

• **To do:** Donny/Cathy to disseminate a letter of understanding that would be sent to each of our executive committees to share each other’s QA reports.

**II. Structure of the Network**

1. **Data:** How to use data to improve care?
   1. Conference call to discuss PSO-
      1. Rich will contact Rachel, Donny will contact Michael. A pre-call will be set up in May.
      2. Pre-call: Network will meet prior to the PSO call to discuss how each other envisions the data sharing
   2. Develop letter describing the 50,000 foot goals of the Network. This will be sent out after our call with Rachel & Michael.
2. **Funding**: Explore different funding opportunities
   1. Blue in Michigan- Rich will explore this
   2. Grants- NHLBI/AHRQ- Donny will explore this
   3. STS- there is a mandate to form Regional groups but no funding available
3. **Dissemination**: How to build a community?
   1. Professional Development 🡪 we need to ensure that our colleagues are well-equipped to succeed in any activity that the Network conducts.
   2. Webex -> may be used to conduct our work across collaboratives
   3. Visit other collaboratives
      1. Attend each others meetings- send process owners
      2. Invite surgeon from each site to attend Network meeting in June

**III. Timeline:**

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| **March** | **April** | **May** | **June** |
| • Minutes | • Letter of understanding  • 1 pager about where we want to go. | • Share reports  • Offline conf. call  with Rachel and Mike  • Slide set | • Example of Data display |

**IV. Upcoming Meetings**

June Potential Agenda Items

* + - 1. Governess
      2. Decision-Making- choose project
      3. Data- How do we share
      4. Funding

List of others collaborative meetings

1. COOP- June 1
2. VCSQI- middle of June
3. Michigan- May 21st and Aug.
4. NNE- May 5&6