



RHPC Board Meeting
SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council
1111 North Loop West, Suite 160
Houston, Texas 77008
August 3, 2018



Call to Order

Toni Carnie called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm.

Approval of Minutes (C101)

Ms. Carnie requested review and approval of the May minutes. Dena Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes, Amy Lopez seconded the motion, and the coalition members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- **VOLO Mass Messaging and Event Management System Demo (C101)**

Greg Ritchey with VOLO gave a demonstration of their mass messaging and event management system via webinar.

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

- **Special Populations Update (C101)**

Lisa Spivey reported Hilal Salami is completing the third of three tabletop exercises (Texas Soaker) today. The exercises focused on the special populations group.

TSA-Q (Wednesday, 8/1) approximately 90 attendees

TSA-R (Thursday, 8/2) approximately 70 attendees

TSA-H (Friday, 8/3) pending today's numbers

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

Ms. Spivey distributed and reviewed the training and exercise schedule (document filed with the minutes) for EMResource, EMTrack, WebEOC, and CMOC 101.

- **Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)**

HVAs are due by August 15th as they are due to the state by September 1st.

- **CMOC Plan Review**

SETRAC is working with Tina Rose (Regional Homeland Security Planner) to update the Regional CMOC Plan and 4 attachments. There are 3 workgroups (EMS, SETRAC, public health) working on the plan and associated attachments in addition to a review committee. The plan with associated attachments will be posted on the SETRAC website once they are completed.

- **Juware**

New EMResource and EMTrack updates have gone out via the mobile application. STEMI, stroke and cardiac have been added to EMTrack so EMS can enter patients into the system while in route allowing the hospitals to receive the notification.

- **Health Care Coalition Response Leadership Course**

The Health Care Coalition Response Leadership Course is a new training course offered by ASPR at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. SETRAC will be sending nine people from each TSA (Q, H, and R) which is a total of twenty-seven people. There must be at least one nurse or physician with the others coming from EMS, Public Health, OEM, hospital, etc. ASPR will pay for travel expenses (airfare, lodging, food, etc.) except for time away from work. Anyone interested in attending this training should contact Ms. Spivey at lisa.spivey@setrac.org.

- **CEO Update**

Darrell Pile announced the SETRAC Board voted favorably in support of the SETRAC Foundation wherein companies can now donate funds to SETRAC. The first donation of \$50,000 was made the night of the Awards Banquet. The foundation will be geared to solely fund SETRAC activities with the first purpose being to build the fund. The SETRAC Board also voted to support the creation of a not-for-profit organization which its sole purpose will be to raise money to fund SETRAC. Mr. Pile gave a brief description regarding the fundamentals of this organization.

Mr. Pile reported the federal government requested SETRAC apply for a grant of \$3 million dollars. This request blossomed as other entities in Texas wanted to apply so the state suggested SETRAC combine efforts and submit one application from Texas. The Department of State Health Services supports this one application. The University Health System (San Antonio) will lead the application and SETRAC was chosen as the lead RAC to gather all the information to lead through the year. SETRAC is hoping that Texas is accepted as one of the two entities that will receive \$3 million dollars for performance over the next twelve months. He stated the country wants to create a model coalition (a model way of handling disasters) and, if accepted, SETRAC will be the lead. Mr. Pile credited the coalition members for all their hard work across the three TSAs.

Mr. Pile announced Dr. Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), will be speaking at this year's symposium.

The Greater Houston Partnership has invited SETRAC to attend their health committee meetings. Mr. Pile attended the last meeting where they discussed Hurricane Harvey, and now they want to get SETRAC involved. They are very concerned about the home-bound people with medical needs during Harvey and how vulnerable they were during this disaster.

Mr. Pile stated there are two articles (Houston Chronicle and AARP) coming out as soon as tomorrow regarding either group, nursing or assisted-living homes that will not be very favorable. From the reporters' view, it is regarded that some patients were abandoned by caregivers. He stated this was a devastating situation where many caregivers faced horrible circumstances, and there were many that did an outstanding job. He also believes these articles may bring about further improvements.

Ms. Carnie reminded the coalition members a vulnerable populations subcommittee was formed as a part of RHPC reporting to RHPC. They will be addressing some of the issues Mr. Pile addressed; such as, vulnerable populations unable to leave during catastrophic events. The subcommittee will begin with the pediatric population. There are still spaces available and anyone interested in sitting on this subcommittee can contact Ms. Spivey at lisa.spivey@setrac.org.

Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C104)

Ms. Carnie encouraged the coalition members to finalize and submit their applications for the 2018 awards. The submission due date is August 31st. The committee will be meeting on September 10th to finalize the winners.

Symposium Planning (C104)

The symposium dates are October 24th-26th at the Galveston Convention Center. The host hotels (San Luis and Hilton) are full. The Holiday Inn still has rooms available. Shuttles are available for transportation.

Some of the confirmed presentations are:

- Santa Fe hospital on the active shooter response
- Professor Isaac Ashkenazi who presented at TranStar on Israeli response to mass casualties
- Katy Robinson (National Association of State EMS Officials)
- Michael Washington (Seattle Fire)
- Stop the Bleed breakouts
- AMR response to Las Vegas shooting
- Dr. Kadlec (ASPR)
- Homeland Security (cyber security prevention)
- Thailand group

EMTF Update (C306)

Mark Sastre reported that 2 RN Strike Teams deployed to Tyler County Hospital as part of the MCI exercise. In forty-six minutes, without simulation, the team received complete credentialing including licensure, Pyxis access, door access, food account, and sleeping arrangements. The Motorola Wave application was successfully implemented on-the-fly without prior notification. Within minutes, with no prior training, the team was in radio-communication on CMOC6 channel from Houston to Tyler County.

On August 1st, EMTF6 conducted their annual All-Teams/All-Members regional training, including Staging, CMOC, Finance, MURC, Decon, WebEOC, EMTrack and more.

The TXEMTF funding is providing new MMU supply deployment systems and equipment including cardiac monitors, iStats, ultrasounds, and ventilators. Also, three new AMBUSes are being purchased bringing the count for this region to four AMBUSes within a year.

Corridor Updates (C101)

1. **Downtown Corridor** – Amy Lopez reported they had a good presentation and discussion regarding HAM radios at their last meeting. The next Downtown Corridor is scheduled for Friday, October 5th, at SETRAC.
2. **South Corridor** – Christina Hatcher reported the next South Corridor is scheduled for September 7th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Houston Methodist St. John.
3. **East Corridor** – The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (September 21st) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Chambers County Health Service Bldg.
4. **West Corridor** – Dena Daniel reported the next West Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (September 14th) from 9:00 to 11:00 am at Houston Northwest Medical Center. A representative from a local dialysis center is scheduled to present on “Dialysis in Disasters”. She stated Jeremy Way gave his Active Shooter training presentation at the last meeting and it was very informative. She highly recommends everyone see the presentation.

5. **North Corridor** – Lisa Spivey reported the North Corridor met on June 14th at Jasper County EOC and their main topic of discussion was the MCI exercise conducted at Coushatta. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 8th at CHI St. Luke’s Lufkin.

Partner Updates (C101)

Harris County Public Health Department

Jennifer Kiger reported the Hurricane Harvey Crisis CoAg funding has been announced. Texas received \$16.7 million and the City of Houston received \$6 million. Local health departments who were not directly funded but affected by the storm will be able to apply for the state funding. The categories funded range from environmental health to immunizations (over fourteen categories).

The regionwide SNS tabletop and full-scale exercise are planned for next year (2019).

Jasper County OEM

Billy Ted Smith announced the Texas Emergency Management Advisory Committee meetings are scheduled for August 28th-30th at the DPS Training Academy in Austin.

Harris County OEM

Mark Sloan reported the Medical Reserve Corp. (MRC) housed in the Gateway to Care building and is now moving to Harris County Public Health under Mac McClendon and Jennifer Kiger. They will be modeling the MRC after other MRCs in health authorities around the country. Mr. McClendon has a plan that will take about five years to implement.

The Harris County OEM is updating the shelter plan with several partners for mass care (10,000 or more). They will be focusing on the health and medical side of the plan, both the onsite element along with transportation which the RAC plays a role in when shelters are opened.

Mr. Sloan advised the coalition members the Department of Homeland Security has a product called Critical Reentry and Access Ability. The county is utilizing it to give industrial partners ID badges to identify them as essential personnel.

Texas City OEM

Tom Munoz reported they are conducting active shooter exercises to test the initial response. Texas City is conducting their own drill on August 7th. They will be conducting a CCTA exercise with the Port of Texas City in October, and anyone interested in observing is welcome. He stated they were invited by Senator Taylor to participate in the Senate Committee Hearing regarding active shooter needs. From an emergency management standpoint, they mentioned funding for planning and exercises to build a robust active shooter template.

Mr. Munoz reported Texas City they received a high-water vehicle which they will be coordinating with other cities.

UASI/RCPI

Tina Rose reported she is currently working with H-GAC planners and local EMCs to conduct capability assessments in the non-UASI counties. If you would like to be included in this process, please contact your county EMC and/or Tina Rose for more information. The meetings will take place in each county in September.

The regional training webinar is offered on October 19th from 10:00 to 11:00 am (*flyer distributed and filed with the minutes*). Please use the following link to register: <http://houstonuasi.com/regional-training-registration-2018/>.

Montgomery County Hospital District

Shawn Henners reported they participated in the MCI exercise and all went well.

Acadian

Benjamin McKee reported Acadian is working on their AMBUS and are about 20 to 25 percent complete. They are also working on setting up driver training.

Cypress Creek EMS

Samuel Kordik reported they are working towards an active shooter exercise with Cy-Fair ISD along with the other stakeholders in the area (Jersey Village, Cypress Creek Fire, Harris County SO, and Precinct 4/5 Constables Office). The exercise is being planned for either Christmas break or Spring break. This is a full-scale exercise, but some tabletop exercises are being planned. The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office is putting effort into conducting Blue NIMS training which is bringing the ICS training model into the law enforcement world. Mr. Kordik stated, since they are not fire-based, Cypress Creek EMS is focusing efforts internally on developing some MCI and ICS capabilities.

Open Discussion/Other

No further business was discussed.

Adjourn

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Carnie adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm. The next RHPC meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 2nd, at the SETRAC office.

Attendees

Mark Sloan, Aaron Freedkin, David Cramer, Jennifer Kiger, Kevin Hunt, Ray Higgins, Lisa Harris, Kevin Wicks, Devina Patel, Mike Mastrangelo, Cynthia Quinones, Earl Glover, Benjamin McKee, Mark Sastre, Lisa Spivey, Miguel Garcia, Gary Cotton, Rene Leal, Dena Daniel, Kent Cavender, Fidel Calvillo, Toni carnie, Amy Lopez, Shawn Henners, Thomas Wilbur, Juana Gallegos, Bobbiejean Garcia, Roxie Ward, Phyllis Bertash, Loretta Flynn, Christina Hatcher, Samuel Kordik, Patrick McCabe, Cyndi McCauley, Holly Mitchell, Tanner Monroe, Thomas Munoz, Luis Renovato, Tina Rose, Billy Ted Smith, Sonia Thomas, Tyler Tipton, Roy Turner, Peggy Townsend