



Downtown Corridor Minutes
SETRAC
October 1, 2021
Zoom Meeting



A. Call to Order

Ray Higgins (Harris Health System) called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Mr. Higgins advised the corridor members that Aaron Freedkin (Downtown Corridor Co-chair) left Texas Children's Hospital to take a position with JPSmith in Fort Worth. The co-chair position will be filled the next time nominations are up for voting.

B. Approval of Minutes (C101)

Mr. Higgins requested review and approval of the June minutes. Jesse Pedroza (River Oaks Hospital) made a motion to approve the minutes, Elizabeth Rothrock (St. Joseph Medical Center) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **SETRAC Positions**

Lisa Spivey announced a few position changes at SETRAC since Hilal Salami's departure. Fidel Calvillo has moved from West Corridor Emergency Management Coordinator to Special Projects Coordinator, Kat Samuel moved to the West Corridor Emergency Management Coordinator, and the Downtown Corridor Emergency Management Coordinator is open and to be filled soon.

- **Hurricane Nicholas Review**

The corridor members discussed lessons learned and best practices from Hurricane Nicholas. There were no major incidents with this event. Most facilities had no staffing issues, however there was discussion regarding a few issues with staffing ride-out teams for a one-day event.

- **DME Preparations**

Fidel Calvillo reminded the corridor members to contact vendors other than their normal vendors to ensure their disaster medical equipment levels are well stocked, especially oxygen. The state has pushed ventilators to SETRAC and directly to the facilities however, with the COVID numbers decreasing, they may cut that back from what they have done in the past.

- **COVID-19 Response Update**

Mr. Calvillo reported SETRAC continues to collect data from EMResource. He requested the facilities ensure they are submitting accurate information in a timely manner daily. The Transfer Center closed last Friday (10/24), and calls are now going to the SETRAC on-call duty officer. The contract for state-supported nurses ends October 31st. Funding for the county-funded nurses is supported through October 21st.

Some of the Long Term Care facilities (The Medical Resort in The Woodlands and Pearland) have opened COVID units but the patient still needs to meet the long term care criteria.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

Mr. Calvillo reported this five-year HPP grant ends in June 2022. The region has met its capabilities based on the region's COVID and disaster response during this five-year cycle, and we are now in a sustained and improvement mode.

Mr. Higgins expressed the importance of radio checks which falls under the communications capability. He requested the corridor members check on the status of their radios and personnel responsible for responding to the radio checks. Ms. Spivey will be reaching out to those facilities that have not been responding.

Ms. Spivey reported SETRAC just received word that HFD was responding to an active shooter incident at an area school off 610. One patient has been transported and in the event there are multiple patients, either SETRAC or HFD will send out an MCI alert via EMResource.

F. EMTF Update

Mikal Orr reported the following EMTF missions and training classes:

EMTF Missions:

1. Dillely Border Support – 12 total personnel have activated: Currently, 2 personnel working on this mission.

Regional Missions:

1. 860 tent set-ups at Baptist Beaumont Hospital for triage/load-balancing.
2. 860 tent set-ups for triage/treatment @ Gator Fest in Chambers County.
3. 860 tent set-ups for Regional TAC MED training.
4. MPV 601, 603, 604 conducted regional, patient load-balancing missions for hospital system. Approximately, 40 patients transferred.
5. MPV 604 deployed to Louisiana following Hurricane Ida to assist with evacuations and patient transfers.

Training:

1. Coordinator WG MTG – 9/29 (virtual), 10/27 (in person)
2. EMTF Component WG MTG – 10/26 (in person)
3. MPV 601 attended training event at Chevron-Phillips plant

G. Training and Exercise

John Wingate reviewed the feedback from Hurricane Nicholas with one of the most frequent issues being interoffice communications (i.e., some facilities did not call codes and then requested staff for ride-out teams). All trainings are available at exercise@setrac.org. After Action Reports have been completed for the last few events (LyondellBassell, Splashtown, and Hurricane Nicholas) and will be posted on the SETRAC website in the next few days.

The pre-symposium training (October 19th) at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston will be a tabletop exercise surrounding a cyber security. Texas agencies and the local FBI Cyber Crimes Office are partnering with SETRAC on this training. Registration for the class is on the SETRAC website under the symposium page and the rate for this class is \$50.00.

Texas A&M Pediatrics Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness course is scheduled for November 9th and 10th in the SETRAC conference center with CEUs available.

Ms. Spivey requested the corridor members ensure the appropriate personnel at their facilities have the information needed to sign into EMResource/EMTrack before an incident or MCI. This is critical as SETRAC staff is busy and unable to assist at that time.

H. Special Populations Update

Mr. Calvillo gave a report on the Special Populations as follows:

- SETRAC continues to onboard facilities and agencies and increase regional participation in the coalition, to include bedded facilities, home based care & hospice, federal clinics, and other non-hospital organization.
- SETRAC continues to work with the dialysis group on regional planning and education as New Texas approved bills affects group.
- Some LTC facilities that have opened COVID units (Patients still must qualify for LTC admission criteria if being discharged from the hospital). The Medical Resorts woodlands is one in the West Corridor that were state contracted during the height of the pandemic as well.
- TDEM letters have been received by regional HHSC offices (LTC regulatory body) and is being shared with facilities regarding funding availability through city and county jurisdictions for staffing increase assistance, infection control and facility disinfection resources at their facilities. They are directed to reach out to their local OEM offices for application process to receive funding in that regard.
- Last group call was on 9/9/21, where regional COVID updates were shared, available resources across the region shared, upcoming events, trainings and exercise discussed.
- NAB CEU credits for pre-symposium exercise and event sessions completed and submitted to NAB, should receive approval by next week for 6 hours in Pre-symposium training and 6 hours in Symposium event for a total of 12 hours.
- The digital process for submitting Coalition agreements implemented and ongoing.
- On-site facility visits currently placed on hold, due to transfer center staffing activation, visitation limits in LTC facilities and other. Virtual visits and other methods still available.
- During Hurricane Nicholas, SETRAC reached out to over 100 LTC facilities to query facility and infrastructure status, including generator availability and condition.

I. Partner Updates

No partner updates reported.

J. Open Discussion/Other Business

- **2021 RHPC Preparedness Symposium**
Symposium registration is open, and the link can be found on the front page of the SETRAC website. There are approximately 250 registered to date, all speakers have confirmed, and the new Mobile Infusion Unit will be in the exhibit hall.
- **Proposed 2022 Downtown Corridor Meeting Schedule**
Mr. Higgins reviewed the 2022 dates on the first Friday of every other month. SETRAC will distribute the draft schedule for review and approval at the December meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Higgins requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:02. The next Downtown Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (December 3rd) at the SETRAC Conference Center.

ATTENDEES: Ray Higgins, Bryan Allen, Angela Cone, Jonathan Castaneda, Stephen Collazo, Elisha Colvin, John Fleming, Fanny Frederick, Kyle Hamilton, LaShonda Hampton, Robert Jackson, Jesse Pedroza, Evelyn Locklin, Michael Olivier, Tanya Phillips, Miranda Tiner, Matt Berkheiser, Richard Dunn, Tina Rose, Elizabeth Rockroth, Aaron Velasquez, Lisa Spivey, Kat Samuel, John Wingate, Roxie Ward