

South Corridor Minutes

September 10, 2020 Zoom Meeting



A. Call to Order

Michael Nixon called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Mr. Nixon requested review of the March and May minutes. Mike Mastrangelo (UTMB) made a motion to approve the March and May minutes, Christy Hoke (Oak Bend Medical Center) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

• Mobile Infusion Unit

Jeremy Way reported a mobile infusion unit is currently being built with the capacity of eight dialysis chairs, each one running a two-hour emergency treatment for 24-hours. The completion of the unit is scheduled for October 2021 in time to be exhibited at for the symposium. It is basically a mobile dialysis truck that can be deployed during disasters and can also be used as an infusion unit when not deployed. It will be under state deployment and not following CMS guidelines.

• Senate Bill 968 STEAR

Mr. Way reported Senate Bill 968 requires EMS/Ambulance Services to ensure the individuals registered with STEAD are vetted and their information is accurate before transportation during a disaster.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

• All PPE requests should be submitted through the STAR process.

E. EMTF Update

Mr. Way reported EMTF has run numerous load-balancing missions with the AMBUSes. Mr. Nixon stated the Atascocita AMBUS recently ran two or three load-balancing missions for the Memorial Hermann System. The Fort Bend AMBUS ran two load-balancing missions for the Methodist System with patients from the outlying hospitals to the main hospitals, and then another mission from Baytown to the Methodist Sugar Land facility. Both AMBUSes were sent to the LyondellBasell facility explosion in LaPorte a couple of months ago to transport patients, and a command center was setup. A couple of ambulances were on stand-by for Hurricane Ida to go into Louisiana after a receiving a soft request, but the official request was never received from the Governor of Louisiana. Acadian ambulance was requested by Acadian Corporate pre-storm where they conducted several missions for approximately a week before returning.

F. Training and Exercise

John Wingate reported all exercise and real-world exercises have been posted on-line and are available for download at https://www.setrac.org/after-action-reports/. All training remains on an as-needed-bases. To get more information or set up a training email john.wingate@setrac.org.

New Amateur Radio Training sessions will soon be added to the SETRAC calendar. Additional information will be sent out on the list-serve as it becomes available. WebEOC/EMResource/EMTrack training can be scheduled through the SETRAC website. Classes are scheduled for several months in the future for both day and evening classes. Registration at https://forms.setrac.org/203374106142848.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Katherine Samuel reported SETRAC continues to onboard Long Term Care facilities/agencies and increase participation in the coalition, which includes home-base, vetted, hospice facilities, federal clinics, and any other non-hospital organizations. SETRAC continues to work with dialysis group on regional planning regarding the Texas approved bills, specifically Senate Bill 1876.

COVID cases in Long Term Care facilities are minor with just a few reported as they continue to implement their COVID procedures. SETRAC continues to conduct bi-monthly conference calls with the facilities/agencies to keep them updated on training, exercises, goals, and regional information.

H. Partners Updates (C101)

Mr. Mastrangelo gave an overview of the UTMB Grant Proposal (document filed with minutes binder).

I. Open Discussion/Other Business

Award of Excellence
The Award of Excellence due date submission has been extended to Friday, September 17th.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Nixon adjourned the meeting at 1:37 pm. The next South Corridor meeting will be attendance at the 2021 Preparedness Coalition Symposium scheduled for October 20th-22nd at the San Luis Galveston Convention Center.

ATTENDEES: Delba Barrios, Loretta Flynn, Tamela Hall, Rosemarie George, Terri Hardy, Christy Hoke, Julia Huynh, Carissa Imrecke, Kenneth Jamilosa, Patrick McCabe, Walter Morrow, Mike Nixon, Angelica Sanchez, Tammy Sanderson, Tyler Tipton, Dawn Wood, Jeremy Way, Jackson Bartlett, Katherine Samuel, Roxie Ward, John Wingate