



RHPC Board Meeting
July 11, 2025
SETRAC Conference Center
1111 North Loop West, Suite 160
Houston, Texas 77008



Call to Order

Dr. Kevin Schulz called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

RHPC Board Roll Call

Dr. Schulz called roll for the Board members in attendance.

Andy Fisk	Mark Sloan
John Fleming	Toni Sloan
Michael Nixon	Eric Steffel
Kevin Schulz, MD	Lydia Worthen

Approval of Minutes (C101)

Dr. Schulz requested review and approval of the May minutes. Andy Fisk (Houston Methodist Willowbrook) made a motion to approve the minutes, Toni Sloan (HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball) second the motion, and the coalition members carried the motion.

New Business

- **Juvare BedSync Project**
Ann Marie Brown (Juvare) gave an overview of the BedSync Project process and requirements.
- **Trauma Plan/Regulatory Revisions**
Suzanne Curran (SETRAC) gave a presentation on the Trauma Plan regulatory revisions and possible upcoming requirements (*presentation filed with the minutes binder*).
- **Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Update**
Lori Upton provided an update on the HPP budget cuts reporting SETRAC was previously notified that the HPP funding would be cut to 67%; however, on a recent ASPR call SETRAC was informed the program funding for FFY25 (July 2025-June 2026) should be secure through June 30, 2026. The rationale from ASPR is that the HPP awards begin on July 1st during FFY25 and as a result, the funds will be available for the entirety of Budget Period 2 (July 2025–June 2026). ASPR did not have information or updates for funding for FFY26 or beyond.

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

Long Term Care Update (C102)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following Special Populations issues:

- Planning with local jurisdictions for upcoming Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps in our Region. June 24th in Montgomery County for West Corridor was held. Next bootcamp August 14 East Corridor (Baytown). Working with Brazoria County to schedule in September (South Corridor)
- Participated with local jurisdiction on emergency preparedness workshop for elected officials COH on June 26.
- Training dialysis clinics on the use of EMResource has been conducted.
- Providing SP presentations to community events and local committees.
- Continue to work with new facilities to be part of RHPC and provide emergency preparedness guidance.

- Reached out to the TDEM STEAR Rep to discuss the new STEAR online registration for LTCS and home health/hospice providers.
- New EMResource event for LTC/ALFs to provide facility and operational updates during an event. Working with Juvare to improve the event page.
- FSEDs meeting on July 17th to discuss FIFA WC regional plans and patient tracking.

Training and Exercise Update (C104)

Timothy Chapman reviewed the Training and Exercise Schedule distributed to the coalition members highlighting the upcoming TEEX classes with the first class on July 17th-18th and the second class scheduled for November with the date and location TBA (*T&E schedule filed with RHPC Board minutes filed binder*).

SETRAC is working with DHS to bring a workshop to the region that will align with our regional exercise next year for the World Cup. The initial meeting is scheduled for next month and more information will go out once the date and location are determined. SETRAC is also working on a decon refresher course to be held at the SETRAC warehouse where the facilities can bring their own equipment with SETRAC supplying the showers and their staff can complete any OSHA requirements needed.

EMTF Update (C104)

Grant Kelley submitted his EMTF report 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.
- Hill County/Kerr County Deployment (July 4th): EMTF deployed and currently has 135 units of 280 persons throughout the region operating in three different areas of operations along with several assets (MMU, DPMUs) and assisting with task force staging.

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 are interested. Requirements are ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800. G191 is preferred and 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.

EMS Update (C104)

Eric Steffel (Northwest EMS) provided an update from the SETRAC EMS Committee that discussed wristbands, EMS wall times, and blood products.

Inventory Update (C104)

Mr. Kelley gave an update on the SETRAC assets and resources deployed to Kerr County.

World Cup Update

Ms. Upton advised the coalition members that SETRAC forwarded an invitation to the hospitals to volunteer for the World Cup March. She reminded everyone that this is a volunteer opportunity only. Please contact SETRAC if you would like a copy of the link.

Dr. Schulz reported planning efforts continue across the region. He also advised proposed teams and dates should be released in December 2025.

Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)

Ms. Sloan reported the 2025 award applications are due August 31st. She is working her way to each corridor meeting to encourage the hospitals and agencies to submit their applications. She reminded the coalition members of the newly added Partner award as well.

Symposium Planning (C101)

Ms. Upton reported symposium planning continues focusing on “Call for Speakers” which will determine speakers/presentations for this year. The symposium blocks at the San Luis Resort and Hilton are full, but there are still rooms available at the Holiday Inn. SETRAC welcomes anyone that would like to donate towards the symposium door prizes given out just before the symposium adjournment on Friday morning. Symposium dates are October 15th-17th at the San Luis Galveston Convention Center.

Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)

Deferred

Corridor Updates (C101)

Downtown Corridor – *Deferred*

South Corridor – Mike Nixon reported in from his Kerr County deployment that the next corridor meeting is scheduled for July 18th at Fort Bend County OEM in Richmond.

East Corridor – Lydia Worthen reported the last East Corridor meeting was held on May 9th at Chambers County where they discussed the symposium, Award of Excellence, and upcoming exercises and hot washes.

West Corridor – Andrew Fisk reported the corridor members thanked Gabriella Lopez for her service as the outgoing chair for the June meeting. He announced that he is the new chair along with Joe Schorre (Huntsville Memorial Hospital) as co-chair. The 2025-2026 West Corridor Meeting Schedule was approved at this meeting, and it was decided to continue with the October meeting, even though the symposium is held in October this will allow corridor members to bring some of the symposium highlights to the meeting.

North Corridor – Janay Yancey reported the North Corridor met on Wednesday (July 9th) where the corridor members received a presentation on the trauma rules and how to begin preparing to implement those rules. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 10th in Lufkin.

Dr. Schulz thanked all the outgoing and newly elected incoming corridor leaders for their service to the region. This leadership is a big part of how we keep the coalition functioning and helps keep all the members engaged.

Partner Updates (C101)

Public Health

Harris County Public Health

Kimberly Hobson provided an update on their Family Assistance Center Exercise coming up in October. She also gave an update on their community outreach programs with an upcoming event sharing emergency preparedness information.

Fort Bend County Public Health

Charles Brockett reported they continue planning for back to school and hurricane preparedness and awareness in the county.

Houston Health Department

John Fleming reported that the Houston Health Department completed their bio-watch tabletop exercise on June 24th. He also updated on the community distribution of back to school and hurricane preparedness and awareness information. An Administrative Preparedness Workshop is being planned for October 14th at the Harris County Department of Education with more details to follow.

OEM

Harris County OEM

Mark Sloan reported they continue to plan for the FIFA World Cup. He stated that we are fortunate that the Gulf of America has not had a storm so far this year and we hope to keep it that way although there was a hint of a tropical development in the northern Gulf last next week. There is a chance of rain today and through the weekend and he advised everyone to remember our streets are designed to hold rain so be careful and be safe.

EMS

Wharton County EMS

Christy Gonzales reported their call volume is up, and they have started recruiting efforts. They are also working on training and community activities.

Houston Fire Department

Dr. Schulz thanked SETRAC for their assistance and support during the Freedom Over Texas 4th of July event as well as the Pride Parade. Between these two events, there were 100+ people seen with three transported. He stated this is the reason hospitals should consider volunteering for the World Cup March as support will be needed to mitigate patients and help from a regional aspect with the hospital surge.

Other Partners

Memorial Hermann Health System

Memorial Hermann is working with TEEEX to bring two classes to the Houston area, Pediatric Disaster Response, with the first course scheduled for July 15th-16th at the Memorial City Campus and the second course scheduled for November 5th-6th at the Woodlands Campus.

Open Discussion/Other

Whole Blood Committee

Dr. Schulz reported a resolution was passed for an allocation of \$10 million to bring whole blood to every hospital setting across Texas. GETAC, Chief Dudley Wait (Fort Bend County EMS), Houston Fire Department, and others are working diligently towards these efforts.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Ms. Sloan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and Dr. Schulz adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm. The next RHPC Board meeting is scheduled for September 5th at SETRAC (1111 North Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, Texas 77008) in the conference center.

Attendees

Demetress Harrell, Dawn Wood, Janie Ochoa, Trisha DeGroot, Mattalin Vojacek, Cynthia Crespo-Bonaparte, Matthew Grout, Jessica Vickers, Jonathan House, Garrett Rodriguez, John Gomolka, Katie Linn, Richard Dunn, Trey Urech, Eric Steffel, Crystal Williams, John Wingate, John Fleming, Lisa Valenzon, Bonnie Macius, April Rose, Rita Richards, Ashley Simon, Kimberly Hobson, Roger Morse, Michele Carter, John Christensen, Glenda Self, Amy Fields, Sandra Leyva, Timothy Chapman, Victor Reyes, Janay Yancey, Andrew Fisk, Zane Niemand, Nick Lim, Meghna Bhatt, Grant Kelley, Eunice Davis, Michelle Rodriguez, Mark Champagne, Fidel Calvillo, Arhtur Anderson, Lauren Burns, John Hazeslip, Scott Reeves, Charles Brockett, Christy Gonzales, Sharon Owens, Ronald Palmer, Blake Jackson, Justin Zimmer, Mike Jaquez, Trey Frankovich, Jason Kime, Lori Upton, Carrie Cox

RHPC Board Meeting (7/11/2025)					
First Name	Last Name	Meeting Type	Organization Name (Downtown)	How did you attend?	Meeting Code
Demetress	Harrell	RHPC Board Meeting	Hospice in the Pines	Virtually	Happy Friday
Dawn	Wood	RHPC Board Meeting	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital*	Virtually	Happy Friday
Janie	Ochoa	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land*	Virtually	Happy Friday
Trisha	DeGroot	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann Memorial City	Virtually	Happy Friday
Mattalin	Vojacek	RHPC Board Meeting	BCHD	Virtually	Happy Friday
Cynthia	Crespo-Bonaparte	RHPC Board Meeting	Harris County Psychiatric Center	Virtually	Happy Friday
Matthew	Grout	RHPC Board Meeting	Brazoria County Health department	Virtually	Happy Friday
Jessica	Vickers	RHPC Board Meeting	HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake*	Virtually	Happy Friday
Jonathan	House	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital*	Virtually	Happy Friday
Rodriguez	Garrett	RHPC Board Meeting	Houston Health Department	Virtually	Happy Friday
John	Gomolka	RHPC Board Meeting	The Menninger Clinic	Virtually	Happy Friday
Katie	Linn	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann Katy Rehab	Virtually	Happy Friday
Richard	Dunn	RHPC Board Meeting	Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center	Virtually	Happy Friday
Trey	Urech	RHPC Board Meeting	HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe	Virtually	Happy Friday
Eric	Steffel	RHPC Board Meeting	Northwest Community Health	Virtually	Happy Friday
Crystal	Williams	RHPC Board Meeting	Lone Star Behavioral Health	Virtually	Happy Friday
John	Wingate	RHPC Board Meeting	Harris Health LBJ General	Virtually	Happy Friday
John	Fleming	RHPC Board Meeting	Houston Health Department	Virtually	Happy Friday
Lisa	Valenzon	RHPC Board Meeting	St. Joseph Medical Center	Virtually	Happy Friday
Bonnie	Macius	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann Cypress	Virtually	Happy Friday
April	Rose	RHPC Board Meeting	Houston Hospice	Virtually	Happy Friday
Rita	Richards	RHPC Board Meeting	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital*	Virtually	Happy Friday
Ashley	Simon	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann*	Virtually	Happy Friday
Kimberly	Hobson	RHPC Board Meeting	Harris County Public Health	In person	Happy Friday
Roger	Morse	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land*	Virtually	Happy Friday
Michele	Carter	RHPC Board Meeting	Rice Medical Center	Virtually	Happy Friday
John	Christensen	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann The Woodlands	Virtually	Happy Friday
Glenda	Self	RHPC Board Meeting	Kindred Hospital Sugar Land	Virtually	Happy Friday
Amy	Fields	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann Katy	Virtually	Happy Friday
Sandra	Leyva	RHPC Board Meeting	UT- M. D. Anderson	Virtually	Happy Friday

Timothy	Chapman	RHPC Board Meeting	SETRAC	In person	Happy Friday
Victor	Reyes	RHPC Board Meeting	Montgomery County OHSEM	Virtually	Happy Friday
Janay	Yancey	RHPC Board Meeting	Tyler County Hospital	Virtually	Happy Friday
Andrew	Fisk	RHPC Board Meeting	Houston Methodist Willowbrook	Virtually	Happy Friday
Zane	Niemand	RHPC Board Meeting		Virtually	Happy Friday
Nick	Lim	RHPC Board Meeting	A&A Home Health Services, Inc	Virtually	Happy Friday
Meghna	Bhatt	RHPC Board Meeting	Montgomery County Public Health District	Virtually	Happy Friday
Grant	Kelley	RHPC Board Meeting	SETRAC	In person	Happy Friday
Eunice	Davis	RHPC Board Meeting	The Harris Center for Mental Health and ID	Virtually	Happy Friday
Jonathan	House	RHPC Board Meeting	Memorial Hermann Southeast*	Virtually	Happy Friday
Michelle	Rodriguez	RHPC Board Meeting	The Harris Center for Mental Health and ID	Virtually	Happy Friday
Mark	Champagne	RHPC Board Meeting	UT- M. D. Anderson	Virtually	Happy Friday
Fidel J	Calvillo	RHPC Board Meeting	SETRAC	In person	Happy Friday
Arthur	Anderson	RHPC Board Meeting	DSHS (4/5N)	Virtually	Happy Friday
Lauren	Burns	RHPC Board Meeting	HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood	Virtually	Happy Friday
John	Hazeslip	RHPC Board Meeting	Sweeny Community Hospital	Virtually	Happy Friday
Scott	Reeves	RHPC Board Meeting	HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest	In person	Happy Friday
Charles	Brockett	RHPC Board Meeting	FBC Public Health	Virtually	Happy Friday
Christy	Gonzales	RHPC Board Meeting	Wharton EMS	Virtually	Happy Friday
Sharon	Owens	RHPC Board Meeting	Department of State Health Services	Virtually	Happy Friday
Ronald "Chris"	Palmer	RHPC Board Meeting	PAM Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sugar	Virtually	Happy Friday
Blake	Jackson	RHPC Board Meeting	Liberty-Dayton Regional	In person	Happy Friday
Justin	Zimmer	RHPC Board Meeting	Montgomery County OEM	Virtually	Happy Friday
Mike	Jaquez	RHPC Board Meeting	Houston Methodist West	Virtually	Happy Friday
Trey	Frankovich	RHPC Board Meeting	Harris County Public Health	In person	Happy Friday
Jason	Kime	RHPC Board Meeting	Houston Methodist Cypress Hospital	Virtually	Happy Friday
Lori	Upton	RHPC Board Meeting	SETRAC	In person	Happy Friday
Carrie	Cox	RHPC Board Meeting	Texas Children's Med Center	Virtually	Happy Friday