



South Corridor Minutes
Fort Bend Public Health
Rosenberg, Texas 77471
September 6, 2019



A. Call to Order

Michael Nixon called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Mr. Nixon requested review of the July minutes. Hilal Salami made a motion to approve the minutes, David Olinger seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business (C101)

- **US Flood Control Presentation** (C101)

Deferred

- **Inventory Review** (C101)

Austen McMillin (SETRAC) gave an overview of the inventory asset software “WiseTrack” and reviewed the program process with the corridor members. The website for assistance is <http://tvl.com/contact/>.

- **Mass Casualty Trauma Triage Paradigms and Pitfalls and No-Notice Mass Casualty Plan** (C103)

Jeremy Way led a question and answer session regarding the Mass Casualty Trauma Triage Paradigms and Pitfalls and No-Notice Mass Casualty plans with the corridor members. From an EMS standpoint, Mr. Nixon stated they have a habit of over and under triaging patients, mainly the yellow/delayed transport patients. Over-triaging wastes resources on patients that do not need to be treated right away, but under-triaging can miss some critical injuries. A facilities’ daily plan should be how they respond to a mass casual incident. There should not be huge changes in what is done every day. EMS agencies should be talking to the hospitals and hospitals should include local EMS agencies in their planning.

- **Compliance Report** (C104)

Mr. Way shared the new compliance report with the corridor members. This report provides stakeholders with an overview of their current participation status.

- **Emergency Room Door Code** (C101)

Mr. Way reported the emergency room door code security issue was discussed at the last RHPC Board (August 2nd). Toni Carnie (RHPC Board Chair) requested the topic be presented at each corridor meeting for review and feedback. Mr. Way suggested the corridor members think about the possibility of rotating codes and if they think it would be something their facility would want to adopt.

D. HPP Capabilities Review (C101)

Deferred

E. EMTF Update (C101)

Jon Clingaman reported AMBUS MPV 6-01 (Atascocita) deployed within the region for CO leak at an apartment complex, 15 patients transported; train wreck in Liberty County – 15 patients transported and was deployed on state mission to Galveston Island for augmentation of local system during large concert. AMBUS 6-02 (Houston FD) and 6-03 participated in training exercise with St. Joseph's – Downtown for hospital evacuations.

AMBUS MPV 6-03 (Fort Bend County) participated in NICU training with HCA Women's Hospital – review/exercising the capabilities of the AMBUS, along with local responses for medical support to fire/hazmat operations. Mr. Clingaman reminded the corridor members that the 2019 Preparedness Coalition Symposium is being held next month (October 9th-11th) at the San Luis Galveston Convention Center and the Fort Bend County AMBUS will be in the exhibit hall for all to tour.

AMBUS MPV 6-04 (Acadian – Beaumont) should arrive at General Truck Body where they will put the body on the chassis of the vehicle. They will have it for approximately 30 days so there is good progress being made. This will increase our footprint in Region 6 to four AMBUS's (Atascocita, Houston, Fort Bend County, Beaumont).

EMTF is working with TIFMAS (Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System) to strengthen relationships and develop WPU (Wildland Paramedic Unit) and REM (Rapid Extraction Module) teams in our region. These teams will be utilized on the active fire line to support Fire Operations teams. Offer is extended to local Fire Departments to become part of these teams, if interested.

Scheduled WebEOC virtual training is coming up for the EMTF members. Anyone interested in this training can email Mr. Clingaman at jon.clingaman@setrac.org for more details.

EMTF and Northwest Community Health EMS met this week and together are putting together a large High School EMTF Class (Extrication Day) which should include all components of the EMTF program (MIST, AMBUS, Ambulance Strike Team, Staging, etc.) in March 2020. Mr. Clingaman will send out more details via the SETRAC list serves as soon as the details are confirmed.

F. Training and Exercise (C104)

John Wingate distributed and reviewed the Training and Exercise schedule with the corridor members (*document filed with minutes binder*). The Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Full Scale Exercise is scheduled for October 24th, 25th & 26th, 2019 which is a Friday/Saturday event. The scenario will be simulating an anthrax attack in the region and having to medicate all staff within forty-eight hours. CMOC will be activated and SETRAC will be receiving a truck with their POD from ASPR to distribute to the participating hospitals. SETRAC will be loading and unloading those hospitals' cache as part of this full-scale exercise.

Planning for the Regional Exercise is underway, and anyone interested in serving on or nominating someone to serve on the planning committee can contact Mr. Wingate at john.wingate@setrac.org. The exercise is being scheduled for April 2020.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Hilal Salami reported this is the third and last year for leniency regarding the CMS requirements. The nursing homes and Long Term Care (LTC) groups have until November 2019 to complete the requirements (infection control program, etc.). The CMS auditors will be more specific in what they are looking for in their reports.

The LTC group will be participating in the MCM Exercise and their portion will be a little different since their Alpha POD is based on the Public Health side, but SETRAC will be working with them on the training and education piece. To qualify for a full-scale exercise with CMS and Medicare, the facilities must have something in their plans to test it and capture it on the after action report with some improvement plans.

Boot camps are being planned for the beginning of 2020 and will probably be in the northern region. Mr. Salami reported SETRAC is working with the state on mobile dialysis capability for the region, but it is in the very early stages of development. It is not CMS approved and cannot be sent to a hospital to augment dialysis, it would be under a state mission assignment and staged at a shelter. On the mental health piece, there is only one hospital in the state that works as a hospital, but they are not really an emergency room. They can see patients and make appointments to see a specialist who can write prescriptions.

H. Partner Updates

No partner updates were submitted. Anyone wanting their partner update included in the minutes should send their update via email to Roxie Ward at roxie.ward@setrac.org. This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

I. Open Discussion/Other Business

No further business discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and Mr. Nixon adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13th at Clear Lake Medical Center (500 West Medical Center Blvd., Webster, Texas 77598).

ATTENDEES: Mike Nixon, Jon Clingaman, Randy Valcin, Pat Hildebrand, David Olinger, John Wingate, Hilal Salami, Mike Mastrangelo, Roxie Ward, Jeremy Way, Austen McMillin, Virginia Broman, Lanny Brown, Darrell Fales, Susan Hernandez, Melissa Hirn, Ruth Kai, Maria Lara