



East Corridor Minutes
January 12, 2024
Chambers County
Health Services Building
Anahuac, Texas 77514



A. Call to Order

Jeremy Way called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Ms. Worthen requested review and approval of the August minutes. Eddie Burleigh (Acadian) made a motion to approve the minutes, Thomas Wilbur (CHRISTUS Dubuis Hospital–Beaumont) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **RSV/Flu Uptick in Pediatric Population and Preparing/Tracking Surge Potential**

Ms. Worthen reported that hospitals throughout the region are still seeing an elevated number of patients positive for influenza. Other hospital and EMS partners present confirmed the elevation and reported Influenza B seems to be more prevalent. Respiratory illness within the pediatric population remains to be a concern, especially after the recent holiday break. Partners were informed to monitor for an uptick in these types of pediatric patients and those requiring admission to better prepare for any surge potentials. The East Corridor has limited inpatient pediatric capability and relies on Houston hospitals to transfer critically ill pediatric patients. Eddie Burleigh reported that Acadian has transported less pediatric patients with respiratory illness than the previous year.

Trey Frankovich with Harris County Public Health reported that Montgomery County is seeing an uptick in the pediatric population with respiratory illness that are testing negative for RSV, flu, and pneumonia, and COVID. Partners present from Chambers County EMS, Acadian, Baptist Hospital and Christus SETX reported they have noted the same trend.

- **Severe Weather Update**

Mr. Way gave an update on the severe weather threat expected to affect the entire SETRAC region on 1/14/24 – 1/17/24. He reminded partners to ensure they have preparedness and mitigation plans in place both at home and at within their organizations. He also stated CMOC has no current plans to stand-up for this event, but stakeholders were reminded to call the SETRAC duty officer line with any resource needs as well as CMOC and SETRAC capabilities. Ms. Worthen and Mr. Way reminded stakeholders to ensure Juvare access is up to date prior to any event.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

No questions or concerns were voiced by stakeholders.

E. EMTF Update

1. Grant Kelley will begin serving as the new EMTF-6 Coordinator on January 16, 2024.
2. MPV-604 will be on standby for the Houston Marathon.

3. Mr. Way reported on various events that will be occurring in the Houston area during the first quarter of 2024.

F. Training and Exercise Update

Mr. Way gave information on the upcoming RHPC Operation Solar Storm Exercise Series. He also reported Carrie Cox has resigned as Training and Exercise Coordinator with SETRAC and that the position is open.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Fidel Calvillo discussed End of Year survey and the following 2024 initiatives:

- Boot Camps upcoming in 2024 will include education on how to conduct an exercise along with a community TTX.
- May 2024 – annual evacuation/shelter-in-place exercise with LTC's including plan reviews.
- ESRD – no expected change in scheduling or operations due to impending severe weather for Dialysis services in our area. If there are any changes those will be reported on EMResource. Stakeholders were reminded of how to access to that information and to be monitoring throughout the event.

H. Inventory Update

Mr. Way reported MMU packages are currently being worked on and SETRAC will be working with hospitals again this year on inventory.

I. Partner Updates

There was in-depth discussion regarding recent wins, events, and lessons learned by the facilities/agencies. No 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.

J. Other Business

- Proposed 2024 East Corridor Meeting Schedule
- March meeting location TBD

Adjournment

Ms. Worthen requested a motion for adjournment. There was a motion made, the motion was seconded, and the corridor members upheld the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (March 8th) and the location will be announced.

ATTENDEES: Christina Watkins, Thomas Wilbur, Kris Barnes, Danny Burke, Michael Weber, Dr. Joe Chapman, Blake Jackson, Trey Frankovich, Thomas Ernst, Cal Bynum, Sarah Morris, Lydia Worthen, Jeremy Way, Edgar Soto, Cathy Muscat, Kera Thomas, Kallyn Mcdaniel, Eddie Burleigh, Fidel Calvillo, Michael Castell, Sam Marrero, Martha Simien.