



## North Corridor Minutes

August 10, 2022  
Jasper County EOC  
271 East Lamar Street  
Jasper, Texas 75951



### Call to Order

Stephen Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

### Minutes (C101)

Mr. Bennett requested review of the June minutes. Johnny Luman (Sabine County Hospital) made a motion to approve the minutes, Billy Ted Smith (Jasper County EOC) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

### New Business

- **Introduction of RHPC Chair and Co-Chair**

Gary Litton announced Stephen Bennett (Woodland Heights Medical Center) as the new North Corridor Chair and Janay Yancey (Tyler County Hospital) as the new North Corridor Co-Chair. Mr. Litton thanked Mike Rankin, as the outgoing North Corridor Chair, for his support and leadership over the past years.

Mr. Litton gave an overview of the RHPC process and explained the bi-monthly corridor meetings are to bring the corridor members together to help be prepared for any disaster and/or emergency incident.

- **Radio Discussion**

Mr. Litton gave an updated on what SETRAC is looking at as a region and what other capabilities come into play in the North Corridor. A radio survey recently went out to try and get a grasp on the details and the capabilities. He encouraged the corridor members to complete the survey to help SETRAC get a better footprint and understanding of the regional radio status. There was discussion regarding the North Corridor radio tower capabilities and future needs.

- **Hot Topics**

Mr. Bennett asked for suggestions on topics the corridor members would like to discuss at future meetings. Suggestions discussed were as follows:

1. Active Shooter Training
2. SNS Distribution
3. MCI Response Plan (Notification/Overstepping Education)

*Tara Triana (Nacogdoches County EMC) brought to the groups attention that there is a need for the healthcare partners to discuss and educate locals on regional plans for mass casualty incident response at the hospital level. The group plans to work on an education piece for locals and discuss this in depth at the December corridor meeting.*

4. Wildfires
5. ICS Train-the-Trainer Courses

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

Mr. Litton is interested in taking a group from the North Corridor to the FEMA Healthcare Leadership training course in Anniston, Georgia. Manny Llamas and Ashley Ojeda, both with CHI St. Luke's Livingston, just returned from the training and gave an update on their trip and training experience. This training is an all-expense paid trip except for time off from work.

## **EMTF Update** (C306)

Mr. Litton gave an update on the Wildman Paramedic Unit (WPU) mobilized to offer force protection at wildfires.

### **Training/Meetings:**

1. Active Threat Full-Scale Exercise - Beaumont ISD (5-25-22) MPV 604
2. Harris Co. ISD Full-Scale Exercise (6-7-22) MPV 602
3. Montgomery Co. CERT Emergency Prep. Fair (6-11-22) MPV 601
4. MMU Training/Workday (6-10-22) – Chambers Co EMS, NW EMS, HCEC, HCA Clear Lake participated.
5. MIST Initial June – 3 Students: AMR, Cy-Fair Fire Department, NW Community Health, SETRAC (Gary Litton, Kyle Ericksen)
6. TFL/MIST Refresher – 3 Participants: Sugar Land Fire Department, Beaumont Fire, City of Alvin
7. Walker Co. MCI Exercise (7-15-22) – RCVQ
8. Reimbursement Mtg for WLFS Activations

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

Mr. Litton was pleased to report the North Corridor has the best percentage in completing the monthly drills. He is available to help train on EMResource, EMTrack, and WebEOC systems upon request (even if it is only for one to two staff members).

## **Special Populations Update**

Boot Camps were completed 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>, and August 3<sup>rd</sup> with an overall total of 315 attending.

## **Inventory Update**

Mr. Litton reported the state deployed DME has all been collected. If a facility receives a call regarding a piece of equipment, please feel free to forward them to Mr. Ericksen. All masks in inventory have expired and there is no longer 100% coverage. Any facility needing or requesting PPE should enter a STAR request through the state.

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

## **Open Discussion/Other Business**

- **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Preparedness Coalition Symposium**

Mr. Bennett reminded the corridor members the Preparedness Symposium is coming up on November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston. Early Bird registration is open,

and rooms are still available at the Hilton. SETRAC has confirmed speakers from Uvalde and Ukraine.

- **In-person Meetings**

Mr. Bennett mentioned corridor members would like to see the corridor meetings move towards “in-person” meetings and, he and Mr. Litton will be visiting facilities/agencies to see how they can help and encourage more participation.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Bennett adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual RHPC Preparedness Coalition Symposium is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston, Texas. The next North Corridor meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (December 14<sup>th</sup>) to be held at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital (1204 North Mound Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961).

**ATTENDEES:** Stephen Bennett, Janay Yancey, Billy Ted Smith, Olen Bean, Nicholas Melendez, Ashley Ojeda (San Augustine proxy), Yazmanny Llames, Johnnie Perry, James Stevens, Mike Rankin, Tara Triana, Curt Joiner, Carmen Stuck, Johnny Luman, Jon Clingaman, Jr., Gary Litton