



East Corridor Minutes
Chambers County
Health Services Building
Anahuac, Texas 77514
January 10, 2025



A. Call to Order

Lydia Worthen called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Ms. Worthen requested review and approval of the December minutes. Blake Jackson (Liberty-Dayton Regional) made a motion to approve the minutes, Christy Watkins (Mid-Jefferson Extended Care) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **Maintaining Vigilance**

Jeremy Way announced this topic was added to the agenda as an ongoing update to maintain vigilance and awareness.

- **-New Orleans Attack**

Mr. Way discussed the miss opportunities at this emergency incident, as he feels someone had to have seen something and had it been reported could have changed the outcome. We will never know when or where it will happen, but he reminded the corridor members we must always stay vigilant.

- **-Impersonation of Healthcare Provider**

Ms. Worthen shared a recent event in Texas City where a woman went into a healthcare facility impersonating a healthcare worker stating she was a nurse, active military, wearing scrubs with lanyard, putting her hands on patients, giving nurses orders, etc. and she was an actual psychic patient. The police were called and after investigation, she was arrested for trespassing (not impersonating a nurse). This is a prime example of the events that can happen if we do not stay vigilant. Mr. Way stated we must always say something if we see something. He suggested, if given the opportunity, the movie “The Final: Attack on Wembley” is a good one to watch surrounding this topic.

- **-Whooping Cough**

Ms. Worthen reported in her recent Emergency Management meeting, Infection Prevention presented and the word quademic was mentioned, which includes the flu, RSV, and Norovirus. After discussion, she stated it comes down to masking up and washing hands, among other things, to assist with the prevention of these viruses.

- **Mitigation Strategies**

Mitigation strategies were discussed above under the “Maintaining Vigilance” topics; there was no further discussion.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

- **World Cup Update**

Mr. Way reported there have been no recent meetings therefore there is no update at this time. He confirmed Houston is scheduled to have six games and Dallas three games. With the games being in both areas, Texas resources will be split making it a little more challenging but with

preparedness planning we should be prepared. Once we get closer there will be more information to push out.

- **Pulsara Update**

Mr. Way announced SETRAC will begin Pulsara drills on January 30th. Jax Kincade (Pulsara representative) gave a brief overview of how the drills will work and advised the corridor members she is available to assist with any issues. There was also discussion regarding radios and EMS wristbands.

E. EMTF Update

Mr. Way reported on the most recent deployment of a double fatality in Baytown where thirty-seven ambulances and three EMTF were rostered. Grant Kelley recently held an EMTF warehouse workday to inventory the MMU resources. SETRAC will conduct an MMU day where an MMU will be setup along with the DPMU for the Jefferson County Forensic Team to familiarize themselves with the equipment.

Ms. Worthen reminded the corridor members the RRU (Radiological Response Unit), and a full-time employee has been hired on to develop the Mission, SOG, and training regimen for the RRU. EMTF Region 6 will be receiving a large cache of equipment to compliment the prehospital and hospital RRU teams. Training will begin in 2025 and become operational early 2026.

The IDRU training consists of a minimum of ten nurses with a maximum of twenty nurses. The training can be held together at any facility and Ms. Worthen requested anyone interested should contact her and she will work to gather information on a training site and registration.

F. Training and Exercise Update

Timothy Chapman reviewed the Training and Exercise Schedule distributed to the coalition members highlighting the following items (*filed with RHPC Board minutes filed binder*):

- World Cup Tabletop Exercises - These will be held at the March/April corridor meetings and the regional exercise is scheduled for May 8, 2025.
- CMOG 101 Trainings – These are scheduled to begin again starting January 10th and then two per month after that at the Houston Emergency Center (registration needed for training).
- Decon Training Revamp – These will be offered two per facility (awareness/operations levels). Compliance with meetings attendance and involvement is necessary to receive trainings.
- Technology Trainings - These will move to every other month due to low participation. If your facility has multiple people that need training, please reach out to exercise@setrac.org. Drills are every month with “easy drill to complete” instructions provided on EMResource.

Upcoming Events

- **Chaos Control Training Seminars**

Deferred

- **Jack Brooks Full-Scale Exercise**

This exercise is scheduled for April 22nd with training seminars scheduled prior to the event. The dates listed below, and trainings will be from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm going over MCI triage and command, difficult airways, burn patients, packing multi-system trauma patients, lecture, and hands-on training with CEs eligible (*training flyer filed with minutes binder*).

- January 21st (Robert “Bob” Bowers Civic Center)
- February 27th (City of Beaumont EOC)
- March 18th (Robert “Bob” Bowers Civic Center)

- **Active Threat Workshop**

An active threat workshop is being developed with Jefferson County. There is another planning meeting scheduled for next with DPS, Homeland Security, and others. They were planning the

workshop for March, but Ms. Worthen requested it be pushed backed as they would like it to be well attended and there is a lot going on in the first quarter of this year.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following Special Populations issues:

Developing incident communication and education process.

Special Populations hurricane exercise is scheduled for May 13, 2025.

Harris County generator program begins January 1, 2025.

SETRAC is working with Generac who is the designated agency to assist the with Emergency Power Fund to provide the final information on how to apply for the grant.

Special Populations end of the year call held on December 18th. Updates provided and upcoming initiatives reviewed.

SETRAC will be working with local jurisdictions to provide education to local officials on Special Population types and emergency planning requirements.

Collaborating with Texas HHSC Leadership to improve on communications and collaboration to improve response activities.

Continue to finalize agreements.

SETRAC presented at the National Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Conference.

H. Inventory Update

Mr. Way reported SETRAC has StarLink internet that can be deployed. Mr. Kelley is working to consolidate the EMTF surplus. SETRAC has a new staging trailer as well.

I. Partner Updates

There was discussion regarding public health SNS staging drills, jurisdiction reimbursement language revisions, jeep weekend, EMS/hospital pilot program, and hospital saline shortage.

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

- **SETRAC Asset Day**

Mr. Way reminded the corridor members that SETRAC resources can be scheduled for an “Asset Day” in their areas. Anyone interested should contact him at jeremy.way@setrac.org.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn, the motion was seconded, and the corridor members upheld the motion. Ms. Worthen adjourned the meeting at 2:26 pm. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (March 14) at Jerry Ware Conference Room (5000 Jerry Ware Drive, Beaumont, Texas 77705). This meeting will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise.

ATTENDEES: Lydia Worthen, Trey Frankovich, Martha Simien, Kevin Crump, Chris Jannise, Sara Morri, Misty Dantin, Christina Watkins, Fidel Calvillo, Holly Mitchell, Timothy Chapman, Rayshell Threadgill, Blake Jackson, Ryan Holzaepfel, Makayla Emmons-Smith, Jax Kincade, Jeremy Way