



North Corridor Minutes

December 9, 2020

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Call to Order

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

Minutes (C101)

Mr. Rankin requested review of the August minutes. Mark Burgess (Nacogdoches Medical Center) made a motion to approve the minutes, Olen Bean (Jasper/Newton/Sabine Emergency management) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- **Inventory Review**

Mr. Bartlett reported SETRAC is required to conduct a 100% eyes-on of all DSHS and HPP purchases by the end of the fiscal year. He advised the corridor members he will be sending each facility an excel tracking form and a request for appointment to schedule a time to come-by and verify their inventory of DSHS and HPP items. The major task will be to complete and verify the inventory process for all facilities and ensure they are entered in the WiseTrack system by the end of the fiscal year. WiseTrack is a software/web-based inventory system that allows for visibility and accountability for grant funded preparedness equipment and supplies. The objective for the use of WiseTrack is to maintain accountability of grant funded equipment for inventory management and reporting purposes. Mr. Bartlett is available for WiseTrack training should anyone be new to their facility and need inventory training and/or for anyone needing access to the system or a refresher course. For WiseTrack questions or access please contact Jackson Bartlett at jackson.bartlett@setrac.org.

- **End of Year Funds**

Mr. Rankin reported there have been discussions regarding how to use the end of year funds, and the consensus is to purchase a cache for MaxAir hoods for the region. This has not been decided but it seems this is the direction we are leaning towards.

- **COVID-19 Response Update**

The corridor members shared their facilities' COVID status advising numbers are increasing. They are working together to share resources and help with transfers. The hospitals are appreciative of the support SETRAC has offered by way of PPE and staffing needs. There was discussion regarding the EMS process, their needs, and working with the hospitals. The hospitals also discussed best practices for staff infection control.

- **2020 Hurricane Season and Hurricane Laura Review**

The After Action Report for Hurricane Laura has been completed and submitted. Once the report is received back from the state, it will be pushed out and posted to the SETRAC website

HPP Capabilities Review (C101)

Capabilities were covered in the COVID updates.

EMTF Update (C306)

EMTF-6 continues to support the El Paso COVID-Surge mission with an AST (4 units), ASTL & Deputy ASTL. Previously deployed resources included an AMBUS with 6 personnel, multiple MIST positions, and some staffing for the MMU. In total, EMTF-6 has deployed approximately 45 personnel to El Paso from 10/22 to 12/9.

In addition to the El Paso mission, EMTF-6 has deployed one Ambulance and crew to Laredo for a 2-week Critical Care Transport/Transfer mission.

We continue to process reimbursement requests related to Covid-19 Testing, the August Tropical Storms, 2020 Protests, and the current deployments.

Training and Exercise (C104)

Adam Lee reported during the last RHPC meeting all members present were asked if a full-scale exercise for year 2021 was wanted. It was unanimous that it was not due to the COVID response. He reminded the coalition members that a “real world” activation can take the place of a full-scale exercise as long as an AAR and an Improvement Plan, and answers to the surveys that John Wingate has sent out about facility strengths and weaknesses are completed (to meet the community-based exercise requirement).

Tomorrow, December 10th, from 0900-1100, is the off the grid communication drill. Lisa Spivey has sent out the intent to participate form. All training for the foreseeable future will be on an “as requested basis”. Anyone that would like to schedule training or learn more about training that is offered, please email exercise@setrac.org.

On December 15th, SETRAC will be hosting an EMResource/WebEOC training. Registration for this is on Eventbrite. On January 28th, SETRAC will be hosting a virtual tabletop exercise from 0800-1200 on the Regional Burn Surge Plan. Registration is also on Eventbrite.

For any questions, or comments please feel free to reach out to exercise@setrac.org and John Wingate or Mr. Lee will be in touch with you.

Special Population Update (C101)

Hilal Salami reported SETRAC has connected with over 900 Long Term Facilities (Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, Intermediate Care, Adult Daycare and Dialysis Centers) and over 900 Home Health, Hospice and Personal Care Agencies through prior engagement and the PPE distribution program. Currently working on bringing them all to the fold as active members of the coalition.

SETRAC has been conducting periodic calls with the special populations group throughout the crisis, including the new facilities that joined in through the PPE Program. Meetings started as once a week, then every other week and are now once a month. Our next group call is tomorrow at 3.30pm.

PPE Distribution for both groups is now once a month. Individual cases can be considered depending on facility or agency status.

Since October 29th, SETRAC has been pushing the message for Long Term Care Facilities to complete the Vaccine Provider Program Registration with the state, through the calls and list serve emails. So far 967 LTC Facilities have signed up for the program (58 in North corridor), the highest percentage across Texas. At the HHS Level, Facilities are being designated under mostly either CVS or Walgreens. The pharmacies will serve as a storage location for the facilities and as of now, they will mostly be doing the vaccine shots. We can send an individual report of each county for the OEMs so they can track that as well if needed. Please just ask Gary or me. Home Health agencies are not included yet in the program. We are trying to find out how or if they will be incorporated in phase 1-A. It was mentioned that the cancelation of the requirement of home health agencies to have a medical director might be the issue.

To add to Adams exercise comment regarding the exercise, SETRAC has released pre-filled COVID-19 AAR Template in August and discussed the template in one of the conference calls and in the follow up email. We also released a pre-filled Hurricane Laura AAR Template in September and discussed that in the group call and following emails. SETRAC will discuss a vaccination component addition to the AAR

once that is formulated by the facilities as well and will dedicate a call to discuss it. It is a live document so tasks and lessons learned can still be added as the crisis evolves. A portion of the registries for the No-notice drill are from the special populations group and we will discuss it more in the group call tomorrow at 3.30pm in terms of drill designation according to regulatory.

Training schedule for EMResource for the group will be coming out this Friday with a schedule for year 2021. We Will have a training scheduled every other month virtually for now and can move to in-person in the future.

Partner Updates (C101)

Partner updates were discussed during the COVID response update.

Open Discussion/Other Business

- **Proposed 2021 North Corridor Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Rankin reviewed the proposed 2021 North Corridor meeting schedule and advised the meeting locations will be determined as we move forward, but the next few will probably be via “Go To” meetings. The corridor members agreed with the proposed dates and the schedule was approved.

- **TDEM Update**

Jon Clingaman reported TDEM continues to provide mobile testing. Currently there are three sites across several counties and next week there will be five sites open to the public. These are free sites with about a 48 to 72-hour turnaround time. There are also Binax testing kits for the schools providing a rapid test with results within 15-minutes. The results are entered into the app and uploaded to DSHS each evening. There is also training that goes along with it for the school district.

Mr. Clingaman TDEM continues to work across the region with local public health authorities on the vaccine plan. They feel very confident in the frontline worker component of the vaccine rollout; however, they do feel there will be some gaps identified as they move to phase two and three. TDEM is also taking steps to reach out to the DSHS leadership to start a regional check-in so that the needs may be identified early on.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Rankin adjourned the meeting at 2:53 pm. The next North Corridor meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (February 10, 2021) via “Go to Meeting”.

ATTENDEES: Mike Rankin, Olen Bean, Mark Burgess, Scott Christopher, Jackie Laird, Adam Lee, Jon Clingaman, David Garrett, Jason Minchew, Cassidy Meador, Napoleon Shaw, Johnny Luman, Tara Triana, Johnnie Perry, Gary Litton, Adam Lee, Hilal Salami, Mikal Orr, Jackson Bartlett, Roxie Ward