



RHPC Board Meeting
August 5, 2022
SETRAC Conference Center
1111 North Loop West, Suite 160
Houston, Texas 77008



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.

John Fleming	Gabriella Lopez
Kevin Herrington	Kevin Schulz
Ken Jamilosa (attending for Tom Munoz)	Lydia Worthen

Approval of Minutes (C101)

Dr. Schulz requested review and approval of the May minutes. Adam Lee (Memorial Hermann System) made a motion to approve the minutes as written, John Fleming seconded the motion, and the coalition members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

• **Introductions of RHPC Chairs and Co-Chairs**

Dr. Schulz thanked the coalition members for their votes as he begins his second term as RHPC Board Chair, and he announced Toni Carnie is back for a second term as RHPC Board Co-Chair. He announced the new and returning corridor leaders as follows:

	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>CO-CHAIR</u>
Downtown Corridor	Michael Olivier Memorial Hermann TMC	Ashlee Thurman Ben Taub General
East Corridor	Lydia Worthen The Medical Center of SETX	Kevin Crump Chambers County Public Health
North Corridor	Stephen Bennett Woodlands Heights	Janay Yancey Tyler County Hospital
South Corridor	Michael Nixon Fort Bend County EMS	Gabriel Lavine City of Sugar Land OEM
West Corridor	Gabriella Lopez Memorial Hermann-The Woodlands	Dena Daniel Huntsville Memorial Hospital

• **Texas EMS for Children (*Sam Vance*)**

Sam Vance gave an overview of the Texas EMS for Children Program advising it is the only federally funded project focused on improving pediatric emergency care. He also advised the coalition members of the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) and advised a survey was completed focusing on hospital disaster planning specifically to the care of children. The survey indicated that 53% of the hospitals in our region noted not having an in-hospital disaster plan. Please feel free to contact Samuel.Vance@bcm.edu with questions regarding the EMSC program and NPR project.

- **Davita Healthcare Company (Javier Rodriquez and Doc Berryhill)**

Deferred

- **Medical Bridges (Walter Ulrich)**

Walter Ulrich gave a presentation on Medical Bridges informing the coalition members they collect, check out, and inventory surplus medical equipment and supplies to provide medical resources to those who are underserved in 90 countries around the world and in rural Texas. Medical Bridges has shipped 300 tons of quality medical equipment, beds, PPE, and supplies in the last 24 months. Medical Bridges offers its inventory as a resource to SETRAC in the event of a local disaster. Medical Bridges also requests any quality surplus be donated to Medical Bridges which we will pick up at Medical Bridges expense.

- **RHPC Strategic Plan**

Ms. Spivey reported it is time to review and update the RHPC Strategic Plan for the next five years. She stated this is an HPP deliverable and requested the coalition members send in their considerations they would like to see in the upcoming plan. SETRAC will assemble a small group to review the current plan and any new suggestions will be implemented and submitted to the state.

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

Long Term Care Update (C102)

Lisa Spivey reported SETRAC completed the Huntsville Boot Camp on August 3rd. The Waller County Boot Camp is scheduled for September 8th which will conclude the boot camps for this year. The 2023 schedule is currently being planned and will be posted towards the end 2022.

Training and Exercise Update (C104)

John Wingate reviewed the training and exercise schedule with the coalition members and stated the CURRIE Exercise where the Houston FBI Field Office will be hosting a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) on Wednesday the 31st of August. The exercise will take place at the Cooley Life Center 7440 Cambridge Street Houston TX. Pre-registration for this event is required. Carrie Cox advised the EMResource Update Training is scheduled for next week.

EMTF Update (C104)

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 8-31-22. No Demob date identified at this time.

Past Activations:

1. Montgomery Co. CERT Emergency Prep. Fair (6/11/2022) – MPV 601
2. Wildfire FF Rehab (6/23/2022) – MPV 604
3. Houston Pride Parade (6/25/2022) – MPV 602 & RCVQ
4. Anahuac (PR) (6/28/2022) – MPV 604
5. Dempsey WPU (6/25-7/4 2022) – Humble Fire Department
6. 4th of July Events (7/3-7/5 2022) - MMU 6101, 6104, 6105, RCVQ, & MPV-602
7. Nethery Road WPU (7/11-7/21) – Humble Fire Department
8. 1148 Fire, River Bottom 2 Fire, Chalk Mountain Fire (7/18-8/2) – Humble Fire Department, Port Arthur Fire Department, Beaumont Fire Department

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

New/Future Business:

1. Future WG Meetings – September and November (during the EMS Conference in Austin)
2. NICU Evacuation Training w/ UTMB & AMBUS Operators

Inventory Update

Kyle Ericksen reported the following inventory update:

- SETRAC continues to complete Annual HPP Inventory at all facilities.
 - If a facility has not scheduled, they need to contact their coordinator, Lisa Spivey, or myself to schedule.
 - They are quick and painless.
 - Goal is simply to ensure accuracy after a few years of COVID.
- 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.
- COVID SMA has ended.
 - All STAR Requests for PPE and COVID Tests must be routed through local jurisdiction and will likely be filled by TDEM.
 - TDEM’s funding has shifted from 100% to 90/10 so there is a chance that the requesting party may need to either pick the items up or pay for shipping.
 - SETRAC no longer has PPE or COVID Tests on hand for distribution.

Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)

Ms. Spivey reminded the coalition members all applications for the Award of Excellence are due by August 31st. The Award of Excellence application and details are posted on the SETRAC website.

Symposium Planning (C101)

Ms. Spivey reported the planning committee met on August 25th. Early Bird registration is open through September 15th. She reminded the coalition members to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible as the room block is filling up. The Call for Speakers has been sent out, and the general sessions have been filled but OEM, public health, and hospital presentations are still needed. Anyone that knows of a good speaker/presentation, please let Ms. Spivey know by sending an email to lisa.spivey@setrac.org.

Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)

Deferred

Corridor Updates (C101)

Downtown Corridor – Michael Olivier reported the Downtown Corridor met on June 3rd and the meeting was dedicated to the hurricane exercise. via Zoom on April 1st. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7th in the SETRAC conference center.

South Corridor – Ms. Spivey reported the South Corridor met next Friday (July 8th) in Fort Bend County at Wharton EMS. There was discussion regarding in-person attendance/meetings and the possibility of a chair/co-chair roadshow meeting with the facilities to help find out their challenges for participation and other issues (radios, etc.). The meeting is scheduled for September 9th.

East Corridor – Lydia Worthen reported the East Corridor met on July 22nd where there was discussion regarding radios and conducting a Radio 101 session. Jeremy Way completed an Active Threat/Situational Awareness training with the corridor members. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 16th.

North Corridor – Janay Yancey reported the North Corridor met on June 8th at CHI St. Luke’s Livingston and the meeting was dedicated to the hurricane tabletop. The next meeting is scheduled for August 5th at Jasper County OEM.

West Corridor – Gabriella Lopez reported the West Corridor met on July 29th where they discussed participation and engagement in the meetings. The corridor members discussed being open to hosting the meetings at different locations, radio challenges, and hot topics for future meetings (accreditation for Joint Commission, wild fires, work place violence, etc.). The next meeting is scheduled for September 23rd.

Partner Updates (C101)

Public Health

DSHS 6/5 South - James Meaux advised the coalition members a federal emergency declaration was issued for Monkeypox yesterday. Quest is available for testing for a fee. Those unable to afford testing can work with their local health department and the region to obtain testing for free. There are ten sites in the state of Texas that are receiving vaccines with limited supplies, with certain categories being handled differently by each local health department.

Harris County Public Health – Trey Frankovich reported Harris County is also testing and vaccinating at their clinics those who qualify for Monkeypox.

Houston Health Department – John Fleming reported the numbers for Monkeypox are jumping and they are working with different providers for testing and vaccines.

OEM

City of Houston (COH) – Ken Jamilosa reported they are currently working on updating a few of their internal plans.

EMS

SETRAC - - Chris Collier reported SETRAC recently reengaged with the Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA) on the Houston ship channel, as they do represent a lot of facilities across the region, with the goal of having a better working relationship with our industrial partners during large scale incidents. He gave an update on the plan regarding EMS utilization, patient tracking, and patient treatment during mass casualty incidents.

Other Partners

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center – Danny Shine gave an update on the National Disaster Medical Systems (NDMS) MOAs advising the current MOAs remain current until the updated MOAs are released.

Open Discussion/Other

Radio Survey

SETRAC is sending out a survey to the coalition members to help determine the regional radio challenges. The deadline to complete this short survey is August 19th at close of business.

Adjourn

There being no further business or discussion, Dr. Schulz requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christy Gonzalez (Wharton EMS) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Adam Lee (Memorial Hermann System) seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm. The Preparedness Coalition Symposium is scheduled for November 2nd-4th at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston, Texas.

Attendees

Kevin Schulz, James Meaux, Bryce Allen, Corie Marquez, Adam Lee, Danny Shine, Clayton Ehrlich, Katie Linn, Walter Ulrich, Jenny Pfannes, John Wingate, Trey Frankovich, John Pasquier, Kevin Crump, Mikal Orr, Carrie Cox, Lisa Spivey, Roxie Ward, Amy Lopez, Cynthia Crespo-Bonaparte, Kevin Hunt, Ashlee Thurman, Michael Olivier, Delba Barrios, Mark Burgess, Edward Burleigh, Kent Cavender, Christa Clifton, Kenneth Coleman, Angela Cone, Dena Daniel, Eunice Davis, John Fleming, Loretta Flynn, John Gomolka, Christy Gonzales, Robert Jackson, Ken Jamilosa, Michael Jaquez, Keith LaChance, Evelyn Locklin, Gabriella Lopez, Bonnie Macius, Henry Maniego, Mike Mastrangelo, Nancy Mathew, Julie Matson, Tanya Phillips, Kord Quintero, Allison Reimers, Richard Dunn, Richard Pierce, Elizabeth Rothrock, Sandra Sands-Arnaez, Superior Johnson, Vicki Tarnow, Aaron Velasquez, Christina Watkins, Amy Weber, Thomas Wilbur, Dawn Wood, Leanne Beaudet