



**RHPC Board Meeting**  
November 5, 2021  
Zoom Meeting



**Call to Order**

Dr. Keven Schulz called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**RHPC Board Roll Call**

Dr. Schulz called roll for the Board members in attendance.

Toni Carnie	Mac McClendon <i>(on behalf of Jennifer Kiger)</i>
John Fleming	Michael Nixon
Ray Higgins	Kevin Schulz
Tom Munoz	Lydia Worthen

**Approval of Minutes (C101)**

Dr. Schulz requested review and approval of the August minutes. Amy Lopez (Memorial Hermann) made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Douglas Kingsbury (HCA Houston Healthcare Houston Northwest) seconded the motion, and the coalition members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

**New Business**

• **COVID Response Update**

Lori Upton reported SETRAC is working on the demobilization of the state-sponsored nurses. The Harris County nurses were demobilized a couple of weeks ago, Montgomery County nurses were demobilized at the end of October, and the state's final demobilization date is December 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 20% reduction each week. She recognized the challenges the hospitals have withstood and thanked them for a fantastic job of keeping patient care going during this difficult time. Dr. Schulz and Tom Flanagan thanked Ms. Upton and the SETRAC Team for all the hard work and support throughout the COVID activation especially this last surge.

Ms. Upton stated the SETRAC office is without power so a link has been forwarded to the hospitals for COVID reporting to be entered through the weekend as SETRAC will not be able to pull the data and update the website until Monday.

**Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities**

**Long Term Care Update (C102)**

Fidel Calvillo reported SETRAC continues to onboard facilities and agencies to increase regional participation in the coalition. A Stakeholders meeting was held on October 28<sup>th</sup> where Stakeholder Group Objectives were reviewed as follows:

- 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. No Regional exercise scheduled at this time,
- 2022 RHPC Symposium - Speaker participation

The next Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for on December 9, 2021, at 10:00 am. A FSED meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Adam Lee reported the MGT 439 Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness course will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the SETRAC conference center. EMResource, EMTrack and WebEOC classes are open and can be schedule through the link on the SETRAC website. The pre-symposium cyber security tabletop exercise training was held on October 9<sup>th</sup> with approximately 70 people in attendance with a guest speaker from the cyber security taskforce from the FBI. An “Off the Grid” communication drill is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>, and a link for registration will be sent out soon. All other trainings (decon, in-person training, etc.) are scheduled per request.

John Wingate reported the OSHA Decontamination Trainings for the hospitals are provided at no charge. The courses provide an OSHA Operations Level Competency as well as well as Continuing Education hours for Nursing and others that accept the Texas Nurses Association hours. Contact SETRAC Training and Exercise to schedule your trainings at [exercise@setrac.org](mailto:exercise@setrac.org).

### **EMTF Update (C104)**

Mikal Orr reported on the following EMTF activities:

#### Reimbursements:

1. SETRAC has processed and submitted nearly 200 reimbursement packets, totaling approximately \$4.5 million.

#### Current Missions:

1. EMTF-6 continues to support the Border mission in Dilley, Texas. Currently, we have one ambulance and 2 Medics there. The current SMA is through 11/15. Discussions are underway to transfer these missions to other providers.

#### Past Missions:

1. In August, MPVs 601 & 603 conducted load-balancing missions for Memorial Hermann and Houston Methodist. Approximately 40 patients were moved within the respective hospital systems.
2. MPV 6-04 responded to Louisiana to assist with patient evacuations and relocations after Hurricane Ida at the end of August.
3. MPV 6-01 responded to a chemical leak in Galena Park on 9/8. No actions were taken.
4. October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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
5. October 27<sup>th</sup>, MPV 604 responded to a tornado strike North of Orange near Mauriceville. 604 co-located with command and assisted with coordination of assets.

#### Training/Exercises:

1. 4 personnel attended the MIST Initial course during the Preparedness Symposium
2. Developing a training/meeting schedule for 2022 – MMU, AMBUS, RNST
3. Strong need to build our RNST membership – any hospital systems interested can email me for additional information.
4. Also focusing on the development of our Wildland Support Teams.

## **Inventory Update**

Jackson Bartlett reported SETRAC is beginning a new wave of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) demobilization. A small stock will be maintained on hand in event deployment is needed. Wisetrack to be cleaned to reflect the most recent GC-11 updates.

## **Sub-Committee Updates**

### **RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)**

Toni Carnie reported the 2021 award winners are HCA Tomball, CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Lufkin, and CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Livingston. Plaques have been ordered and will be distributed to the winners as soon as they are received.

### **Symposium Planning (C101)**

Ms. Upton reported there were approximately 500 attendees, including speakers, sponsors/vendors, committee members, and staff. The dates for next year's symposium are November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to be held at the San Luis Galveston Convention Center.

### **Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)**

Ms. Upton stated SETRAC continues to look for committee members and a Chair for the Clinical Advisory Committee. The focus for this round of the committee is infectious disease. The burn annex and pediatric have been completed. The focus now is to finalize everything done in the past year and a half during COVID and put it into one sustained plan. Anyone interested in working with the committee can contact Ms. Upton at [lori.upton@setrac.org](mailto:lori.upton@setrac.org).

## **Corridor Updates** (C101)

**Downtown Corridor** – Ray Higgins reported the Downtown Corridor met on October 1<sup>st</sup> and Hurricane Nicholas and DME preparations. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2021, at the SETRAC conference center.

**South Corridor** – Jeremy Way reported South Corridor met on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2021, and the 2022 meeting schedule and locations will be reviewed and discussed.

**East Corridor** – Lydia Worthen reported the East Corridor met on September 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom meeting. Attendance more than doubled from previous meeting. There was good engagement by the corridor members with discussion regarding training plans with hospitals, fire, and police. The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2021.

**North Corridor** – Gary Litton reported the North Corridor met on August 11<sup>th</sup> via "Go To" meeting, which was in the center of the COVID surge therefore the discussion was centered around COVID updates. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2021, at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital which will be confirmed and announced closer to time.

**West Corridor** – Ms. Carnie reported the West Corridor met on September 24<sup>th</sup> via "Go To" meeting. Discussions revolved around Hurricane Nicholas and general COVID updates. Radio checks percentages continue to hover around 50 percent. The West Corridor members also said good-bye to Fidel Calvillo as the West Corridor Coordinator as he is now the new Special Populations Coordinator, and they welcomed Katherine Samuel as their new West Corridor Coordinator. The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2021, with the location to be determined. Should the meeting be "in-person", it will be held in the SETRAC conference center.

## **Partner Updates** (C101)

### **Public Health**

**Harris County Public Health Department (HCPH)** – Mac McClendon reported the COVID division is moving along, and Jennifer Kiger is getting the infrastructure in place. HCPH will transition slowly over the next month and a half in response to actual long-term management of COVID. Their teams are working to capture lessons learned and best practices to place in documents. Their PHP program is moving back to general operations. They are not 100% in COVID as they work to catch up on those areas that fell behind during COVID.

**Department of State Health Service (DSHS)** – Justin Woodard reported they continue vaccine missions in the counties with their current focus being pediatrics. For those still ordering vaccines and looking for small quantities, he mentioned reaching out to DSHS 6/5 South as they do have some visibility regarding what stocks are available around the region.

Bobbiejean Garcia reported there is an increasing amount of fungus (*Candida oris*) in the region. She stated if any hospitals/facilities have this fungus, it is a reportable condition to the health department and it needs to be recorded.

**Houston Health Department (HHD)** –John Fleming reported this is the first day HHD is offering the pediatric doses (5 to 11 years old) of the COVID vaccine. Despite positive improvements in our COVID situation with decreasing cases and hospitalizations, HHD continues to work on increasing the vaccinations among the more hesitant group.

## **EMS**

**SETRAC**– Chris Collier announced and welcomed Sean Simmons (Montgomery County Hospital District) as the new EMS Representative on the RHPC Board.

Mr. Collier reported during recent multiple activations (school shooting, officer down in South Houston, and airplane crash) Bay Station was overwhelmed with phone calls. He asked the coalition members to trust the system and reminded them not to call the Bay Station during these MCI events as it bogs down the system and distracts the personnel. Dr. Schulz echoed Mr. Collier’s statement and reiterated the process that occurs during activations.

## **OEM**

**City of Houston (COH)** – Tom Munoz thanked SETRAC for their support at the COH over the last few months during recent events. The COH is beginning to plan for the World Petroleum Congress. The Houston Marathon is the next event coming up with a tabletop is being planned. Mr. Munoz is planning on injections around a mass casualty scenario which will allow everyone to participate.

**Harris County OEM** – Mark Sloan reported special events have been their recent key focus. Today is day 614 of their activation for COVID. With cooler weather approaching, Mr. Sloan reminded the coalition members this is a good time to review their winter weather plans to be prepared freezing weather.

## **Open Discussion/Other**

### **Proposed 2022 RHPC Board Meeting Schedule**

Dr. Schulz reviewed the proposed 2022 RHPC Board meeting schedule and requested approval. Ms. Carnie made a motion to approve the 2022 RHPC Board meeting schedule, Cynthia Crespo-Bonaparte seconded the motion, and the coalitions members carried the motion. The meetings will be held in the SETRAC conference center (1111 North Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, Texas 77008).

### **Upcoming Events**

Lisa Spivey reminded the coalition members of the Galveston Biker Rally and Travis Scott Astroworld Concert this weekend. In the event something should happen, SETRAC will be sending out a bed report and announcements as needed.

### **Strategic and Response Plans**

Ms. Upton advised the Strategic and Response Plans are up for review and approval in January 2022. The plans will be sent out to the coalition members for review in December 2021 and added to the January 2022 meeting agenda for approval for submission in February 2022. It is also time for the Surge Response Drill and SETRAC will work to incorporate it with a regional exercise in March or April 2022.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business or discussion, Dr. Schulz adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm. The next RHPC Board meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2022, in the SETRAC conference center (1111 North Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, Texas 77008).

## **Attendees**

Kevin Schulz, Toni Carnie, Malinda Albritton, Randy Babbitt, Jason Baumgarten, Kiska Boyd, Lasandra Brown, Janett Teran Chavez, Angela Cone, Lesa Cordova, Cynthia Crespo-Bonaparte, Eunice Davis, Richard Dunn, Brent Hahn, John Fleming, Loretta Flynn, Fanny Frederick, Bobbiejean Garcia, Kristine Gerlich, Christy Gonzales, Mary Ann Hajovsky, Kyle Hamilton, Ray Higgins, Jonathan House, Kevin Hunt, Robert Jackson, Kenneth Jamilosa, Douglas Kingsbury, Dylan Lancaster, Evelyn Locklin, Amy Lopez, Bonnie Macius, Henry Maniego, Patrick McCabe, Mac McClendon, Tom Munoz, Mary Nicholson, Michael Nixon, Michael Olivier, John Pasquier, Christi Reeves, Tina Rose, Tammy Sanderson, Tony Scharp, Danny Shine, Sean Simmonds, Ashley Simon, Vicki Tarnow, Tyler Tipton, Ashlee Thurman, Jibin Varghese, Aaron Gabriel Velasquez, Heather Walters, Christina Watkins, Tim Welch, Thomas Wilbur, Michael Wilcox, Kate Willis, Dawn Wood, Lydia Worthen, Wyatt Watkins, Lori Upton, Lisa Spivey, Chris Collier, Adam Lee, John Wingate, Fidel Calvillo, Mikal Orr, Jackson Bartlett, Philip Cutler, Roxie Ward