



North Corridor Minutes

August 12, 2020
Conference Call



Call to Order

Michael Rankin called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Minutes (C101)

Mr. Rankin requested review of the June minutes. Olen Bean (Jasper/Newton/Sabine Emergency Management) made a motion to approve the minutes, Jackie Laird (Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- **COVID-19 Response Update**

The corridor members gave updates on COVID response at their facilities/agencies as follows:

Facilities seeing more COVID patients in ICUs and more rapid testing in their Emergency Rooms.

Capability to transfer patients to the north proved to work well.

PPE distribution of push packs assisted in getting the facilities through tough times, especially when everyone coming through the facilities are required to wear masks.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of assistance from state nurses and keeping them once the contract expires.

Online COVID reporting on the SETRAC website was beneficial and provided situational awareness.

Discussion ensued regarding PPE for schools with emphasis on Nacogdoches due to the university.

Plan review is essential especially during to hurricane season.

HPP Capabilities Review (C101)

Capabilities were covered in the COVID updates.

EMTF Update (C306)

EMTF-6 continues to provide MIST liaison support along with test site coordination in conjunction with TDEM. Over 40,000 residents in DSHS 4/5N the have been tested in the last four months. EMTF has successfully completed testing in all 240 nursing home facilities in the SETRAC region under the Governor's executive order.

Over the past few months, EMTF have provided TAC-MED team support, along with AMBUS and AST for the George Floyd protest/funeral. EMTF has also provided AST support to the Rio Grande Valley due to 400% increase in 9-1-1 call volume, along with hospital facilities seeing an increase in COVID patient visits. Along with support in the Valley, EMTF sent assets to Beaumont and Laredo to support increased EMS call volume demand.

Training and Exercise (C104)

Adam Lee reported the RHPC Full scale exercise scheduled for this year has been canceled and will be reused again next year. We will host one tabletop refresher next year to go over material that was covered during the 2020 tabletops.

The August Training and Exercise schedule was distributed to the corridor members for review and reference. Training classes have resumed and can be scheduled through Adam Lee at adam.lee@setrac.org or John Wingate at john.wingate@setrac.org.

Special Population Update (C101)

Hilal Salami reported the groups have grown since SETRAC started the PPE distributions. The Long Term Care (LTC) in-patient care has 750+ members and on the home health/hospice side there are 780+ members.

Mr. Salami is conducting a conference call (twice a month/bi-weekly) with the Special Populations members to discuss ongoing issues and up-to-date communications regarding CMS requirements and COVID-19 response.

Partner Updates (C101)

No partner updates reported. 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

No further discussion reported.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Rankin adjourned the meeting at 3:01 pm. The next North Corridor meeting is scheduled for December 9th via “Go to Meeting”.

ATTENDEES: Mike Rankin, Sara Adams, Olen Bean, Victoria Anspach, Mark Burgess, Scott Christopher, Forrest King, Jackie Laney Laird, Darlene Williams, John Wingate, Adam Lee, Roxie Ward, Jeremiah Williamson, Jason Nolin, Jon Clingaman, Hilal Salami