



South Corridor Minutes

November 8, 2024
HCA Healthcare Southeast
Pasadena, TX 77504
1:00-3:00 PM



A. Call to Order

Mike Nixon called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Mr. Nixon requested review of the September minutes. Mike Mastrangelo (UTMB) made a motion to approve the minutes, Daniel Christopher (HCA Houston Healthcare Pearland) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **World Cup**

Troy Erbentraut gave an overview of the event advising there will be seven games, and Houston will be hosting two of the elimination games. Teams are expected to be announced in January 2025, so SETRAC does not know which teams are coming to Houston. One of the games is scheduled on the 4th of July which is also the 250th anniversary of the United States and Freedom Over Texas will be going on at the same time. Houston is expecting a surge of approximately 400,000 people during this time for sixty plus days as the population is coming from other countries and will be here for an extended time. This surge will not just affect the downtown area, the games will be scattered around our region.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

ASPR removed the older capabilities from the calendar, which continue to be the baseline capabilities, and are moving forward with the current capabilities.

E. EMTF Update

Grant Kelley reported on the following:

EMTF 6 had a very successful Prehospital IDRU (Infectious disease response unit) course at the beginning of October. EMTF hosted the course at the SETRAC office for two days. Where there was discussion regarding emerging diseases of high consequence including the Marburg virus. The group practiced donning and doffing the prehospital PPE along with practicing skills such as IV initiation and transferring of patients while wearing the PPE. EMTF has plans to host the Hospital Augmentation IDRU team course in the coming months with a date to be announced soon.

The EMTF currently has WLFS teams prepositioned in five locations across the state in response to the increased fire weather EMTF 6 has activated one-MEDL, one-Tech Spec, three-WPU, two-Ambulances and one-MIST.

Upcoming Dates: Nov 15th EMTF6 Workgroup/Workday

EMS Conference Nov 24th – 27th EMTF will host work groups tentatively on the 25th
TBD on the location.

F. Training and Exercise

The Training and Exercise Schedule was distributed and reviewed. James Meaux reported the regional exercise is scheduled for May 8, 2025, which was originally going to be cyber focused, but will now be

focused on the World Cup with a cybersecurity component via a UASI contract with CISA. The tabletop exercises will be conducted at the corridor meetings during March and April 2025.

Mr. Meaux and Timothy Chapman may be contacted at exercise@setrac.org with any questions about upcoming classes and/or registration issues.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following:

- Hurricane Beryl AAR meeting was held for Special Populations. Lessons learned will be incorporated on 2025 workshops
- Continue coordinating with dialysis corporate agencies to identify areas of improvement
- SETRAC presented at HHSC provider meetings August, September, and October. Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, ICFs, and Home Health and Hospice agencies were in attendance
- Collaborating with Texas HHSC Leadership to improve on communications and collaboration to improve response activities
- Continue to finalize agreements

H. Inventory Update

Mr. Erbentraut shared that VSATs were removed from RCV-Q, CC602, and CC603, and Starlink was installed as a replacement.

I. Partners Updates (C101)

The corridor members shared public health, hospital, and EMS matters regarding upcoming exercises, viruses, and wristbands. There was in-depth discussion regarding EMS wristband training. No updates were provided to be added in the minutes. 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. Open Discussion/Other Business

No further discussion or business was discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Jeremy Way adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm. The South Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (January 3rd) where the corridor members will attend the RHPC Board meeting at SETRAC in lieu of the South Corridor meeting. The next South Corridor meeting is scheduled for March 21st with location TBD.

ATTENDEES: Charles Brockett, Christy Gonzales, Timothy Chapman, Michael Carrier, Grant Kelley, James Meaux, Dawn Wood, Patrick McCabe, Trey Frankovich, Matthew Griut, Andrew Smith, Daniel Christopher, Troy Erbentraut