



North Corridor Minutes
May 14, 2025
Woodland Heights Affinity Center
Lufkin, Texas 75901
2:00-3:30 pm



Call to Order

Janay Yancey called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Minutes (C101)

Mr. Bennett requested review of the March minutes. Ken Jobe (Allegiance Mobile Health) made a motion to approve the minutes, Max Iguess (Nacogdoches County EMS) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- **Pulsara Overview**

Gary Litton reviewed the internal process needed to be completed for the external partners to see the facilities and add them to the incident in Pulsara. Currently, the North Corridor has three facilities set up correctly and he will work with the other facilities to ensure they are set up as well. Jax Kincaid has requested scheduling a Zoom meeting with all North Corridor facilities to assist and ensure all steps are completed. There was discussion seeking verification on the process of the EMS wristbands.

- **Award of Excellence**

Facilities and agencies are encouraged to take this opportunity to share the good work their personnel have been doing over the past year in their region by applying for the Award of Excellence. The applications can be found on the SETRAC website, and the due date is August 31st.

HPP Capabilities Review (C101)

- **World Cup Update**

Mr. Litton reminded the corridor members that the World Cup is scheduled from June 11 through July 19, 2026, which will be 45 days of games and activities.

- **Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)**

There was discussion regarding the HPP federal grant possibly being cut since a draft budget was leaked and then when the President's budget was released, HPP was cut. Mr. Litton advised SETRAC has not heard anything definite but is doing everything possible to reach out to state and federal representatives.

EMTF Update (C306)

Recent Responses and Preparedness

- Bay City Ammonia Release: EMTF swiftly deployed a robust no-notice response, including 1 Heavy Strike Team, 5 ambulances, and 1 AMBUS, ensuring effective incident management.
- Severe Weather Standby: EMTF-6 has been activated 9 times for severe weather preparedness, showcasing our commitment to regional safety and rapid response readiness.

Training and Curriculum Development

- MIST Curriculum Advancement: EMTF coordinators are hard at work developing the new MIST curriculum. The first class, a refresher, is tentatively scheduled for mid-to-late summer 2025, with a new MIST course planned for mid-to-late fall 2025.
- NWCG MEDL Course: EMTF, in collaboration with the Texas Forest Service, will host the NWCG MEDL Course in San Antonio from May 20-22, 2025, enhancing our medical leadership capabilities.

Crystal Beach Go Topless Weekend 2025

- Proactive Planning: EMTF is actively coordinating a comprehensive mutual aid response for this high-demand event, including a Type 3 MMU, two ambulance strike teams, and overhead coordination during peak hours.
- Community Support: EMTF secured significant donations of assets and equipment, bolstering our operational capacity.

Current Needs

- Urgent Request: We urgently need 10 I-Stat 1 CG4+ cartridges. Any assistance in securing these critical supplies would be greatly appreciated—please reach out if you can help.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- TDEM Conference Workgroups: The next EMTF workgroups will convene at the TDEM Conference in Fort Worth, fostering collaboration and strategic planning.
- Call for Volunteers: We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to set up, tear down, and staff the EMTF display at the TDEM Conference. If interested, please let us know, and we'll add you to the list.

Training & Exercise (C104)

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 – There is a page dedicated to the World Cup on the SETRAC website with information from partners and agencies that will be updated as information is shared (countries playing, game dates/times, etc.).
- Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) – The HVAs will be coming out soon and a cyber assessment has been added.
- TDEM Exercise – Mr. Litton took this time to have the corridor members give an update on their experiences with the exercise where most believed the cards were an asset. Mr. Chapman stated there were STAR requests posted in the live event versus the exercise training event, and he advised a default workaround in the exercise/testing environment is being looked at to assist with this issue.
- Decon Training – SETRAC is working on a Warehouse Day for decon training in Houston. The date will be announced once all aspects of the training are ready.
- 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.

Special Populations Update (C104)

Mr. Litton reviewed the Special Populations update as follows:

- SETRAC hosted the Special Populations Workshop yesterday (Tuesday, May 13th) with 220 registered facilities.
- Planning with local jurisdictions for upcoming Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps in our Region. June 24th in Montgomery County for West Corridor. In the works for an additional bootcamp in Brazoria Co for South Corridor.

- Continue to work with local jurisdiction on emergency preparedness workshop for elected officials, workshop on hold for now.
- Training dialysis clinics on the use of EMResource has been conducted.
- SETRAC participated with dialysis's Corporate Office in Emergency Preparedness Hurricane Trainings.
- Continue to work with new facilities to be part of RHPC and provide emergency preparedness guidance.
- Special Populations virtual Regional Exercise May 13th. This year's exercise will include facilities simulating an evacuation.
- Reached out to the TDEM STEAR Rep to discuss the new STEAR online registration for LTCS and home health/hospice providers.

Inventory (C104)

Deferred

Partner Updates (C101)

There was a discussion regarding regional activities. A child fatality review team is being formed, and corridor members may be approached to serve on this team.

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.

Open Discussion/Other Business

2025-2026 North Corridor Meeting Schedule

Ms. Yancey reviewed the meeting schedule with the corridor members and advised the locations to stand as noted unless the facility needs to be rescheduled. The meeting schedule was approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Yancey adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm. The next North Corridor meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (July 9th) at CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Hospital, 1717 US-59 Loop North, Livingston, TX 77351.

ATTENDEES: Curt Joner, Wyatt Henderson, Sharon Owens, Johnnie Perry, Sylvia Thompson, Scott Chrispher, Sondra Williams, Timothy Chapman, Ken Jobe, AJ Rose, John Farthing, Janay Yancey, Carmen Stuck, Monty Cartwright, Christopher Iguess, Jonathon Walker, Carrie Elder, Robert Scott, Gary Litton, Joshua Phipps, Ashley London, Howard Rumore, Raymond Barrett, Colbey Hill, Brian Corley, Jason Minchew

EAST CORRIDOR MEETING 5.14.2025					
First Name	Last Name	Organization Name (North)	North Corridor Meeting	How did you attend?	Meeting Code
Curt	Joiner	Jasper Newton County Public Health	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Wyatt	Henderson	Woodland Heights Medical Center	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Sharon	Owens	Dshs	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Johnnie	Perry	Allegiance Mobile Health	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Sylvia	Thompson	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Scott	Christopher	DETRAC, Total Point Emergency	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
TIMOTHY	CHAPMAN	SETRAC	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Sondra	Williams	Tyler County Hospital	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Aj	Rose	Allegiance Mobile Health	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Kèn	Jobe	CHI St. Luke's Lufkin	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
John	Farthing	Woodland Heights Medical Center	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Carmen	Stuck	DETRAC	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Christopher	Iguess	CHI St. Luke's Lufkin	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Jonathon	Walker	Nacogdoches County EMS	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Carrie	Elder	Allegiance Mobile Health	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Janay	Yancey	Tyler County Hospital	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Gary	Litton	SETRAC	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
ROBERT	SCOTT	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Howard	Rumore	Nacogdoches Medical Hospital	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Joshua	Phipps	Nacogdoches Medical Hospital	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Raymond	Barrett	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Colbey	Hill	CHI St. Luke's Livingston	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Ashley	London	CHI St. Luke's San Augustine	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Brian	Corley	Sabine County Hospital	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Monty	Cartwright	Pulsara	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara
Jason	Minchew	CHI St. Luke's Livingston	North 05/14/2025	In person	Pulsara