



South Corridor Minutes
September 11, 2020
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A. Call to Order

Mike Nixon called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. He requested a moment of silence for those lost on 9/11/2001.

B. Minutes (C101)

Mr. Nixon requested review of the July minutes. Patricia Magee (Oak Bend Medical Center) made a motion to approve the minutes, Tammy Sanderson (Matagorda Medical Center) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. COVID-19 Response Update

Adam Lee gave an update on the new CMS/HHS data reporting requirements. Facility types listed in Governor Abbott's Executive Order are required to report all 136 questions daily. If one question is missed on any given day, the facility will receive a letter from CMS, stating they are not compliant. The second time this occurs, the facility will receive a letter and be placed on a work plan to improve reporting with HHS.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

No HPP capabilities update reported.

E. EMTF Update

Jon Clingaman reported EMTF recently setup a Type-3 Ambulance Staging Team at Ford Park in response to Hurricane Laura and the need for evacuation in the Southeast Texas area. There were over 1,000 evacuations within the nursing home community in the area, ten Ambuses were activated, and approximately 100 ambulances including federal assets were deployed under the contract with our AMR partners.

EMTF continues to support the COVID testing process where they have seen a slight downtick in numbers across the state. There are still sites open and EMTF continues to work with the local jurisdictions and have MIST personnel deployed to support the TDEM testing sites.

Mr. Clingaman shared with the corridor members that his last day with SETRAC will be next Friday (September 18th). He has taken a position with TDEM as a District Coordinator. SETRAC is currently taking applications for the EMTF-6 Coordinator position.

F. Training and Exercise

Mr. Lee reported John Wingate has started onsite training again including PPE training (donning and doffing). Facilities wanting to setup a training class can email exercise@setrac.org.

Approximately fifteen tabletop exercises have been conducted over the last six months throughout the corridors. After Action Reports have been completed and sent to the state, but have not been returned to date. Anyone needing a copy of the reports (for regulatory or documentation purposes) before they are returned can contact Mr. Wingate at john.wingate@setrac.org for assistance.

Mr. Wingate advised the corridor members that planning will begin next month for the regional exercise. Operation Thunderstruck will be used for the regional exercise since there was a lot of time and effort put into for 2020. Review tabletop exercises will be conducted in coming year. The After Action Report template was reviewed with the corridor members to assist with their completion of the evaluation forms.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Hilal Salami reported the Long Term Care (LTC) facilities are being included in the trainings and exercises mentioned in Mr. Wingate's update. A conference call is being held twice a month with the LTC and home-based groups to ensure everyone has the latest information. The After Action Report template was reviewed and it seems most all the facilities did well during the Hurricane Laura.

Mr. Salami stated the Governor conducted a press conference yesterday and starting September 24th the LTC and assisted living facilities will reopen for visitors if there is no COVID outbreak and the facility follows certain guidelines. The nursing homes have received testing machines directly from HHS and are able to test for COVID.

SETRAC membership has grown among the LTC and assisted living group as there are 750+ LTC and 780+ home health agencies. Any facility/agency needing PPE can contact Mr. Salami at hilal.salami@setrac.org.

H. Partners Updates (C101)

No partner updates reported.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Nixon adjourned the meeting at 1:21 pm. The next South Corridor meeting is scheduled for November 13th via conference call.

ATTENDEES: Alfonso Ortiz, Jonathan House, Mike Mastrangelo, Nancy Mathew, Michael Susannah, Michelle Collins, Patricia Magee, Tammy Sanderson, Stuart Butler, Susan Hernandez, Tyler Tipton, Dawn Wood, Michael Nixon, Jeremy Way, Adam Lee, Jon Clingaman, Roxie Ward