



RHPC Board Meeting
SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council
1111 North Loop West
Houston, Texas 77008
Conference Center
January 10, 2020



Call to Order

Toni Carnie called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

RHPC Board Roll Call

Ms. Carnie called roll for the Board members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes (C101)

Ms. Carnie requested review and approval of the November minutes. Mark Sloan requested a change to his November update under “Partner Updates - Harris County OEM”. The acronym ERC should be changed to DRC. Mr. Sloan (Harris County OEM) made a motion to approve the minutes with this change, Jennifer Kiger (Harris County Public Health) seconded the motion, and the coalition members carried the motion. The minutes were approved with the acronym change.

New Business

- **New RHPC Chair and Co-Chair (C101)**

Ms. Carnie announced Dr. Kevin Schultz is the new RHPC Chair and she is the new Co-Chair.

- **RHPC EMS Representative Nominations**

Ms. Carnie announced the RHPC Board is taking nominations for a new EMS Representative. All nominations should be sent to Lori Upton at lori.upton@setrac.org.

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

- **Radio Update (C101)**

Fidel Calvillo reported 32 facilities have requested the WAVE app and, out of those 32, SETRAC is working with 12 facilities to get everything lined out for their radio checks. Anyone needing a radio or the WAVE app, should contact Mr. Calvillo at fidel.calvillo@setrac.org for more information.

- **Long Term Care Update (C102)**

Hilal Salami reported there are approximately 350 Long Term Care (LTC) members to date with over 200 LTC facilities/agencies registered for the upcoming exercise in April.

CMS released a rule update, basically reducing preparedness burdens on the 17 types of providers. Most of the changes affect everyone but nursing homes. Among the changes, they take the community exercise requirements to every other year instead of every year, while opening-up more exercise types that can be accepted in the years between the FSEs such as seminars, workshops & drills. SETRAC Special Populations is planning CMS Bootcamps with detailed, updated information and more advanced information than the previous ones to ensure the region is well prepared for the CMS rule updates and additional lessons learned from the multiple activations last year.

There are four EMResource trainings scheduled at the SETRAC office and three face-to-face trainings in the East, North and South Corridors for 2020. There are also unannounced drills being planned.

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

The training schedule was distributed to the coalition members (*document filed with minutes binder*).

Lisa Spivey announced the regional exercise is scheduled for April 21-22, 2020. This year's scenario will be a weather event. EMResource and EMTrack trainings will be scheduled in preparation for the exercise.

- **EMTF Update (C104)**

1. AMBUS MPV 6-01 (Atascocita) deployed to the TPC Fire/Explosion in Port Neches, initial request for unknown injuries/casualties. Once employee accountability was complete the mission focused on firefighter rehabilitation and force protection. MPV 6-01 responded to an AMTRAK train accident in Liberty County, reported 90 passengers on the train – only 3 reported minor injuries, all patients transported by local EMS.
2. AMBUS 6-02 (Houston FD) participated in the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference in downtown Houston. The unit was on static display and drew quite the crowd with inquiries on how to gain such an asset in different states. MPV 6-02 was included in the initial response to the Mercury Spill in Houston.
3. AMBUS MPV 6-03 (Ft. Bend County) participated in the 2019 Texas EMS Conference held in Fort Worth – with the AMBUS being the 2.0 version, there was many local, regional and State partners viewing the asset. MPV 6-03 participated in monthly training with Oak Bend Hospital in Fort Bend County to ensure proper staff education in the event of an evacuation.
4. AMBUS MPV 6-04 (Acadian – Beaumont) - The AMBUS is near completion and delivery is expected no later than January 15. Acadian will be working diligently through the 1st quarter of 2020 to have their team trained in driver education, deployment processes and equipment mobilization. Once the asset is completely in-service, notifications will be provided.
5. In November, EMTF-6 components were activated for the TPC Fire/Explosion in Port Neches. EMTF-Coordinator, (2) Ambulance Strike Teams (AST) with Strike Team leaders, (1) Ambulance Staging Manager and RCVQ were deployed to the Jack Brooks Airport to support the high probability of home bound evacuations and augment local 9-1-1 response once the mandatory evacuation was called for by local officials. A total of 10 EMS units, 2 command vehicles and RCVQ supported the response.
6. Mobile Medical Unit: The EMTF program has successfully executed a memorandum of agreement with HCA Healthcare Houston, along with Envision Physician Services, which provides a unique MD, PA/NP partnership. We will be engaging their teams in preparation for MMU responses.
7. On January 10th we hosted an MMU workday at the SETRAC warehouse to ensure our medical components and supplies are prepped and organized for responses in 2020.
8. EMTF Program continues participation in both Galveston County and SETX (Beaumont) Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Drills, tabletop exercises and after-action reviews are on-going for both regions.

Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)

Ms. Carnie and Angela Smith (Texas Children's Hospital) met yesterday to review the program. At that time, Ms. Smith shared she will be retiring in April 2020. Anyone interested in being a part of this committee should email Ms. Carnie at toni.carnie@hcahealthcare.com or Ms. Spivey at lisa.spivey@setrac.org.

Symposium Planning (C101)

Ms. Spivey announced the planning committee's first meeting is scheduled for Monday (January 27th). She requested the coalition members forward any speaker/presentation suggestions to her and she will reach out to them.

Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)

Tina Rose reported there are multiple opportunities to attend Continuity of Operations (COOP) courses in the region this year that may not be available for a while due to the FEMA COOP position retirement. Training announcements for January classes in Huntsville provide the process for registration at www.preparingtexas.org (file in minutes binder). Law enforcement can receive TCOLE for attending. The L548 Continuity Program Manager is an overview course for Managers and COOP Plan writers while the L550 Continuity Planners Workshop is focused on the process of developing Continuity of Operations plans for organizations. Both courses are recommended for those responsible for continuity of operations plan-writing and certification as a level 1 or level 2 continuity practitioner is available (<https://www.fema.gov/continuity-excellence-series-professional-and-master-practitioner-continuity-certificate-programs>).

- January 27-30, 2020 Walker County - Huntsville, TX (L548=01/27-28/2020; L550=01/29-30/2020)
- April 06-09, 2020 Galveston County - League City, TX (L548=04/06-07/2020; L550=04/08-09/2020)
- June 22-25, 2020 Brazoria County - Pearland, TX (L548=06/22-23/2020; L550=06/24-25/2020)
- September 21-24, 2020 Fort Bend County - Richmond, TX (L548=09/21-22/2020; L550=09/23-24/2020)

The Regional Pediatric Evacuation & Mass Surge (PEMS) Plan was created over the past year in the Clinical Advisory Committee with the specifically scope of evacuation and mass surge for pediatrics, neonates, and maternal services. This document includes information about the CMOC notification process and considerations for regional EMS and healthcare facility transportation and equipment. There is an overview of current licensed bed availability and surge capability within our region with a reference to the Texas Administrative code (Title 25) Levels of Care. The different types of evacuations, transportation routes, and contra flow are provided along with the CMOC regional coordination and assistance process. Mass Surge recommendations and considerations for healthcare facilitates, triage, personnel training, and pediatric reunification are also mentioned. Transportation equipment based on acuity recommendations and Air/Ground transport considerations are also included.

The final draft of the Regional Pediatric Evacuation & Mass Surge (PEMS) Plan (filed in minutes binder) will be tested during the February 6th Regional PEMS TTX (see advertisement for more information, register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regional-pems-ttx>).

Corridor Updates (C101)

1. **Downtown Corridor** – Ray Higgins reported the Downtown Corridor met on December 6th with most of the meeting dedicated to training and tabletop exercise discussions. The Downtown Corridor tabletop is to be conducted at the next meeting scheduled for February 7th from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.
2. **South Corridor** – Mike Nixon reported the next South Corridor meeting will be dedicated to their tabletop exercise scheduled for Friday (March 13th).
3. **East Corridor** – The East Corridor tabletop exercise is scheduled for Friday (January 17th) at Chambers County OEM.
4. **North Corridor** – Gary Litton reported the North Corridor met on December 11th in Nacogdoches with discussions surrounding training and exercise. The North Corridor tabletop exercise is scheduled for February 12th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital in the auxiliary classroom.
5. **West Corridor** – Ms. Carnie reported the West Corridor met in December with good discussion regarding the upcoming exercise. The West Corridor tabletop exercise is scheduled for Friday (January 31st) from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the SETRAC conference center.

Partner Updates (C101)

Public Health

DSHS Region 6/5 South

Justin Woodruff reported they are watching the flu season very closely as Texas has had a strong season; however, this region is decreasing and doing well. A Flu Summit is scheduled for February 11th at the Palm Street Building and Dr. Shuford (Infectious Disease) will be presenting.

Harris County Public Health

Jennifer Kiger reported they will be posting a Medical Reserve Coordinator (MRC) position as well as a new Emergency Response Physician position. They are working to get on the Downtown and West Corridor agendas to announce the MRC positions for recruiting purposes.

Fort Bend Public Health

David Olinger reported the Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office is now online.

City of Houston Public Health

John Fleming reported they are starting monthly mass care coalition meetings beginning February 13th to address operations and planning issues.

OEM

Harris County OEM

Mark Sloan advised they are monitoring tonight's weather with the biggest concern being power outages due to the high winds. They will also be monitoring the upcoming Houston Marathon, Rodeo and, should the stars align and the Titans and Texans win this weekend, the EOC will stand-up for the AFC Championship game. They are also reviewing and updating their plans as we move towards the next hurricane season.

Texas City OEM

Tom Munoz reported a planning meeting is scheduled for January 29th to prepare for their March 26th tabletop exercise as they move into their full-scale exercise in May. On February 12th, Texas City will be holding their quarterly nursing home luncheon.

EMS

Ms. Carnie requested the "Quarterly Door Code Changes" be added to the agenda for further discussion on how to better coordinate the codes.

Open Discussion/Other

No open discussion or other business.

Adjourn

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Carnie adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm. The next RHPC meeting is scheduled for Friday (March 6, 2020) at SETRAC in the conference center.

Attendees

Tina Rose, Kent Cavender, Katherine Jimanez, Mike Nixon, Roxie Ward, Fidel Calvillo, Rene Leal, Aaron Freedkin, Ray Higgins, Mandy Parker, Cynthia Quinones, Justin Woodruff, Mary Beth Meier, Richard Engdorf, Amber Johnson, Jennifer Kiger, Guy Cayo, Rhae Cisneros, Keven Hunt, Devina Patel, Nicole Brocks, David Olinger, Hilal Salami, Amy Lopez, Eugene Barlow, Lisa Spivey, Lesa Cordova, John Fleming, Mark Sloan, Toni Carnie, Mark Morrison, Lope Bernarte, Jim Bunch, Juan Carmona, Britney Cummings, Dena Daniel, Eunice Davis, Tracy Lane Ezell, Marcus Finney, Jessica Graham, Marella Gray, Christina Hatcher, Kenneth Jamilosa, Superior Johnson, Curt Joiner, Charles Kuebler, Jeremy Lamb, Maria Lara, Evelyn Locklin, Dr. Kevin Schulz, Johnny Luman, Mike Mastrangelo, Patrick McCabe, Philip Montero, Thomas Munoz, Napoleon Shaw, Jessica Sheppard, Rachel Stepp, Annette Trevino, Aaron Velasquez, Thomas Wilbur



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