



North Corridor Minutes
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
Nacogdoches, Texas 75861
December 11, 2019



Call to Order

Mike Rankin called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Minutes (C101)

Mr. Rankin requested review of the August minutes. Jason Minchew (CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Livingston) made a motion to approve the minutes, Rosa Dilley (CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Lufkin) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- **Mass Casualty Trauma Triage Paradigms and Pitfalls and No-Notice Mass Casualty Plans** (C101)

Gary Litton gave an overview of the two plans. He shared some of the lessons learned with the corridor members and encouraged them to review plans as their schedules permit.

- **2020 Tabletop Overview** (C101)

The 2020 North Corridor Tabletop Exercise is scheduled for February 12, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital offered to host the tabletop and the corridor members agreed.

HPP Capabilities Review (C101)

- Off the Grid Drill - The drill was conducted Friday, December 6th, 2019 with over 150 plus agencies/facilities participating. Another drill will be conducted later next year. There was discussion regarding HAM radios and possibly having a HAM radio presentation at an upcoming meeting.
- Bed Reporting – Mr. Litton requested the facilities ensure their night shift staff have access to EMResource to conduct night-time drills and real incidents. This should include house supervisors and ED staff. He also requested the facilities check their EMResource facility page to ensure that information is still current and accurate. SETRAC recommends a 24/7 number (i.e. house supervisor) is listed.

EMTF Update (C306)

- MPV 6-04 Acadian Ambulance - Beaumont (2.0 Version) Project is near completion, the box module is mounted, unit has been striped/logo'ed, electronics are installed, and delivery should be in the next two weeks to our partners.
- TPC Fire Response - MPV 6-01, (1) ASM, (2) AST's with Type IV staging site at Jack Brooks Airport. The mission of the EMTF response was to augment local 9-1-1 and provide evacuation support for home bound patients once mandatory evacuation was called for.
- MMU - In November, EMTF was able to partner with the (3) hospitals in SETX (Beaumont) to provide MMU orientation and deployment basics course; great attendance from local partners.

- MMU Warehouse Workday for EMTF will be January 10, 2020 at the SETRAC Warehouse from 0900 to 1500.
- EMTF continues to work with Cypress Creek EMS/NW Community Health EMS regarding an exercise in March 2020 (HS EMT Extrication Day) and will exercise AMBUS, AST and MMU.
- EMTF-6 Coordinator is working with regional TIFMAS partners to identify and develop partnerships for Wildland Paramedic Unit (WPU) and Rapid Extraction Module (REM) which are teams assigned as medical support/care for wildland fires.
- The EMTF program continues to be active in Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) exercises in both Galveston and Jefferson/Orange/Hardin Counties.
- Upcoming EMTF workgroup meetings will be January 21st, hosted in Austin.

Training and Exercise (C104)

The Training and Exercise schedule was distributed to the corridor members for their review and reference (*document filed with minutes binder*).

Special Population Update (C101)

1. Exercise Paratus 2019 – Twelve facilities/agencies participated in the exercise. Medical Counter Measure exercise based on an Anthrax release scenario, requiring regional coordination on medication procurement from the Federal SNS Program and activating distribution plans for facility staff, staff families and residents/clients.

Lessons learned/matters to discuss and returned to the group from LTC view:

- a. Does a manifest of all the included people suffice when showing up to the POD to pick-up meds or does the facility/agency need to bring individual screening forms (provided by DSHS) to the POD representing each family?
 - b. Can facility/agency start dispensing own medication cache (if available) while waiting for the SNS stock to arrive to facility?
 - c. Can left-over medications be absorbed into the facility medication stocks after event is over?
 - d. If medication is needed but not part of the SNS stock (allergic to Doxy or Cipro or having a new born); how is it acquired? (*Answer: facility needs to work with medical director to obtain a prescription (does not have to be a pediatrician if a pediatric patient and work with own pharmacy to obtain it. Regional health authority can be a backup for prescription if own physician not available)*).
 - e. Most facilities/agencies expressed they will have a screening form completed during onboarding of new personnel, so time is not wasted after event announcement to accumulate all family data of staff. Also need to have additional and clear signage for recipients to go through POD.
2. Continue to engage members to increase coalition participation total LTC members at 352 currently.
 3. A new exercise cycle will follow between January and April with a TTX and FSE. The exercise registration link has already been sent out so sign up, if not already done. Exercise Design training will follow between TTX and FSE to ensure members take the most advantage of the exercise planning and facilitation process.
 4. 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. Also changes to the home health payment system where before it used to be a lump sum payed covering the total home care of the client within a certain amount of time, to now where agencies are paid based only on services already provided so there might be some changes down the pipe for that group. SETRAC is planning CMS Bootcamps with detailed, updated information and more advanced information than the previous ones to ensure the region is well prepared for these changes and additional lessons learned from the multiple activations last year.

5. LTC Quarterly meetings: group discussions are leaving the LTC quarterly meetings but emphasizing they are for new members to get up to par, while members who have attended or are seasoned are pushed to the corridor meetings instead, that way we can cycle folks as they come in and push them in that meeting to be part of the corridor meetings. Thoughts/suggestions are welcomed.
6. EMResource training dates will released with one in every quarter plus an additional training for each of the corridors. Training team is also working on completing online training for EMResource for any member that would like a refresher at their own time.

Partner Updates (C101)

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

Open Discussion/Other Business

- **Special Populations Facilities/Agencies**

There was in-depth discussion regarding how to get the Special Populations/Long Term Care facilities/agencies involved in the corridor meetings. Mr. Litton reported 352 Long Term Care facilities/agencies have signed agreements to date. Hilal Salami (SETRAC Special Populations Preparedness Coordinator) has been holding quarterly meetings to introduce them into the world of preparedness, understand SETRAC, train and participate in exercises, etc. His main objection going forward is to graduate them out of the quarterly meeting (after about four/five meetings) and into the corridor meetings.

- **2020 North Corridor Meeting Schedule**

The corridor members reviewed and approved the meeting schedule. Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital agreed to host the December 9, 2020 meeting. Locations for the June 10, 2020 (CHI St. Luke's Lufkin) and August 12, 2020 (CHI St. Luke's Livingston) are approved but pending confirmation of meeting rooms.

Stephen Bennett advised the corridor members there has been discussion regarding a leadership meeting. The intent is to invite those entities (hospitals, nursing homes, agencies, etc.) with senior leadership (CEOs, COOs, etc.) to one of the 2020 meetings to give them an idea of what we as members do at the meetings and what is taken away as references, lessons learned, etc. The corridor members agreed this is a good idea. Mr. Rankin advised the April 8th meeting will be "on-hold" for the leadership meeting pending confirmation of the Lufkin Civic Center.

- **2020 Meeting Agenda Hot Topics**

Mr. Rankin asked the corridor members to be thinking about suggestions for “Hot Topics” for the 2020 meeting agendas (presentations, challenges/lessons learned from corridor members’ facilities/agencies, etc.). After discussion, a couple of the suggestions were HAM radios and cyber security.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Rankin adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm. The next North Corridor meeting will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise scheduled for February 12th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, 1204 North Mound Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961 in the Auxiliary Room.

ATTENDEES: See attached sign-in sheet.



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