



## **Downtown Corridor Minutes**

SETRAC

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Conference Center

Houston, Texas 77008



### **A. Call to Order**

Clayton Ehrlich called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Ehrlich introduced Michael Olivier as the new Downtown Corridor Chair. Mr. Olivier advised he is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Memorial Hermann TMC and thanked the corridor members for their support. He introduced Ashlee Thurman as the new Downtown Corridor Co-Chair. She advised she is the Project Manager for Harris Health/Ben Taub, and she also thanked the corridor members for their support.

Lisa Spivey thanked Ray Higgins for his years of service as Chair to the RHPC Downtown Corridor, and she wished him well in his retirement.

### **B. Approval of Minutes (C101)**

Michael Olivier requested review and approval of the June minutes. Adam Lee (Memorial Hermann System) made a motion to approve the minutes, Amy Lopez (Memorial Hermann TMC) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

### **C. New Business**

- **Crosswalk Discussion**

Lisa Spivey stated every several years SETRAC works with the corridors on a crosswalk to ensure the facilities have what they need regarding surveys. She has asked all the corridors to let her know who is interested in joining a “Crosswalk” group. She requested the Downtown Corridor members to submit their names to her at [lisa.spivey@setrac.org](mailto:lisa.spivey@setrac.org) or Mr. Ehrlich at [clayton.ehrlich@setrac.org](mailto:clayton.ehrlich@setrac.org) if interested in being a part of this group.

### **D. HPP Capabilities Review**

- **EMResource MCI Notifications**

Ms. Spivey reported when an MCI occurs EMS will contact the SETRAC on-call duty officer to create an MCI notification in EMResource. When these notifications occur, unless it states “drill” these are actual events.

- **Cyber Security**

Ms. Spivey advised the corridor members to report any cyber-attack attempts or suspicious incidents to the Houston Fusion Center as they have dedicated healthcare personnel ready to assist the facilities. The Fusion Center has resources the facilities’ IT Departments can utilize as well. She also requested the facilities advise SETRAC at the same time so we can speak to the incident should we receive a call from Washington (which will happen).

- **Ebola**

Ms. Spivey reported an Ebola incident is being watched to ensure if there are any cases in the United States, we are aware and ready. SETRAC is bringing together the RITA Plan group to review the plan and make

sure everyone is on the same page. She stated the facilities might want to review their plans to ensure there have not been any changes. SETRAC will forward any notifications from the state should there be any reports of an Ebola case.

- **Acute Psych Hospitals**

Ms. Spivey reported acute psych facilities do not need to report COVID bed reports as of October 1, 2022. The facilities have a full year before they need to begin reporting again on October 1, 2023.

## **F. EMTF Update**

Mikal Orr reported on the following EMTF activities:

### Current Activations:

1. AST Border Support in Dilley Texas – One ambulance crew operating on this mission from EMTF-6. SMA extended through 9-30-22. No demob date identified at this time. The State RFP for contractors closed 8/26/22.

### Past Activations:

1. Dempsey WPU (6/25-7/4 2022) – Humble Fire Department
2. 4th of July Events (7/3-7/5 2022) - MMU 6101, 6104, 6105, RCVQ, & MPV-602
3. Nethery Road WPU (7/11-7/21) – Humble Fire Department
4. 1148 Fire, River Bottom 2 Fire, Chalk Mountain Fire (7/18-8/2) – Humble Fire Department, Port Arthur Fire Department, Beaumont Fire Department
5. Wildland Fire FF Rehab (8/3 & 8/4) – MPV 603 & MPV 604
6. TFS East Branch WLFS (8/10-8/18) – Beaumont FD, Humble FD, Allegiance EMS

### Training/Meetings:

1. Walker Co. MCI Full-Scale Exercise (7-15-22) – RCVQ
2. Reimbursement Mtg for WLFS Activations (8/3/22)
3. MURC Training (8/4/22) – Cy-Fair FD & Atascocita FD
4. NICU Evacuation Training (8/23 & 8/25) – MPV 604
5. Hospital Evac Exercise (8/24) – St. Joseph's w/ MPV 601 & 603
6. WLFS Mtg (8/31) – Multiple agency partners & TFS

### New/Future Business:

1. Future Meetings – September 27<sup>th</sup> (WG Mtg) & 28<sup>th</sup> (Coord. Mtg) and November TBD (during the EMS Conference in Austin)
2. NICU Evacuation Training w/ UTMB & AMBUS Operators – 9/22 @ 1300
3. EMTF-6 DPMU Meeting - TBD

## **G. Training and Exercise Update**

Amateur Radio Training - Due to the success of the HAM Radio (HAM-in-a-day) courses we will be hosting a Ham in a Day Course on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 from 0800 – 1700. Please follow this link to register and pay for this FCC licensing session <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ham-radio-ham-in-a-day-course-tickets-405411746447>. This course has a **no-refund** policy and can only be transferred to another individual for that session.

SETRAC Technology Training -Virtual Technology Trainings have been scheduled for the remainder of 2022 and are available to register for on the SETRAC website this can be found under the Education tab, then click on Register for Training. If an in-person format is preferred, please reach out to your coordinator or contact us at [exercise@setrac.org](mailto:exercise@setrac.org).

## **H. Special Populations Update**

Special Population Stakeholders last meeting held on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Update provided with our ongoing SETRAC Agreements we continue to receive; continue to discuss the RHPC symposium and request for speakers and submission for the Award of Excellence; and an update of the upcoming and completed boot camps in our Region.

Hot Topics: Presentation by Jef Kuklenski with Herc Rentals “Building Generator- What you need to know” and Hurricane Planning

Next meeting scheduled on September 15<sup>th</sup> 10am. Currently strategizing on how to improve in-person participation.

Boot Camps were held on May 26 City of Houston, June 8<sup>th</sup> Fort Bend County, and June 15<sup>th</sup> Jefferson County, July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>. 327 total attendees.

Upcoming Boot Camp: 2023.

FSEDs meeting was held on July 14.

Update provided with our ongoing SETRAC Agreements we continue to receive; RHPC symposium discussed and requesting speakers from this group. Discussion follow up on Lytics data collected at FSED if any and how SETRAC can work on collecting data from FSEDs in TSA Q. Hurricane Planning and CMOC Response overview was also discussed with FSED Stakeholders. Next meeting scheduled for September 15<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. Continue strategizing on how to improve in-person participation.

Continue to meet with stakeholders and getting them familiar with SETRAC and reviewing plans.

Providing email updates to stakeholders as requested by our preparedness partners.

## **H. Inventory Update**

Kyle Ericksen reported the following inventory update:

COVID DME collection is complete.

- If DSHS reaches out regarding missing equipment, feel free to direct them to me COVID SMA has ended.
- No COVID Tests or PPE will be distributed by SETRAC.
- All requests for PPE/Tests need to be routed via STAR through local jurisdiction.
- Funding for TDEM has dropped so there is a chance that they will have to pick up the requested items from a TDEM warehouse.

Annual HPP Inventory is still being conducted and must be completed as soon as possible

- Facilities can contact Kyle Ericksen at [kyle.ericksen@setrac.org](mailto:kyle.ericksen@setrac.org) if they have specific dates that work for them
- Mr. Ericksen will be in contact to schedule those facilities he has not yet to visited.

## **I. Partner Updates**

Harris County Public Health - Trey Frankovich reported zaire ebolavirus is the most fatal Ebola virus. This outbreak is associated with the Sudan ebolavirus (SVD) which the case fatality rate is between 40 % 70%. The incubation period of SVD is 2-21 days. There are currently no approved treatments or vaccines for SVD. The Ervebo vaccine is only approved to protect against Zaire ebolavirus (EVD), and there is no evidence to suggest it would be effective against SVD.

According to the CDC, as of October 6, 2022, a total of 44 confirmed cases, 10 confirmed deaths, and 20 probable deaths of EVD have been identified in Uganda. No suspected, probable, or confirmed EVD cases related to this outbreak have yet been reported in the United States. There are no direct flights from Uganda to Harris County

On 20 September 2022, Ugandan health authorities announced an outbreak of Sudan Virus disease (SVD) (previously reported as Ebola Virus Disease or EVD due to Sudan virus) in the Mubende District. On 15 September, a 24-year-old male presented at a medical clinic in Mubende with fever, hemorrhagic signs (bleeding from eyes; bloody vomiting and diarrhea), chest pain, and cough. He was transferred to Mubende Regional Referral Hospital, where he was identified as a suspected case of viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF) and isolated. While there, the patient developed jaundice, abdominal pain, and tea colored urine before succumbing on 19 September.

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.

## **J. Open Discussion/Other Business**

- **Radio Discussion**

Mr. Olivier reported the radio check conducted this morning was under 40% participation. He would like to bring this percentage up and asked the corridor members to let SETRAC know if their radios are not working or if they need a radio/Wave app to be able to response to the monthly radio checks.

- **In-Person Meetings**

Mr. Olivier presented in-person only meetings to the corridor members and all agreed the Downtown Corridor meetings should move to in-person meetings. He suggested the meetings be held at various locations within the Downtown Corridor.

- **Hot Topics**

The following suggestions were discussed as “hot topics” for future meetings.

Ebola

Cyber Security

MCI's

Workplace Violence

Survey Reviews

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Olivier adjourned the meeting at 1:56. The next Downtown Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (December 2<sup>nd</sup>) in-person at the SETRAC Conference Center.

**ATTENDEES:** Michael Olivier, James Meaux, Danny Remaley, Ashlee Thurman, Adam Lee, Amy Lopez, Trey Frankovich, Bryce Allen, Corie Marquez, Rachael Aldape, Drew Lopez, Clayton Ehrlich, Cynthia Crespo-Bonaparte, Richard Dunn, John Fleming, Fanny Frederick, Raymond Hall, Katie Linn, Evelyn Locklin, Tanya Phillips, Aaron Velasquez, Lisa Spivey, Fidel Calvillo, Kyle Hamilton, Roxie Ward