



West Corridor Minutes
December 20, 2024
Huntsville Memorial Hospital
110 Memorial Hospital Drive
Huntsville, Texas 77340
9:00 – 11:00 am



A. Call to Order

Andrew Fisk opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

B. Approval of Minutes (C101)

Mr. Fisk requested review of the October minutes. Joe Schorre (Huntsville Memorial Hospital) made a motion to approve the minutes, Justin Zimmer (Montgomery OEM) seconded motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **Building a HERT Foundation**

Michael Carrier (Memorial Hermann Southwest) gave a presentation on setting up for success by building a foundation working with your leaders and people you've never worked with before. He walked the corridor members through the process of establishing support to begin building a road map to success. Maintaining engagement is important to expanding the scope and developing recruitment. He reminded the corridor members of the FEMA training in Anniston which is completely paid for other than time away from the office.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

- **Pulsara Update**

Kat Samuel reported our area has been assigned a Pulsara representative to assist with training and to troubleshoot ongoing issues and questions.

E. EMTF Update

Grant Kelley reported EMTF has been busy since the last meeting (see below):

Activity:

- EMTF Prehospital IDRU course was held on Oct 2nd and 3rd. Plans to hold a second Prehospital course in Q1 of 2025.
- EMTF prepositioned WLFS Wild Land Fire Support teams to multiple different locations in our region they activated 2-Task force leaders, 1-technical specialist, 1-Mist, 3-Wildland Paramedic Units, and 2-Ambulances to support the Wildland Firefighters. The total length of deployment was from 10.04 to 11.07.
- EMTF hosted an EMTF day at the SETRAC warehouse and went over EMTF101 and EMTF Deployment Basics. These courses are a part of the new curriculum and a prerequisite for attending the MIST course among others.
- During the Texas EMS Conference the newest response element of the EMTF was announced and on display. 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.

Upcoming meetings AMBUS workgroup on January 9th hosted at SETRAC.

Sign in Roster if you would like to be added to EMTF 6 List Serve or Mass Notification system (please provide method of providing updated contact information).

F. Training and Exercise Update

Timothy Chapman reviewed the distributed training schedule with the corridor members (*filed with West Corridor minutes binder*). He highlighted the return of CMOC-101 classes beginning in January. The tabletop exercises will be held at the March/April corridor meetings with the regional exercise scheduled for May 8th.

G. Special Populations Update

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following:

1. Special Populations end of the year call held on December 18th. Updates provided and upcoming initiatives reviewed.
2. SETRAC will be working with local jurisdictions to provide education to local officials on Special Population types and emergency planning requirements.
3. Collaborating with Texas HHSC Leadership to improve on communications and collaboration to improve response activities.
4. Continue to finalize agreements
5. SETRAC presented at the National Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Conference.

H. Inventory Update

Troy Erbentraut reported SETRAC has not purchased any new equipment. Philip Cutler and Jarrad Moreno have created a new staging trailer in the event we need to setup an ambulance staging area in our region. They are also in the process of building out a new communications trailer (MCC-604) with workspace and radios available. All VSATs have been eliminated and replaced with StarLinks on most of the assets along with deployable StarLinks.

I. Partner Updates

Harris County Public Health

Trey Frankovich gave a brief overview of their Substance Use and Health Impacts of Excessive Heat reports (full report details filed with the minutes binder).

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. This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

J. Open Discussion/Other Business

- **World Cup 2026 Update**

Ms. Samuel reported the World Cup update will stay on the agenda until the event AAR has been completed in order to bring the most current communication to the meetings. She advised there will be limited resources and traffic increases could delay transports especially with one of the games being played on July 4th and other events going on at the same time (Freedom Over Texas & FanFest). There is still not information on where the base camps will be stationed, but we know College Station has applied.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Fisk adjourned the meeting at 10:12 am. The next West Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2025, to be held at Memorial Hermann Memorial City, 921 Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77024.

ATTENDEES: Chris Toman, Troy Erbentraut, Justin Zimmer, Gabbie Lopez, Grant Kelley, Mike Jaquez, Zane Brown, Timothy Chapman, Trey Frankovich, Scott Reeves, Amy Fields, Dena Daniel, Michael Carrier, Alexander Kolar, Andrew Fisk, Joe Schorre, Lauren Burns, Ricky Trice, Trey Urech, John Christensen, Tammy Kristynik-Moeller, Toni Carnie, Katherine Samuel