



East Corridor Minutes
March 18, 2022
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 January minutes. Brent Hahn (Mont Belvieu Fire Department) made a motion to approve the minutes, Kristine Gerlich (Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center) the motion was seconded, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

• **HPP Amendments**

The HPP Amendments have been sent out and are extended for two (2) years through June 30, 2024. The deadline to return the signed amendments is April 29th. Any facilities having to send the amendment through their legal department, should contact Lisa Spivey at lisa.spivey@setrac.org or Jeremy Way at jeremy.way@setrac.org to request an extension.

• **RHPC Chair/Co-Chair Nominations (May 2022)**

Ms. Spivey announced the current RHPC Chair/Co-Chair terms are expiring soon. SETRAC will gather nominations the first part of May and send the nominations out the last two weeks in May, with the elections being held in June. The elected Chairs/Co-Chairs will be announced directly following the elections and will begin the new term on the ASPR start date of July 2, 2022.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

Ms. Worthen stressed the importance of EMTrack for patient tracking during an MCI and advised training for the appropriate personnel at each facility is extremely important.

E. EMTF Update

Mikal Orr reported on the following EMTF activities:

Current Missions:

1. AST Border Support in Dilley Texas – Ambulance crew operating on this mission from EMTF-6. SMA is through 3/14/22. TDEM has closed an RFP for a contract to assume this mission.

Past Missions:

1. MPV 6-04 responded to an oil platform fire. Nine patients evaluated, no treatment/transport.

Training/Meetings:

1. EMTF Coordinator Workgroups met in February and made some progress towards re-engagement and producing outputs.
2. Developing a training and organization plan for WPU/REM agencies.
3. IDRU team (UTMB-Galveston/Acadian EMS) will conduct training in Galveston on 3-24. Focus will be donning/doffing PPE and patient transfers.

New/Future Business:

1. EMTF Coordinators are preparing updated/improved reimbursement guidance documents for our partners. SETRAC will host an EMTF reimbursement meeting with our partners, likely in May.

F. Training and Exercise Update

Carrie Cox reported the Medical Response and Surge Exercise was completed on Saturday the 5th of February. If your agency or Organization participated in this exercise you can download a copy for the After-Action Report from our website <https://www.setrac.org/after-action-reports/>.

The RHPC annual exercise is scheduled for April 12, 2022, this exercise will be based on a Regional Burn Surge Incident affecting our region. Additional information on this exercise will be distributed as it becomes available. Interested agencies and facilities can register for participation by completing the extent of play at <https://forms.setrac.org/213395157701859>.

A HAM Radio class on is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th, from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Follow this link to register for this session - <https://forms.setrac.org/211615782884868>. The Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents is for emergency response personnel, as well as other stakeholders who might respond to a bombing incident. This course will be held in the SETRAC conference center on July 26th-27th.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Fidel Calvillo reported SETRAC continues to onboard facilities and agencies to increase regional participation in the coalition. A Stakeholders meeting was held on February 9th where Stakeholder Group Objectives were reviewed as follows:

- Covid update provided; continue to discuss the RHPC symposium and request for speakers and submission for the Award of Excellence.
- Presentation by Corey Naranjo on the DNR campaign to assist facilities in educating nursing staff to provide DNR orders during transport.
- City of Houston Public Health and Harris County Public health presented on their COVID nursing home initiatives.
- Exercise planning committee had been finalized schedule to meet March 8.
- Exercise tentative for May 11.
- FSEDs meeting held February 9.
- Covid update provided; RHPC symposium discussed and requesting speakers from this group.
- John Wingate provided an overview and update on the Burn Surge exercise.
- EMResource training will be on going.
- Continue to meet with stakeholders and getting them familiar with SETRAC.
- Boot Camp discussions have been on going. One scheduled for May 4. Two others pending dates. NAB hours have been approved for the boot camps.
- Providing support to leadership for planning initiatives.

The Stakeholders meeting was held on March 9, 2021, at 10:00 am, and the FSED meeting was held on March 9th at 2:00 pm.

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

- **Meeting Locations Review**

Ms. Worthen stated the corridor meetings will be in-person going forward with a conference call option for those unable to attend in person. She requested corridor members able to host a meeting, contact her at Lydia.broussard@steward.org or Roxie Ward at roxie.ward@setrac.org to confirm a meeting date.

- **2022 Preparedness Coalition Symposium**

Ms. Spivey announced the symposium registration is open and hotel links are on the website to make room reservations. Call for Presentations has been sent out; anyone with speaker recommendations/suggestions should contact her at lisa.spivey@setrac.org.

- **Topics for Meetings**

Ms. Worthen stated these meetings are held to bring the corridor members together to discuss preparedness and disaster response, and to work through issues with partners before an incident occurs. She is working to bring presentations, tabletops, and situation awareness and she welcomes any recommendations/suggestions.

- **Residential Boarding Homes**

Ms. Spivey gave a brief update on the recent residential boarding home incidents. Harris and Fort Bend Counties to step-up enforcement of residential boarding/group homes not up to standard. When it becomes necessary to close these homes, SETRAC is then in a position of having to transfer and find placement for the residence. SETRAC is working with the HCFMO and Harris County SO task force to educate and provide resources to Hospitals and EMS providers on how to verify a boarding/group home currently meeting standards and holds proper permits. More information to follow as these programs are developed.

Adjournment

Ms. Worthen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gerlich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Martie Broussard seconded the motion, and Ms. Worthen adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (May 20th) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The location will be announced closer to meeting time.

ATTENDEES: Lydia Worthen, Martie Broussard, Kristine Gerlich, Brent Hahn, Kevin Hunt, Sam Marrero, Norma McCall, Holly Mitchell, Ron Nichols, Sarina Nickel, Sara Reyes, Kathy Rodgers, Kacey Sammons, Tammy Sanderson, Doug Saunders, Martha Simien, Reginald Wasson, Tim Welch, Thomas Wilbur, Lisa Spivey, Jeremy Way, Carrie Cox, John Wingate, Fidel Calvillo, Mikal Orr, Roxie Ward