



POLST Registry Advisory Committee

October 10th, 2011

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Portland State Office Building

Room 918

Meeting Minutes



Present: Jane Baumgarten; Doug Kelly (Chair); Crystal Lewallen; Ritu Sahni, MD; Terri Schmidt, MD.

On Phone: Margaret Carley; Susan Tolle, MD.

Guests: Jenny Cook; Dana Zive.

Discussion

1. Convene / Review Agenda / Confirm status of conference call participants / Introduce Guests

2. Review Minutes

July Minutes:

- Dana Zive makes corrections for the spelling of her name.
- ***Motion made by Dr. Schmidt to approve the April minutes with changes. Motion seconded by Jane Baumgarten. Motion passes unanimously.***

3. Committee Business

Membership status of current members.

- Jane Baumgarten, Kaye Hanni, Margaret Carley, Doug Kelly, and Terri Schmidt's terms are expiring January 1st 2012. There are six terms that will carry over until January 1st 2013.
- Dr. Sahni is hoping to have the information on how to reapply for another term in November. We will also be notifying the public on how to apply for committee membership.
- Dr. Sahni noted that POLST currently has the shortest terms; 4 year terms are standard for other committees. However the terms are in statute, therefore we can not change the term lengths without changing the statutes.

4. OHA Update

- Dr. Sahni explained the Oregon Health Authority's EMS/Trauma Program will receive its funding from medical marijuana fees.
- The E.M.S. banquet went very well. Dr. Sahni gave a presentation at the E.M.S. conference. During that time he asked the attendees who had not heard of POLST, and everyone had heard of them before. This is a change from previous years.

5. ePOLST Status Update

- The ePOLST pilot is working very well. Now they are trying to focus their attention to having fillible forms available electronically. They are working closely with the Office of Rural Health to assist with this project. Once this is completed the information from the electronic forms would populate into the registry. The forms could also be printed for hard copy records or other needs.
- Jane inquires about the expecting 3% increase of forms now that ePOLST is going live with Providence. Dana Zive confirmed this increase has happened since the last committee meeting, and things are going smoothly.
- Jane follows up to her last meeting question regarding Umpqua and there ability to move towards ePOLST. Jenny said she has tried to contact them and hasn't heard from them, so she assumes everything is going well.

6. Standard Registry Reports

- In August we counted over 72,000 registrants. Dana anticipates over 100,000 registrants by February or March 2012.
- When forms are not ready to go into the registry, feedback is provided to the person. Approximately 18% of people fix the forms and turn them back in.
- Dana explained the time for form entry from date the form was received in the month of August had a mean of 2.05 calendar days and a median of 1.09 calendar days. This is a big improvement from previous months.
- After the POLST form is received, packets are being sent out within a two week time frame. Dana said she would bring an example packet to the next POLST meeting.
- Jane asked Jenny is the POLST Registry is reaching out to groups that are lagging in sender date? Jenny and Dana both assure Jane this is the case. Dana generates heat maps and those are used to know who should be targeted to have better submission rates.
- Susan explained that they are working on updating the POLST form video, as it was filmed in 2004 and the POLST form has changed significantly since then.

7 Identify any issues to refer to the POLST Task Force

- Different POLST form happening in Eugene

8. Evaluation / Research

a. Request for data form

- Form stands completed. Dr. Sahni will replace the made up email and phone number with correct contact information. Form will eventually be on the website.

b. Update on existing research.

- No new information regarding the research request from Tina Burdsall for the project for Portland State University.

- The Fromme research project regarding working with vital stats to find out race, ethnicity, and other items that are not shown on death certificates have received the preliminary approval. It should be up and running with a test data file within a few weeks. This information will be used to archive the deceased people from the registry, which will eliminate the ability to slow down the search engine. As well as give us the most accurate and up to data possible. More information regarding this project will be available at the next POLST Committee meeting.
- Interview with paramedics and family is still under review.

8. New Research Requests

a. Derek Richardson

- Dr. Richardson wants to find out the impact of an electronic registry for end of life decisions on the emergency department and EMS patients.
- He is planning a retrospective cohort study using existing data sources. They are applying for access to several state-wide databases of EMS calls and hospital admissions, including the Oregon Trauma Registry, the Oregon Statewide EMS Database, and the Oregon Discharge Database.
- The initial institutional IRB (OHSU) was approved in September of 2011, which is being followed by submissions to the POLST Steering Committee as well as a research proposal to the ROC Publications Committee. They hope to obtain requested datasets and begin cleaning the data over the next three months. They will begin primary data analysis during this time, to be continued through the first three to four months of 2012. These efforts will be followed by article submission for publication in the summer of 2012.
- ***Motion made by Jane Baumgarten to move forward in obtaining this research. Motion seconded by Dr. Schmidt. Motion passes unanimously.***

9. Public Comment

- Next meeting is January 9th, 2012 at 9:00am in PSOB room 918.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourn at 10:16am