

On Tue, Aug 28, 2018 at 8:37 PM Michael L. Wallace <Michael.Wallace@med-trans.net> wrote:

Good evening!

I wanted to take a minute to update everyone on the meeting we had with Dr. Williams in Jefferson City today in Jeff City. The meeting began with Dr. Williams discussing what success looks like for the Missouri TCD project. It is again clear that he strongly supports the program and want it to be a model for the country. Dr. Williams vision is that our group leads and wanted to know if others should be invited to the group. He strongly desired to keep the group under 20 and also stated that it would be up to us to look within our Regions for additional expertise as we work on the project back home. Here some points we discussed:

1. Dr. Williams would like to move from POLICY to GUIDELINES. This was a great way to begin the meeting as it was supported strongly by all.
 - a. Guidelines as established by ACS, AHA, etc.
2. Dr. Williams believed the current regulations are to “restrictive” and DHSS is “not responsive.”
3. Dr. Williams came up with three “buckets” for considering on the project:
 - a. Governance-over restrictive and move to guidelines
 - b. Data- this is going to be a huge infrastructure item for the state but believed this is a supportive priority. Data was a big discussion item. I asked who in the US is doing TCD type data well? Who is the model? Maryland and Arizona came up. Suggestion was made to look at these states and see what they are doing and how the data is integrated from the other registries.
 - c. Designation process- national bodies, etc.
4. Regional involvement. How we can use our regionals and medical directors in the approval/enforcement of community/regional plans.

Some action items:

1. Look for easy wins now. Dr Williams suggested that we look at the current regulations and begin to recommend changes that HE CAN APPROVE and then identify priorities for legislative fixes.

2. Begin to explore alternative funding for TCD. He believes the TCD project should have significant funding.

I would like to put together a joint (Region A/MARCER) TCD group of stroke/STEMI/trauma coordinators and begin to meet. If you think others should be involved I am open. I think it would be good to get together and begin to gather information on designation recommendations, data, and whatever else comes up in our meetings. We are meeting in Jeff City every two weeks,,,,,yes,,,,,every,,,,,two,,,,,weeks!

Anyway I wanted to get this email out this evening. Let me know your thoughts and Ruby/Pam please chime in.....

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