



RHPC Board Meeting
SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council
1111 North Loop West, Suite 160
Houston, Texas 77008
January 5, 2018



Call to Order

Toni Carnie called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Carnie requested review of the August minutes for approval. Mike Mastrangelo made a motion to approve the minutes, Benjamin McKee seconded the motion, and the coalition members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- ***Lufkin CMS Boot Camp (C104)***

Hilal Salami announced the Lufkin CMS Boot Camp is scheduled for Monday (January 8th) at the Lufkin Civic Center. Homeland Security and Judge West (County Judge) will be presenting in Lufkin. There are other boot camps being planned for the different regions/corridors.

- ***IV Solution Shortage Update (C101)***

Lori Upton reviewed the results from the recent survey as follows:

Are you experiencing shortages?

93% of hospitals
83% of the EMS agencies

Is supply meeting your needs?

67% of hospitals “no”
66% of EMS agencies “no”

Nearly 60% of the hospitals supply is below power level and only last between three to five days.

Ms. Upton proposed the following questions and requested suggestions:

What are our next steps?

How are we going to help meet the demand of our own patients as well as our neighbors?

Aaron Freedkin stated Texas Children’s has initiated measures (i.e. Pedialyte/Gatorade, syringes of normal saline, etc.) to conserve and lessen the impact of IV shortage supply to their operations. Their Marketing Director is also looking in to an international supplier (FDA approved); however, they do not want to sell less than a full shipment. They are also working with neighboring facilities to coordinate a joint purchase. Ms. Upton recommended Texas Children’s and SETRAC meet to work towards the greater good to see how we can best benefit the twenty-five counties (hospitals and EMS agencies) that are feeling the shortage as well.

Ms. Upton participated in a state call yesterday regarding the IV shortage. Southeast Texas and the urban areas of Texas seem to be most affected. San Antonio is at about the same level as

our area, and the Dallas, Capital, and Coastal Bend areas are starting to feel the shortage. The state is aware of the issue and have had communication with CDC regarding the SNS. However, the SNS is not the answer to a nationwide shortage as there is not enough supply in the SNS to cover the nation for a day. They are considering other options at the state level to get some additional resources to the area.

Keri Cain (DSHS) reiterated Ms. Upton's statement. They are trying to strategize to get some supplies released due to ICU beds and flu patients. She was impressed with the international joint purchase idea and thought it might be our best solution yet. She also has ASPR pushing on the FDA but unfortunately, there are no answers yet.

Ms. Upton will follow-up with Mr. Freedkin and the Texas Children's pharmacy group and then send out a survey to see what facilities/agencies would be interested in should the region move toward a joint purchase.

- ***Chemical Risk Assessment Process (C101)***

Mr. Mastrangelo gave a presentation on the chemical risk assessment process recently conducted at UTMB/Galveston (*presentation filed in minutes binder*).

- ***New HVA (C101)***

Ms. Carnie announced the region is shifting to a new HVA tool. She gave a brief overview and displayed the tool for the coalition members. The vendor will be at the March 2nd RHPC meeting to give a full demonstration and answer questions.

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

- ***Long-Term Care Update (C104)***

Hilal Salami reported SETRAC continues to engage the Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities in the RHPC and corridor meetings, as well as the boot camps. Trainings are being developed now. The ICS-101 course specifically developed for the LTC facilities is almost completed. According to the results of the surveys, the LTCs are requesting training and quarterly meetings; therefore, dates for both trainings and quarterly meetings will be released next week. Anyone wanting to schedule training or a boot camp can contact Mr. Salami at hilal.salami@setrac.org. The LTCs are encouraged to participate in this year's regional exercise.

- ***Training and Exercise Update (C104)***

Trameka Jewett reported the Extent of Plays for the regional exercise, "Operation Crazy Train" scheduled for May 1st, will be going out in the next few weeks. Tabletops will be conducted at the corridor meetings as listed below. Calendar invites will be forwarded to the recommended attendees as soon as times and locations are confirmed. Templates for internal tabletops will be forwarded as well.

North Corridor – Monday, March 5th

East Corridor – Tuesday, March 6th

West Corridor – Thursday, March 8th (9:00-11:00 am in the SETRAC/6th floor conference room)

Downtown Corridor – Thursday, March 8th (1:00–4:00 pm in the SETRAC/6th floor conference room)

South Corridor – Friday, March 9th

SETRAC is going to begin publishing and sharing participation information on the monthly drills with the appropriate corridor leaders.

John Wingate gave an update on the upcoming decon classes available for the corridors (Operations First Receiver/8-hours and Refresher courses). Anyone interested in scheduling a class for their staff (day or night shifts) can contact Mr. Wingate at john.wingate@setrac.org. The Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan has been

completed which contains trainings, capabilities and priorities for the next five years.

Mr. Wingate reported there are ten (10) seats available for the NTT-341 TEEEX course (Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations) May 22nd and 23rd. The next course tentatively scheduled for July is the Pediatric Disaster Response in Emergency Preparedness course. This is a good course for hospital administration personnel.

Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C104)

- Ms. Carnie encouraged the coalition members to begin preparing their applications for the 2018 awards. The submission due date is August 31st.

Symposium Planning (C104)

- The 2018 Preparedness Symposium will be held on October 24th-26th at the Galveston Convention Center. The Planning Committee will meet this month to begin looking for speakers and sponsors.

Corridor Updates (C101)

1. ***Downtown Corridor*** – Ray Higgins reported the next Downtown Corridor is scheduled for February 2nd.
2. ***South Corridor*** – Christina Hatcher reported the next South Corridor is scheduled for March 9th.
3. ***East Corridor*** – Holly Mitchell reported the next East Corridor is scheduled for January 19th at the new Chambers County Health Services Building (102 Airport Road, Anahuac, TX 77514).
4. ***West Corridor*** – Dena Daniel reported the next West Corridor is scheduled for January 12th at CHI St. Luke's The Woodlands.
5. ***North Corridor*** – Ken Jobe reported the next North Corridor is scheduled for February 14th at the Tyler EOC. He announced DETRAC is having a Critical Incident Stress Management training on February 16th and 17th (registration fee is \$25). After the boot camps in his county are completed, they plan to pull everyone together and conduct a healthcare specific meeting to complete an HVA for the county. He can then bring it to the North Corridor meeting and on to RHPC for the regionwide HVA. Mr. Jobe encouraged everyone to contact their EMCs to get them involved.
6. ***EMTF*** – Ms. Upton reported that Mark Sastre has visited several of the hospitals asking them to partner with EMTF6 to house a pharmacy cache. She requested the hospital representatives in attendance to contact their leadership about partnering with EMTF6 to hold and host a pharmacy cache to be deployed out during disaster responses. The next EMTF meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 9th, at the SETRAC office. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Partner Updates (C101)

Fort Bend County Public Health

David Olinger reported they are working on a few exercises. Hospitals within the county will be invited to participate in the SNS Countermeasures (February 22nd). They are also working with the Naval Graduate School to host a HAZMAT Seminar on March 1st.

City of Houston Public Health

John Fleming gave a brief description of what they are looking for in the cache (pre-dialysis, hypertension, psychiatric drugs, and various antibiotics for infections). He updated the coalition members on the outbreak of Hepatitis A among the homeless population in California and other areas of the country. They are actively working with a few partners (Homeless Coalition and Harris Health) to start immunizing our homeless population and hopefully avoid an outbreak here.

Department of State Health Services Region 6/5 South

James Arango advised Region 6/5 South has posted a Program Manager position for the Preparedness Department.

Texas City OEM

Thomas Munoz reported they conducted a review of their systems and are now using the Peak Good system. They also reviewed a new community outreach including bilingual language, and they may be looking at changing vendors for cost and efficiency purposes. As a result of the boot camp, they have improved their camera system visibility and they have instituted a drone program for better community outreach.

Mr. Munoz announced he has submitted his thesis paper in Effective Communication and Cultural Change in Industry. It is now up for review with the review board.

Chambers County OEM

Roy Turner announced their new Chambers County Health Services Building is completed and open for business. He welcomed everyone to stop by for a visit and tour.

Harris County OEM

Mark Sloan reported, due to the need for mass care and sheltering during Hurricane Harvey, they are working closely with the Red Cross to differentiate between emergency sheltering and disaster sheltering and capability. As witnessed in Harris County during a Catastrophic Type I incident, Red Cross is not capable of shelter operations for a large-scale incident causing local jurisdictions to step in and fill the gap.

Mr. Sloan announced the CDC will conduct a briefing on nuclear war on January 16th which will be a public awareness campaign. He reminded the coalition members of the opioid fentanyl issue and advised there is education and training currently going out.

UASI/RCPI

Tina Rose (City of Houston Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security) reported a new Regional Training is now available. It is scheduled for January 19th from 10:00-11:00 am for stakeholders interested in learning more about regional plans, initiatives, and planning strategies in our region. The CMOC plan is referenced in this one-hour training. Any emergency managers or planners current or new to the region can gain insight to our regional planning process and regional plans by attending this 1-hour webinar. Registration information will be sent out quarterly, starting in January. She hopes to have the registration flyer ready to send out next week. More information to follow.

The Peer Planning Workshop (PPW) is scheduled for April 10, 2018 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Houston Food Bank on the topic of Sheltering and Mass Care. More information to follow.

Houston Fire Department

Trey Sheffield reported there is a worldwide shortage of epinephrine, D50 and saline. He has spoken with his counterparts in other cities and they are talking about rationing drugs. He gave the coalition members a brief overview of why this shortage is happening. EMS is reviewing the situation and he believes the next step may be rationing to the hospitals.

FBI

Joe Holmes gave a brief update on the Ricin situation advising of a recent incident in the Corpus Christi area where three teenagers acquired castor seeds/beans from Amazon. The City of Corpus Christi Emergency Management response was very robust where they quarantined the apartment complex and started a medical surveillance. The FBI is looking at training and possibly partnering with public health to better educate the community.

Open Discussion/Other (C101)

HPP Agreements

Lisa Spivey reminded the coalition members their signed agreements are due to SETRAC no later than January 17th.

SETRAC Awards Banquet

Ms. Carnie reminded the coalition members to purchase their tickets or reserve a table for the upcoming SETRAC Awards Banquet scheduled for January 17th.

Adjourn

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Carnie adjourned the meeting at 3:12 pm. The next RHPC meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 2nd, at the SETRAC office.

Attendees

Toni Carnie, Keri Cain, Brenda Hernandez, Vicki Tarnow, Christina Hatcher, Ken Jobe, Aaron Freedkin, Rachel Stevens, Lisa Spivey, Lori Upton, Benjamin McKee, Tom Munoz, Jason Garcia, Steve Young, Dena Daniel, Trameka Jewett, Roy Turner, Hilal Salami, Kent Cavender, Brittany Hajicek, Mark Sloan, Devina Patel, Amy Lopez, Fidel Calvillo, Kent Buzzell, Ike Akanu, Peter Martin, Holly Mitchell, Shawn Henners, Joel Holmes, John Wingate, Gary Cotton, Ray Higgins, Mike Mastrangelo, Juana Gallegos, Roland Choate, Lee Rivaz, Thomas Wilbur, Amber Johnson, Matt Richards, James Arango, Kodieann Davis, Evelyn Casey (for Linda Hudson), David Olinger James Sheffield, Roxie Ward, Juan Carmona, Karen Cothran, Stacy Drake, Tracy Ezell, John Fleming, Kristine Heatley, Melissa Hirn, Kevin Hunt, Ronald Kelemen, Johnny Luman, Shelia Nelson, Tanya Phillips, Elizabeth Rothrock, Elhadji Sarr, Angela Smith, Aaron Velasquez, Betrice Williams, Rodney Wilson, Paul Wing, Phyllis Bertash