



North Corridor Minutes

February 9, 2022
Pitser Garrison Civic Center
601 North 2nd Street
Lufkin, Texas 75901



Call to Order

Michael Rankin called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Minutes (C101)

Mr. Rankin requested review of the December minutes. Olen Bean (Newton County) made a motion to approve the minutes, Justin Cude (Allegiance Mobile Health) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- **State Nurse Staffing**

Gary Litton reported the state end date is February 28th, but no demobilization plan has been released. There are still a few gaps in the region and SETRAC spoke with Angel Staffing, and they are going to be able to fill these gaps quickly.

- **COVID Reporting**

Gary Litton reported the numbers in the North region are about 56 med surge, 20 ICU level care, and Emergency Room 23. He stressed the importance of the facilities reporting their daily data to ensure the accuracy of reporting to the state.

- **Regional Burn Surge Plan**

The Regional Burn Surge Plan was distributed, and Mr. Litton gave an overview of plan including a collaborative discussion with the corridor members. He advised the corridor members SETRAC is hosting a Regional Burn Surge Exercise on April 12th that will be interfacing with FEMA. SETRAC is building out functional injections for the coalition to play functionally which will allow the facilities complete their community-based exercise.

HPP Capabilities Review (C101)

- **EMTrack Training**

The surge exercise (EMTrack drill) was held on Saturday (February 5th) and the North Corridor facilities were able to enter five patients during this evacuation drill. Mr. Litton recommended more EMResource/EMTrack training to ensure the appropriate individuals are trained.

EMTF Update (C306)

Current Missions:

- AST Border Support in Dilley Texas – Ambulance crew operating on this mission from EMTF-6. SMA is through 2/13/22

Past Missions:

- MPV 6-01 completed transfer of 15 patients from a home health facility to 3 regional hospitals on 1/5/22.

- AST for 911 Support in Chambers County – 2 MICU crews arrive on 1/7/22 up to 7-day mission. Covid exposures have resulted in short staffing of Chambers County’s EMS system
- Minor fire in LBJ ER – 20 patients transported to Ben Taub by MPV 601 & 603

Training/Meetings:

- EMTF Workgroup rescheduled to February and Coordinator meeting was held virtually.
- WPU/REM development meeting held on 1-27-22.
- The 2022 EMTF training, meeting, and exercise calendar is tentatively complete. This calendar will remain fluid, again, due to Covid restrictions and scheduling conflicts.
- As we move through this year, there will likely be training/mentorship opportunities during planned events and some activations. These opportunities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and approved by SETRAC leadership. Also, such opportunities will be on a volunteer basis and not eligible for reimbursement.

New/Future Business:

- Considerable work/planning needed to re-engage and develop our EMTF program components.

Training and Exercise (C104)

The corridor members received a copy of the February Training and Exercise prior to the meeting outlining upcoming training. Training is available for scheduling by contacting John Wingate at john.wingate@setrac.org.

Special Populations Update

Special Population Stakeholders:

1. Special Populations and Free Standing EDs Meeting held on Dec. 9th topics discussed:

COVID Updates

- a. Full Scale Exercise in May for Special Pops- targeting Evacuation and Shelter in place during a weather event.
- b. Exercise planning team will be created.
- c. Training and Exercise - EMResource training available online and on site if needed. SETRAC and EMResource training was held on January 25th.
- d. 2022 RHPC Symposium: Speaker participation and Award of Excellence was discussed.

FSED Stakeholder

- a. COVID Update
- b. Burn Surge Exercise discussion to have FSED participate in the exercise. Several FSED would like to participate.

Ongoing Activities

- a. Planning with local OEMs for hurricane bootcamps (4).
- b. Continue working with ESRD and HHSC on Emergency Preparedness Meetings.
- c. Continue to onboard facilities and agencies to increase regional participation in the coalition.
- d. Meeting with facilities and providing RHPC overview and working on agreements.
- e. Emails communications has been sent out regarding COVID response activities.

Next meetings scheduled for February 10th will be virtual.

Inventory Update

Mr. Litton reported he and Kyle Ericksen (SETRAC) have completed onsite inventory of the North Corridor facilities.

Partner Updates (C101)

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.

Open Discussion/Other Business

No other business discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Rankin adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm. The next North Corridor meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (April 13, 2022) to be held at Tyler County Hospital (1100 West Bluff Street, Woodville, TX 75979).

ATTENDEES: Mike Rankin, Justin Cude, Angie Rose, Thomas Brown, Stephen Bennett, Johnnie Perry, Scott Christopher, Sarah Adams, Ashley Ojeda, Curt Joiner, David Garret, Olen Bean, Vicki Tarnow, Gary Litton, Fidel Calvillo