



## North Corridor Minutes

December 8, 2021  
Zoom Meeting



### **Call to Order**

Stephen Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

### **Minutes** (C101)

Mr. Bennett requested review of the August minutes. Olen Bean (Newton County) made a motion to approve the minutes, Stephen Bennett (Woodland Heights Medical Center) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

### **New Business**

- **2021 Preparedness Coalition Symposium Review**

Mr. Bennett stated the 2021 Symposium went well with great speakers and fun events. He congratulated CHI St. Luke's Lufkin and Livingston for winning the 2021 Award of Excellence. The 2022 Symposium is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston.

- **COVID Reporting**

Gary Litton advised the corridor members of the new question added to the report regarding if their facility is part of a system or stand-alone. The nursing demobilization is completed and Lori Upton will be sending out a Crucial Nursing Demobilization form for completion soon.

- **HPP Agreements**

The current agreements will end June 2022 and the new HPP agreements will begin July 2022. The new agreements will be sent out prior to July. An EMS agreement is currently being designed as the existing agreements are centered around the hospitals.

### **HPP Capabilities Review** (C101)

- **EMTrack Training**

One of the major issues learned from several of this year's incidents (Splashtown, LyondellBasell, Astroworld, etc.) was hospital personnel need more EMTrack training. There was discussion regarding the Family Assistance Center and working to reunite families back with their loved ones. During COVID, SETRAC tapered back on the EMResource drills but will begin drilling again as a training tool.

### **EMTF Update** (C306)

Mikal Orr reported the following EMTF missions and training classes:

#### **Reimbursements:**

1. SETRAC has processed and submitted 197 EMTF reimbursement packets, totaling approximately \$4.4 million.

#### **Current Missions:**

1. EMTF-6 continues to support the Border mission in Dilley, Texas. Currently, there is one ambulance and 2 Medics there. The current SMA is through 12/15. Discussions are underway to transfer these missions to other providers.

### Past Missions:

1. 10/19/21 - MPVs 603 & 604 responded to a plane crash in Waller County. There were no fatalities or major injuries. 601 was disregarded and 603 relocated passengers back to the air terminal
2. 10/27/21 - MPV 604 responded to a tornado strike North of Orange near Mauriceville. 604 co-located with command and assisted with coordination of assets.
3. 11/5/21 – MPVs 601 & 603 responded to Astroworld MCI. Both units staged and were released with no patient contacts.

### Training/Exercises:

1. 4 personnel attended the MIST Initial course during the Preparedness Symposium
2. Developing a training/meeting schedule for 2022 – focus on MMU, AMBUS, RNST, WPU
3. Strong need to build our RNST membership – any hospital systems interested can email Mr. Orr at [mikal.orr@setrac.org](mailto:mikal.orr@setrac.org) for additional information.

### **Training and Exercise (C104)**

SETRAC conducted an Off the Grid Drill on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 0900 – 1100.

SETRAC will be hosting a Ham in a Day guided study session on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 0800 – 1700 to obtain your FCC Operator License. Those who are interested in attending this One-day 8-hour session with FCC test will need to complete the registration form at <https://forms.setrac.org/211615782884868>. The location will be at the SETRAC Conference Center located at 1111 North Loop West Suite 160 Houston, TX 77008.

Training is available to be scheduled as needed. The calendar for the first half of 2021 is now available. Contact John Wingate to schedule any SETRAC Trainings.

### **Special Population Update (C101)**

Special Population Stakeholders:

- Continues to onboard facilities and agencies to increase regional participation in the coalition.
- Stakeholders meeting was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed:
  - Stakeholder Group Objectives
  - Increase RHPC participation of LTCs, NHs, ALFs, dialysis centers, hospice, etc.
  - Provide Stakeholders with training and an overview of SETRAC's Emergency Regional Response Plans.
  - Integrate with local and state agencies to improve collaboration for planning, response, and recovery.
- Review of HPP Capabilities
- Meeting Calendar was provided
- Regional updates: COVID, SETRAC Agreements and visit request, RHPC Symposium overview
- Training and Exercise: EMResource training available online and on site if needed.
- 2022 RHPC Symposium: Speaker participation

Next Meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> 10am will be held at SETRAC Conference Center and virtual Zoom call.

FSED meeting was held on November 18<sup>th</sup>

- FSED Stakeholder Group Objectives
  - Increase RHPC participation of Free-Standing Emergency Centers.
  - Integrating FSED into RHPC regional response plans.
  - Provide Stakeholders with training and an overview of SETRAC's Emergency Regional Response Plans.
- Review of HPP Capabilities
- Meeting Calendar was provided

- COVID Update
- Discussion on integrating FSED into our regional response plans: How can we get this better accomplished
- Getting FSED to increase EMResource participation.
- Next Meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm will be held at SETRAC Conference Center and virtual Zoom call.

### **Inventory Update**

Mr. Litton announced Jackson Bartlett has left SETRAC for an exciting career opportunity. He introduced and welcomed Kyle Ericksen as SETRAC's new Regional Logistics and Inventory Coordinator. Mr. Ericksen reported he will be meeting with each facility in the region to meet everyone. Starting in January, he will begin conducting 100% accountability on all HPP assets of each corridor to include the SETRAC Warehouse, and he will be working through the coordinators to ensure a smooth and painless process. He realizes there will be inconsistencies, but his goal is to start fresh on the same page and move forward working together to keep track of all inventory and support all logistics needs. Mr. Ericksen can be reached via email at [kyle.ericksen@setrac.org](mailto:kyle.ericksen@setrac.org) and/or cell phone at 832.849-7314.

### **Partner Updates** (C101)

TDEM – Jon Clingaman reported the COVID numbers continue seem to look promising. The state is working very closely with DSHS regarding the Omicron variant and, should an outbreak occur, they will be prepared to work with their partners regarding unmet needs. TDEM and the military are not involved in testing, however test kits are still available through the STAR process. The military does have teams available for partners requesting first, secondary, and booster vaccinations. Personnel only is available for the pediatric vaccine as the facilities are asked to provide the vaccine.

Mr. Clingaman advised it is going to be more challenging to obtain federal assistance as FEMA up the thresholds this past year by 8½ million dollars which means the state will now need 45.8 million dollars to obtain this threshold. He requested the corridor members to be patient and work with TDEM on how to be better prepared to be resilient and for the recovery process.

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](mailto:roxie.ward@setrac.org). This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

### **Open Discussion/Other Business**

- **2022 Proposed North Corridor Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Bennett reviewed the meeting schedule dates with the corridor members, and the schedule was approved as presented. There was discussion regarding returning in-person meetings for 2022 and several facilities agreed to host a meeting as follows:

- CHI St. Luke's Lufkin - February 9, 2022*
- Tyler County Hospital - April 13, 2022*
- CHI St. Luke's Livingston - June 8, 2022*
- Jasper County EOC - August 10, 2022*
- Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital - December 7, 2022*

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Bennett adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm. The next North Corridor meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (February 9, 2022).

**ATTENDEES:** Stephen Bennett, Sarah Adams, Olen Bean, Mark Burgess, Jon Clingaman, David Garrett, Kelle Harrison, Ashley London, Johnny Luman, Jason Minchew, Samuel Murra, Johnnie Perry, Connie Sturrock, Vicki Tarnow, Sondra Williams, Gary Litton, Adam Lee, Mikal Orr, Kyle Ericksen, Fidel Calvillo, Clayton Ehrlich, Roxie Ward