



## East Corridor Minutes

January 15, 2021

Go To Meeting



### **A. Call to Order**

Vicki Tarnow called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

### **B. Minutes** (C101)

Ms. Tarnow requested review and approval of the December minutes. Ron Nichols (Chambers County EMS) made a motion to approve the minutes, Kacey Sammons (Harris County ESD) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

### **C. New Business**

- **COVID-19 Response Update**

Jeremy Way gave an overview of the COVID bed reporting process (*report filed with minutes binder*). He also emphasized the importance of accurate reporting. The SETRAC team pulls all data submitted for the individual facilities daily. The GA-32 metric that the State of Texas uses to determine the status of a county is calculated for each facility. If a facility has a 5% change it is flagged to examine the individual data points. If the change appears to be an input error or has a drastically different number than reported the previous day, without notification prior to reporting, that facility is contacted to confirm or resubmit that data point.

There was discussion regarding hospital staffing. Mr. Way emphasized the hospital requests need to be detailed and the facility needs to ask for staffing needed and not exaggerated the numbers.

- **Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)**

Ms. Tarnow reported the HVA needs to be completed and submitted to SETRAC by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Way reviewed the data form with the corridor members and stated the HVAs will be combined to send one HVA to the state.

### **D. HPP Capabilities Review**

The coalition has met and continues to meet the capabilities during the COVID response with ongoing med surge planning, training, and exercises, etc.

### **E. EMTF Update**

Mikal Orr reported EMTF-6 continues to assist where needed around the state. All assets and support have been deployed from the El Paso area as of the end of December. There is one (1) unit in Laredo and one (1) unit in Del Rio (from Chambers County) assisting with critical transport between facilities and the San Antonio region. The Laredo mission has been extended to January 21<sup>st</sup> and Del Rio to January 31<sup>st</sup>.

At the request of Baptist Beaumont Hospital, an alternative care site was setup outside the emergency room area the first of January. The care site was staffed by the hospitals personnel and was not directly for COVID patients; however, it did alleviate pressure and strain on the staff and equipment within the hospital itself by opening space for patients in the emergency room and hospital.

## **F. Training and Exercise Update**

Adam Lee reminded the corridor, as discussed at the RHPC Board meeting, there will not be a regional exercise this year. John Wingate has developed an online training to the decon course where individuals can virtually complete online training and testing, and then Mr. Wingate will schedule the hands-on training once the online course is completed. Training is ongoing on an at-need basis. For training needs and/or to find out more about the decon training, email [exercise@setrac.org](mailto:exercise@setrac.org) and John Wingate or Mr. Lee will contact you.

Mr. Lee announced there is a virtual burn drill scheduled January 28<sup>th</sup> and registration is available through Eventbrite. The burn drill will be followed by a clinically based burn workshop including CEs. SETRAC will send the registration link out to the corridor members shortly.

## **G. Special Populations Update (C101)**

Hilal Salami reported SETRAC has connected with over 1800 Long Term and Home Health facilities through prior engagement and the PPE distribution program. SETRAC is currently working on bringing these facilities/agencies into the fold as active members of the coalition. PPE distribution continues with the Special Populations group tapering down to once a month. The monthly conference call was held yesterday where there was discussion and review of the HVA process and EMResource changes. There was also discussion surrounding COVID-19 testing for the home health agencies.

SETRAC is now releasing Binax testing kits through the state to our EMS partners. All they need to do to pick up their kit is to complete the Binax 200 course on [preparingtexas.org](http://preparingtexas.org) and register their site as a testing provider.

EMResource training for the group is coming up shortly along any exercises as well. The training continues to be virtually for now.

## **H. Partner Updates**

No partner updates were submitted. Anyone wanting their partner update included in the minutes should send their update via email to Roxie Ward at [roxie.ward@setrac.org](mailto:roxie.ward@setrac.org). This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

## **I. Other Business**

- **Symposium Planning**

The Symposium Planning Committee will begin working on details for this year's symposium in February.

- **Clinical Advisory Committee**

SETRAC will begin looking for volunteers soon to sit on the next Clinical Advisory Committee.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Tarnow adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (March 19<sup>th</sup>) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

**ATTENDEES:** Vicki Tarnow, Kacey Sammons, Kiska Boyd, Darrell Fales, Mary Ann Hajovsky, Lydia Broussard, Keri Reeves, Jenny Storm, Adella Tatom, Alyson Nickum-Smith, Jessica Graham, Kathy Rodgers, Doug Saunders, Sam Marrero, Debbie Hall, Ron Nichols, Jeremy Way, Jackson Bartlett, Hilal Salami, Annette Trevino, Mikal Orr, Adam Lee, Kevin Hunt, Roxie Ward