



**RHPC Board Meeting**  
SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council  
1111 North Loop West, Suite 160  
Houston, Texas 77008  
March 2, 2018



### **Call to Order**

Toni Carnie called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

### **New Business**

- ***Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) Presentation (C101)***  
Mitch Saruwatari with Kaiser Permanente presented the new HVA program to the coalition members along with a demonstration (*presentation filed with minutes*).
- ***IV Solution Shortage Update (C101)***  
SETRAC is still working with the state and the vendor. Updates will go out as soon as there is something to report. The last flu stress indicator entered in EMResource was on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The coalition members agreed to remove the flu stress indicators from EMResource system.
- ***Huntsville CMS Boot Camp (C104)***  
The Huntsville CMS Boot Camp is scheduled for Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Walker County Storm Shelter (455 Texas 75, Huntsville, Texas 77320). Programs to be presented are emergency management, dialysis, evacuation vests, plan reviews, and training and exercise. The next boot camp is being planned for Fort Bend County.

### **Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities**

- ***Long-Term Care Update (C104)***  
Hilal Salami reported the first LTC quarterly meeting was held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the SETRAC office. An ICS presentation was given (basic language bringing together ICS courses 1, 2, 7, and 8) and the attendees were also directed to the certificate site. There was discussion regarding their participation in the regional exercise (Operation Crazy Train) and the tabletop exercises being held at each corridor meeting next week. Each LTC quarterly meeting will have a “hot topic” to discuss; such as, ICS, best practices for LTC’s, etc. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ***Training and Exercise Update (C104)***  
Trameka Jewett distributed training and exercise classes scheduled for March (*training handout filed with minutes*).

The “Operation Crazy Train” tabletop exercises are scheduled for next week as follows:

- North Corridor – Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (10:00 am - 1:00 pm at CHI St. Luke’s Health Memorial/Lufkin)
- East Corridor – Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (9:00-11:00 am at Chambers County Health Services Bldg.)
- West Corridor – Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (9:00-11:00 am at Houston TranStar)
- Downtown Corridor – Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (1:00–4:00 pm at Houston TranStar)
- South Corridor – Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (1:00-3:00 pm at Houston Methodist Sugar Land)

Extent of Play forms were due February 15<sup>th</sup>; however, the link will remain open until a few days prior to the tabletops. Ms. Jewett reminded the coalition members that all participants in the exercise must have a signed agreement with SETRAC.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ***Symposium Planning (C104)***

Registration for the 2018 Preparedness Symposium opens March 15<sup>th</sup>. The symposium will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at the Galveston Convention Center. The following speakers are confirmed to date:

- Captain Dan Birbeck (Dallas County Hospital District Police)
- Dr. Robert Kadlec (ASPR)
- FBI (Human Trafficking)
- Kathy Robinson, National EMS Association (Top Five Threats to EMS Safety)
- National Cyber Security and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC)
- Washington OEM (Train Derailment)
- Sunrise Hospital (Las Vegas Shooting)

Ms. Spivey reminded the coalition members this is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we want to make it special. She encouraged anyone with ideas/suggestions and/or pictures from past symposiums to forward them to her at [Lisa.Spivey@setrac.org](mailto:Lisa.Spivey@setrac.org).

## **EMTF Update**

Ms. Carnie reported the EMTF-6 Team is currently in Beaumont setting up the MMU for the Beaumont Marathon this weekend.

Benjamin McKee reported they are still looking for facilities to host the regional demo planning.

Kristin Parker reported she attended the IDRU training in San Antonio last month. There are several people that were trained and this will be a new workgroup at the state meetings. The team will be up and running should they need to be deployed through EMTF.

## **Corridor Updates (C101)**

1. ***Downtown Corridor*** – Ray Higgins reported the next Downtown Corridor is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. ***South Corridor*** – Christina Hatcher reported the next South Corridor is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm at Houston Methodist Sugar Land (16655 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, Texas 77479). This meeting will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise, and there will not be a conference call available; in-person participation only.
3. ***East Corridor*** – Holly Mitchell reported the next East Corridor is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Chambers County Health Services Bldg. (102 Chambers County Airport, Anahuac, Texas 77514). This meeting

will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise, and there will not be a conference call available; in-person participation only.

4. **West Corridor** – Ms. Carnie reported the next West Corridor meeting is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am at Houston TranStar (6922 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024). This meeting will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise, and there will not be a conference call available; in-person participation only. The Montgomery/Walker County Boot Camp for LTC facilities is coming up.
5. **North Corridor** – Ken Jobe reported their boot camp was held on January 8<sup>th</sup> with approximately forty-five people in attendance. Following the boot camp, there were three LTCs, one home healthcare, a behavioral hospital in attendance at the corridor meeting. The North Corridor tabletop exercise is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial (1201 West Frank Avenue, Lufkin, TX 75904). This meeting will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise and is in conjunction with our March corridor meeting. There will not be a conference call available; in-person participation only.

Ms. Carnie gave an overview of upcoming “hot topics” for future corridor meetings as follows:

- a. Evacuation Planning for Hospitals
- b. Invitation to Regional Dialysis and Pharmacy Partners to present their plans
- c. Active Threat Presentations (Jeremy Way/SETRAC)
- d. Psychiatric Patients during Emergency Responses

### **Partner Updates** (C101)

#### ***Houston Health Department***

Vincente Zuno introduced Gigi Gonzales (PT Workshop Trainer) to the coalition members. He advised they are available to assist with biological risk assessments, and there is training for packaging/shipping infectious substances several times a year. The Health Department is hoping to offer the PT Workshop and First Responder Training sometime later this year.

#### ***Fort Bend County Public Health***

David Olinger reported they had a good turnout from hospitals and SETRAC for the HAZMAT tabletop yesterday (March 1<sup>st</sup>).

#### ***Department of State Health Services Region 6/5 South***

Justin Woodruff reported the next round of Chempack assignments will begin in June and the calendar will be distributed as soon as more details are available.

#### ***Texas City OEM***

Thomas Munoz reported Texas City is conducting an active shooter drill on March 14<sup>th</sup> with the police department and school district participating.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, they are looking at getting the SIGMA assessment group (consisting of retired secret service agents and FBI profilers) that specializes in educating school districts, law enforcers, and emergency managers on how to recognize the threat, work with the threat, and communicate through the threat by using the secret service models used for presidential protection. This is normally a \$300 training course but, since it is being supported through the Doyle Center, they are offering the course at no charge to this group of emergency personnel.

Texas City is working with SETRAC to sponsor another boot camp for the nursing homes, LTC, and home health services in the area. It is in the planning stages so there is no date scheduled at this time.

### ***Chambers County OEM***

Roy Turner stated Chambers County is looking for a climate-controlled warehouse to store emergency management and public health disaster supplies. Anyone knowing of a facility, please contact Mr. Turner at [rturner@chamberstx.gov](mailto:rturner@chamberstx.gov).

### ***Harris County OEM***

Mark Sloan reported they are reviewing all the hurricane plans, both tactical and strategic. They are also reviewing evacuation plans with TxDOT ensuring the routes are still available and there are no changes within HGAC and the region. He does not anticipate any changes; however, construction has always been an issue working with TxDOT.

Harris County is also monitoring the rodeo activities.

### ***Jasper County OEM***

Billy Ted Smith reported the Communications Unit Leader (COML) course is coming up on May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on the [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org) website.

### ***Acadian***

Benjamin McKee reported Arcadian is now partnering with Tyler County in the Woodville, Texas area. MCI training is coming up next month.

### ***UASI/RCPI***

Tina Rose (City of Houston Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security) reported there are seven regional plans up for review this year. Anyone interested in assisting with the review process can contact Ms. Rose at [Tina.Rose@houstontx.gov](mailto:Tina.Rose@houstontx.gov).

Listed below is upcoming training and workshops (*handout files with minutes*):

#### **Regional Training**

The webinar is offered on the 19th from 10 - 11am in April, July, and October of 2018. Attachments can be distributed via email. Register here: <http://houstonuasi.com/regional-training-registration-2018/>

#### **Regional TTX & Workshop**

- March 28<sup>th</sup> - Hurricane TTX with Regional VOAD partners
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - Peer Planning Workshop on Mass Care & Sheltering
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Regional Wildfire TTX
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - Family Assistance Center TTX with Regional VOAD partners

#### **Regional Plan updates scheduled for 2018**

- Regional Public Health Coordination Framework: Jan - April 2018
- Regional Search and Rescue (SAR) ConOps: Feb - May 2018
- Regional Mass Fatality Management (MFM) ConOps: March - July 2018
- CMOC Plan: June - Oct 2018
- Regional Epidemiology Coordination Plan: August – November 2018

### ***Texas Children's Hospital***

Aaron Freedkin announced they are hosting an Advanced HAZMAT Life Support class on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at their Meyer Building (free parking) for physicians, nurses, and advanced practice providers with a registration fee of \$30. There will be two four-hour sessions (morning and afternoon) and each session will accommodate approximately 75 people. For more information, contact Mr. Freedkin at [asfreedk@texaschildrens.org](mailto:asfreedk@texaschildrens.org).

### ***UTMB***

Mike Mastrangelo reported on an active shooter guide that can be found on the FBI website (<https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/active-shooter-planning-and-response-in-a-healthcare-setting.pdf/view>). They are in the process of updating the document now. Most likely it will be expanded to include workplace violence in healthcare as a topic as

well. The Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) is sponsoring a mass casualty fatality exercise on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Red Cross Building (off Southwest Freeway). He will be presenting the Chemical Risk Assessment presentation (given at last month's RHPC meeting) in Atlanta and co-presenting at the Homeland Security Conference in New Orleans.

**Open Discussion/Other** (C101)

Ms. Carnie announced that Greg Richey (VOLO) will be at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to give a demonstration of their Mass Messaging and Event Management System.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Carnie adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm. The next RHPC meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at the SETRAC office.

**Attendees**

Hilal Salami, Holly Mitchell, Amy Lopez, Adam Timko, Gabrielle Hargrove, Ken Jobe, Dena Daniel, Fidel Calvillo, James Campbell, Mike Mastrangelo, Tina Rose, Roy Turner, Mark Sloan, Ray Higgins, Brian Owoseni, Dan Brightman, John Wingate, Devina Patel, Ron Coulter, Jared Buck, Joann Schutte, Gustina Gonzales, Vicente Zuno, Lisa Spivey, Keven Schulz, Justin Woodruff, Rene Leal, Toni Carnie, Brittney Hajicek, Jody Randall, Benjamin McKee, Aaron Freedkin, Cynthia Quinones, Amber Johnson, Randy Babbitt, Gary Litton, Matt Richards, Jim Bunch, Gary Cotton, Juana Gallegos, David Olinger, April Ganz, Gary Richards, Ivan Lonzo, William Banks, Phyllis Bertash, Karen Cothran, Christina Hatcher, Kristine Heatley, Shawn Hennes, Melissa Hirn, Johnny Luman, Patrick McCabe, Cyndi McCauley, Susannah Michael, Kristin Parker, Tanya Phillips, Karina Romo, Billy Ted Smith, Vicki Tarnow, Thomas Wilbur, Betrice Williams, Dawn Wood