



East Corridor Minutes
September 17, 2021
Zoom Meeting



A. Call to Order

Lydia Worthen called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Ms. Worthen requested review and approval of the July minutes. Miranda Tiner (The Medical Center of SETX/Beaumont Campus) made a motion to approve the minutes Angie Eubert (The Medical Center of SETX) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

• **DME Preparations**

Jeremy Way reminded the corridor member to ensure they have an MOA in place for disaster medical equipment before hurricane season, and to make sure their MOA is not with the same company as everyone else in their area. He also reminded them to stay on top of their O2 inventory to ensure their levels do not get too low ultimately putting the facility in a bind.

• **COVID Response Update**

Jeremy Way reported the COVID numbers seem to have plateaued over the last couple of weeks and are slowly declining.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

• **PPE Reminder**

Mr. Way reminded the corridor members to enter a STAR request if PPE is needed.

E. EMTF Update

Mikal Orr reported the following EMTF missions and training classes:

EMTF Missions:

1. Dilley 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

F. Training and Exercise Update

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)

Mr. Way reported 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 also 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 (Patient still needs to qualify for LTC admission criteria if being discharged from the hospital). Liberty healthcare center is one of them in the East corridor. The Medical Resorts 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. 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 in the south and east corridors to query facility and infrastructure status, including generator availability and condition.

H. Partner Updates

No other 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. This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

I. Other Business

- **2021 Preparedness Coalition Symposium**

Mr. Way reminded the corridor members the symposium is scheduled for October 20th-22nd at the San Luis Convention Center. The deadline for the Award of Excellence application submission has been extended to Friday (September 24th).

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Worthen adjourned the meeting at 1:29 pm. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (December 10th) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

ATTENDEES: Lydia Worthen, Kiska Boyd, Edward Burleigh, Darlene Farek, Kevin Hunt, Kristine Gerlich, Katie Gordon, Jessica Graham, Tammy Lily, Sam Marrero, Norma McCall, Holly Mitchell, Mikal Orr, Keri Reeves, Kathy Rodgers, Kacey Sammons, Katherine Samuel, Martha Simien, Jeff Sparks, Miranda Tiner, Eloy Vega, Jeremy Way, Roxie Ward, Tim Welch, Thomas Wilbur, John Wingate