Downtown Corridor Minutes

SETRAC
Conference Center
Houston, Texas 77008
June 6, 2025

A. Call to Order

Lisa Spivey called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

B. Approval of Minutes (C101)

Ms. Spivey requested review and approval of the April minutes. Carrie Cox (Texas Children's Hospital) made a motion to approve the minutes, Fannie Frederick (MD Andersson) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **Downtown Corridor Nomination Selections**
  Ms. Spivey announced that Michael Olivier (Memorial Hermann TMC) and Ashlee Thurman (Ben Taub General Hospital) have both accepted the nominations for the Downtown Corridor Chair and Co-Chair again.
- **Award of Excellence**
  The Award of Excellence applications are open and can be found on the SETRAC website. The application is not hard to complete, and this is the time to showcase all the events and good work your facility has been doing throughout the year. The deadline to submit is August 31st.
- **DEA Presentation**
  Duane Jeffcoat and Marcella Blackman gave an overview on medication diversion and answered questions from the corridor members.
- **Department of State Health Services**
  Meaghan Chesley gave an update on the Chempack program with in-depth decision and questions from the corridor members *(copy of presentation filed with minutes binder)*.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

- **Pulsar Update**
  Ms. Spivey explained the differences in Pulsara (she calls it the basic and the premiere) The basic is every hospital has access to the patient tracking system to the MCI component. The premiere when EMS scans the wristband on the patient, then sends it to the hospital, and the hospital activates their stroke team to be ready to receive that patient. Every hospital system has this component, but this does not mean every hospital within that system has activated their stroke team, trauma team, or whoever is on that team. Ms. Spivey assured the corridor members that every hospital within our 25-county region has the MCI component and should be able to track the patient and enter them in the event of an MCI. Due to the World Cup, SETRAC is going to begin training all staff members (day shift, night shift, part-time shifts, etc.) to ensure the hospital personnel are ready for an MCI at any time.
- **World Cup 2026**
  Troy Erbentraut gave an update on the most current information retrieved from ongoing meetings. The host games and dates have not been announced yet. He gave an overview of the impact the crowds will have on our area and the issues that may arise trying to get medical and other supplies

into the area, and possible emergency evacuations out of the area. There was also discussion regarding shelter from the heat during the timeframe of the events. SETRAC has created a World Cup webpage gathering information from different agencies to assist with the most up-to-date information. Anyone who has pertinent information to share should contact SETRAC for posting.

- **WebEOC/Nexus**
  Ms. Spivey reminded the corridor members that within the next three months the transition from WebEOC to the platform (Nexus) will become a reality. Nexus will be the same but look different. For the first year WebEOC will be kept in the background should Nexus go down, WebEOC will be the backup, so none of the accounts will be deactivated. Ms. Spivey advised she is sending each of the hospitals a list of their end users to review and advise which users are still current and which need to be removed. After this review, the end users that have not logged in within two years will be removed. Everyone's usernames will change to their work emails (must be work emails, not personal). After this is completed, SETRAC and Juvare will begin training both in person and virtually.

E. EMTF Update

Mr. Erbentraut reported the EMTF update as follows:

Recent Responses and Preparedness

- Bay City Ammonia Release: EMTF swiftly deployed no-notice response , 5 ambulances, and 1 AMBUS.
- Severe Weather Standby: EMTF-6 has been placed a Heavy Strike team on standby 10 times for severe weather preparedness.

Training and Curriculum Development

- MIST Curriculum Advancement: Our coordinators are hard at work developing the new MIST curriculum. with a new MIST course including the new curriculum planned for mid-to-late fall 2025.
- Tentative Dates Set for MIST courses with a blend of old and new curriculum June 11th 12th & July 29th 30th . More to follow please email EMTF 6 Coordinator if you have interest. Requirements are ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800. G191 is preferred and also a letter of recommendation from agency leadership.
- NWCG MEDL Course: EMTF, in collaboration with the Texas Forest Service, hosted a MEDL course May 20th May 22nd. 32 partners attended from across the state further preparing the EMTF to better respond for State as well as National wildfires.

Crystal Beach Go Topless Weekend 2025 May 16th, 17th and 18th

- Go Topless weekend was a very successful response. The GCSO's traffic plan largely mitigated the historic call volume. SETRAC/EMTF6 Provided a regional response with 52 personnel responding from 11 different agencies.
- Anyone interested in joining the EMTF program should contact Grant Kelley at grant.kelley@setrac.org. In order to be part of the EMTF program there are several training courses that need to be completed.

F. Training and Exercise Update

The Training and Exercise Schedule was distributed to the corridor members and reviewed *(filed in the Downtown Corridor minutes binder)*.

Timothy Chapman announced the following drills and trainings:

- The Off the Grid Drill is scheduled for June 13th, and those that registered should receive their 201 and 205 forms with instructions before the drill.

- Pulsara training will begin soon for both individual facilities and corridor training. These training courses will include the MCI process with wristbands to ensure all personnel have hands on training.
- The AAR for the functional exercise will be posted soon as well as the tabletop exercises.

G. Special Populations Update

Fidel Calvillo reported on the Special Populations activities as follows:

- Planning with local jurisdictions for upcoming Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps in our Region. June 24th in Montgomery County for West Corridor.
- Continue to work with local jurisdiction on emergency preparedness workshop for elected officials. 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 was held on May 13th. 122 facilities
- SETRAC Special Populations presentation at the TALA Conference in April - RACs overview and disaster preparedness.
- Reached out to the TDEM STEAR Rep to discuss the new STEAR online registration for LTCS and home health/hospice providers.

H. Inventory Update

Deferred

I. Partners Updates (C101)

Harris County Public Health reported on two cases of West Nile virus, upcoming training courses and exercises, and they are continuing with their FIFA planning.

No other 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.

I. Open Discussion/Other Business

- **HVA Cybersecurity**
  The Cybersecurity HVA is like the regular HVA focusing on cybersecurity vulnerabilities.
- **2025-2026 Downtown Corridor Meeting Schedule**
  The 2025-2026 Downtown Corridor meeting schedule was reviewed and unanimously approved by the corridor members.
- **2025 Preparedness Coalition Symposium**
  Ms. Spivey reminded the corridor members of the upcoming symposium (October 15th-17th) at the Galveston San Luis Convention Center. The San Luis Resort and Hilton hotels are sold out and the Holiday Inn is being added to the website for reservations. She also announced a few of the speakers/presentations that have been confirmed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Spivey adjourned the meeting at 2:29 pm. The next Downtown Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (August 1st) in person at the SETRAC (1111 North Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, Texas 77008) in the conference center.

ATTENDEES: Lisa Spivey, Carrie Cox, Garrett Rodriquez, Gisela Cinta, Cynthia Crespo-Bonaparte, Timothy Chapman, John Fleming, Mark Champagne, Joseph Botticelli, Danny Shine, Kimberly Hobson