



West Corridor Minutes
August 22, 2025
Houston Methodist Willowbrook
18220 State Hwy. 249
Houston, TX 77070
9:00 – 11:00 am



A. Call to Order

Andy Fisk opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

B. Approval of Minutes (C101)

Mr. Fisk requested review of the June minutes. Scott Reeves (HCA Northwest) made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Jaquez (Houston Methodist West) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **Radio Checks**

Mr. Fisk reported the West Corridor radio checks are above average compared with the other corridors; however, there is room for improvement to ensure the percentage is closer to 100%. He shared the benefits of facilities having radios and they are important to communication should a hurricane or disaster cause disconnect from communication with the outside world. He suggested each facility ensure their radios are working properly.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

- **World Cup Update**

Troy Erbentraut (SETRAC) reported teams will not be selected until January, but they have announced there will be approximately 62 camp bases across the United States, Canada, and Mexico with Texas getting approximately six or eight of those locations (one in Houston, one in San Antonio, and six in Dallas). The Houston location will be the Houston Sports Park, and the Omni Hotel will be used for the camp that selects Houston as their base. Fanfest will be at Shell Energy where there will be 4,000-8,000 people per day allowed into the area. From past knowledge, others have shared that the average male attending from other countries is between 25-35, well-to-do, has no insurance, and is planning to hit the bar scene over this 45-day event. Also, HFD's current plan is to increase ambulances by approximately 40-50 on game days.

- **Pulsara Update**

Pulsara has added a few extra representatives to assist with getting everyone onboard. They are also rolling out the MCI training and working on a train-the-trainer course.

E. EMTF Update

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

- EMTF Continues to maintain a presence in Kerr County providing force protection for the Texas Task Force and DPS Dive operations.
- Currently EMTF has twenty-seven (27) personnel in Kerr County consisting of IMT LNO, TFL, two (2) Peer Support, AO MIST, two (2) ASTL, seven (7) AST, and three (3) MICU-UTV.

EMTF 6 activity -

Aug 7th EMTF101 and EMTF Deployment Basics presentations at Medical Center of SETX in Port Arthur for Southeast Texas Nurses interested in participating in EMTF. Twenty (20) ER nurses have an interest in participating with MMU, RN Strike Team, MIST, IDRU Hospital Augmentation Team. We will be scheduling training and MMU Orientation in SETX soon dates forthcoming

Aug 19th EMTF 6 held Regional EMTF Work Group Meetings and an initial after-action hot wash on the initial Kerrville flood response. A second hotwash will be held in October at our next regional EMTF workgroup meeting.

EMTF is picking up equipment in San Antonio in the coming days: MMU Cache Replacement Supplies, IDR replacement supplies, new radios and DME. EMTF is sending an MMU to be reskinned and updated in September

F. Training and Exercise Update

The Training and Exercise schedule was distributed, indicating the training classes available in September (*filed with West Corridor minutes binder*). The supply chain survey will be going out shortly and the "End of Year" survey will be going out in early November, due by the first of second week of June 2026.

SETRAC is hosting another MGT-439 class (Pediatric Disaster Response/Emergency Preparedness) to be held at the City of Baytown OEM on November 3rd-4th. The registration information went out last week and will be sent out again in the next couple of weeks.

G. Special Populations Update

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following:

1. Planning with local jurisdiction for upcoming Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps in our Region on September 18th for South Corridor in Brazoria County. Bootcamps were held on June 24th in Montgomery County for West Corridor and August 14 East Corridor Chambers County.
2. Participated with Texas HHSC Region 4 annual provider meetings on emergency preparedness August 12th and 18th. Additional meeting in September TBD.
3. Providing SP presentations to community events and local committees.
4. Continue to work with new facilities to be part of RHPC and provide emergency preparedness guidance.
5. Reached out to the TDEM STEAR Rep to discuss the new STEAR online registration for LTCS and home health/hospice providers.
6. New EMResource event for LTC/ALFs to provide facility and operational updates during an event. SETRAC is working with Juvare to improve the event page.
7. FSEDs meetings were held on July 17th and August 19th to discuss FIFA WC regional plans and patient tracking.

H. Inventory Update

Mr. Erbentraut advised there is no inventory update; however, he reported as of the end of October the SETRAC offices will no longer be located at 1111 North Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008 as we are moving to the SETRAC Warehouse at 5115 Rosslyn Road, Houston, TX 77018. This move will help save costs and enable SETRAC to continue serving the region in the same capacity.

I. Partner Updates

There was discussion regarding public health updates (budget cuts and a Chempack presentation at the Montgomery County Health District on 9/18 from 10am-12pm), EMS update (whole blood update), and hospital update (bus accident MCI).

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

- Using AI in Emergency Management

Mr. Fisk encouraged the corridor to think about using some of the new technology to assist in writing their drills. He shared he used copilot to assist in writing his tabletop with his specifications and he was very pleased with the outcome.

- **EMTF Presentation**

Mr. Fisk requested Mr. Kelley give a presentation on the history of EMTF at one of the upcoming meetings and he scheduled for the December 12th meeting.

- **Upcoming Agenda Topics**

Spectra and Ambus tour were discussed as possible topics. The HCA Kingwood MCI was confirmed for October.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Fisk adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am. The next West Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 20, 2025, to be held at Houston Methodist West (18500 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77094).

ATTENDEES: Katherine Samuel, Fidel Calvillo, Corrie Dwigans, Rene Leal, James Campbell, Troy Erbentraut, Michelle Hauth, Zane Niemand, Amanda Brown, Jonathan Keels, Michele Carter, John Christensen, Mike Jaquez, Andrew Fisk, Benson Kumenda, Toni Sloan, Trisha DeGroot, Katie Linn, Phillip Mumford, Trey Urech, Scott Reeves, Justin Zimmerman

WEST CORRIDOR MEETING (FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025)

| First Name | Last Name | Organization Name (West) | West Corridor Meeting | How did you attend? | Meeting Code |
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| Katherine | Samuel | SETRAC | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Fidel J | Calvillo | SETRAC | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Corrie | Dwigans | Columbus Community | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Rene | Leal | Montgomery County Public Health District. | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| James | Campbell | Memorial Hermann Northeast | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Troy | Erbentraut | SETRAC | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Michelle | Hauth | Memorial Hermann Memorial City | West 8/22/25 | In person | kickball |
| Zane | Niemand | Montgomery County Public Health District | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Amanda | Brown | Memorial Hermann Northeast | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Jonathan | Keels | HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Michele | Carter | Rice Medical Center | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| John | Christensen | Memorial Hermann The Woodlands | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Mike | Jaquez | Houston Methodist West | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Andrew | Fisk | Houston Methodist Willowbrook | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Benson | Kumenda | Memorial Hermann Cypress | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Toni | Sloan | HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Trisha | DeGroot | Memorial Hermann Memorial City | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Katie | Linn | Memorial Hermann Katy Rehab | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Phillip | Mumford | Memorial Hermann Northeast | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Trey | Urech | HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Scott | Reeves | HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |
| Justin | ZIMMER | Montgomery County Homeland SECURITY OEM | West 8/22/25 | In person | Kickball |