



RHPC Board Meeting
September 5, 2025
SETRAC Conference Center
1111 North Loop West, Suite 160
Houston, Texas 77008



Call to Order

Toni Sloan called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

RHPC Board Roll Call

Ms. Sloan called roll for the Board members in attendance.

Stephen Bennett	Michael Olivier
Andrew Fisk	Kevin Schulz, MD
John Fleming	Toni Sloan
Michael Nixon	Eric Steffel
	Lydia Worthen

After roll call, Ms. Sloan reminded the coalition members there are three open board positions, the City of Houston OEM and two At-Large positions. Anyone interested in helping fill these positions should reach out to Lisa Spivey at lisa.spivey@setrac.org.

Approval of Minutes (C101)

Ms. Sloan requested review and approval of the July minutes. Dr. Kevin Schulz (Houston Fire Department) made a motion to approve the minutes, John Fleming (Houston Health Department) second the motion, and the coalition members carried the motion.

New Business

- **New Law Concerning EDO's** (*effective September 1, 2025*)

Captain Isaac Duplechain (Houston Police Department/Mental Health Division) presented on Senate Bill 1164/Mental Health Detention, which took effect September 1, 2025, making changes to the emergency detention process for mental health crises. The bill added a new criterion for emergency detentions, requiring evidence of inability to recognize mental illness symptoms or appreciate treatment risks and benefits, though this change is not expected to significantly increase detention volumes. The law also updated the emergency detention form to a two-page version, which must now be used by all police departments instead of the previous one-page form, and clarified that homelessness alone does not qualify for emergency detention unless accompanied by danger to self or others.

- **Kerrville Response**

Grant Kelley presented on the Kerrville response highlighting the growth and increased participation of EMTF-6 in various deployments since January 2024. He discussed the foundation built by previous leaders and the efforts to dispel rumors about the unit's capabilities. The presentation included data on deployments, showing an increase in personnel activated and agencies involved over the years. SETRAC emphasized the unit's growing involvement in regional and national responses, with a significant number of activations since July 4th.

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

Long Term Care Update (C102)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following Special Populations updates:

1. Planning with local jurisdiction for upcoming Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps in our Region on September 18th for South Corridor in Brazoria County. Bootcamps 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 (4) on emergency preparedness in August. Additional meetings on September 11.
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. Working with Juvare to improve event page.
7. FSEDs meetings were held on July 17th and August 19th to discuss FIFA World Cup regional plans and patient tracking.

Training and Exercise Update (C104)

Timothy Chapman discussed upcoming training exercises, including a 2-day HSEEP training course at the Harris County Fire Marshal's office and a pediatric disaster response course in November. *(T&E schedule filed with RHPC Board minutes filed binder).*

EMTF Update (C104)

Grant Kelley submitted his EMTF report as follows:

Recent Responses and Preparedness

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

EMTF 6 Activity

- August 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 ER nurses have an interest in participating with MMU, RN Strike Team, MIST, IDRU Hospital Augmentation Team. EMTF will be scheduling training and MMU Orientation in SETX soon with dates forthcoming.
- August 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 the next regional EMTF workgroup.
- EMTF-6 will be picking up equipment in San Antonio in the coming days: MMU Cache Replacement Supplies, IDRU replacement supplies, new radios, and DME.
- EMTF-6 is sending an MMU to be reskinned and updated in September.

EMS Update (C104)

Troy Erbentraut reported EMS is working on and moving forward with the whole blood program.

Inventory Update (C104)

There was no inventory update; however, Mr. Erbentraut reminded the coalition members that the SETRAC offices are moving to the warehouse at 5115 Rosslyn Road, Houston, Texas 77018.

World Cup Update

Mr. Erbentraut reported the selected World Cup teams will be announced on December 5, 2025, which will give us an idea of which team is coming to Houston. Dr. Schulz reminded the coalition members that the World Cup is not an EMS or medicine event, this is an entire regional healthcare event. Even if all goes well and nothing happens, there will be up to

six figures worth of people in the city on certain days for several months; therefore, the individual hospitals' capacity could be ramped up to at least ten percent.

Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)

Ms. Sloan reported the 2025 award applications are in and the Award of Excellence Committee members will be meeting soon to review the packets and select the winners which will be announced on the symposium opening day, October 15th.

Symposium Planning (C101)

Lisa Spivey reported the symposium planning is running smoothly and on time. The speakers are selected, and breakout sessions have been determined.

Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)

Deferred

Corridor Updates (C101)

Downtown Corridor – Michael Olivier reported the Downtown Corridor met on August 1st at SETRAC with updates on Pulsara, World Cup, and CMOC rotation. The corridor members reviewed the meeting schedule for upcoming meeting locations and discussed the dip in radio checks participation and are working to identify the gaps. The next Downtown Corridor meeting is scheduled for October 3rd.

South Corridor – Mike Nixon reported the South Corridor met on July 18th where Ms. Sloan presented on the Award of Excellence.

East Corridor – Lydia Worthen reported East Corridor has not met since the last RHPC Board meeting as that meeting counted as their meeting. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for September 19th at Chambers County. She stated Baptist Hospital is hosting a Pulsara/EMResource/WebEOC training next week on September 10th.

West Corridor – Andrew Fisk reported the West Corridor met on August 22nd at Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital where a good portion of the meeting was spent discussing the importance of radio checks and increasing the participation level. The next West Corridor meeting is scheduled for October 24th at Houston Methodist West and members from HCA will be sharing information on their recent MCI events.

North Corridor – Stephen Bennett 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 at the Lufkin Convention Center where they will be reviewing the Regional Pediatric Evacuation and Mass Surge (PEMS) Plan and the Acadian AMBUS will be there for a show and tell session.

Partners Update Summary (C101)

The meeting covered updates from various sectors including public health, OEM, and EMS. Public Health partners discussed ongoing initiatives, including emergency preparedness exercises, new leadership appointments, and surveillance of infectious diseases. The group highlighted upcoming events like the FIFA World Cup and potential health impacts from international travelers. OEM reported no updates, while EMS shared information regarding bed surge reporting and the importance of continued data collection for evacuation planning. The meeting also touched on a new emergency management coordinator at Galveston County Health District and a recent tabletop exercise conducted by Montgomery County Public Health.

DSHS 6/5 South reported an increase in COVID-19 cases across the region. Wastewater sampling shows an increasing rate of positivity. Increase in ER visits across all age ranges, but particularly age range 0-1 and tracking several outbreaks in LTCFs with an upward trend in Texas likely to continue into Fall.

New World Screw Worm continues to move north and anticipate detection in Texas soon. Nationally, CDC is leading human cases and USDA for animals and the overall response. . USDA has deployed fly surveillance traps along the border, "Tick Riders" – mounted USDA staff that perform active animal surveillance, and the "beagle brigade" - scent dogs trained to sniff out NWS at ports of entry. In Texas, Gov. Abbott had created a

response team with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is the lead agency in Texas and they're working closely with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

FIFA World Cup Preparations a) Regional office ramping-up syndromic surveillance capacity, to track hospital and healthcare provider symptom reporting for signs of outbreaks and new threats b) We are 'topping-up' Chempack caches and will be conducting a series of informational workshops and a scenario-based discussion exercise on the deployment of Chempack during a World Cup nerve agent release.

Regional MCI Plan Updates

The meeting covered updates on the Regional Mass Casualty Incident Plan and the EMS Blood Committee's initiatives.

Ms. Spivey announced the discontinuation of the WAVE app and its replacement with a regional radio system for participating hospitals. Clayton Ehrlich presented a new 25-countymass casualty incident response guideline, which will be reviewed by the RHPC Executive Committee and SETRAC Board before being posted online.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Ms. Sloan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Fleming second the motion, and Dr. Schulz adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm. The next RHPC Board meeting is scheduled for November 7th at Harris County OEM/Transtar, 1st Floor Conference Room (6922 Old Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024).

Attendees

Michael Gonzalez, Superion Johnson, Cynthia Crespo-Bonaparte, Ashlee Thurman, Michelle Rodriguez, Michael Olivier, Jenny Pfannes, Bernard Smith, Kevin Guerrero, Richard Dunn, John Fleming, Ken Jamilosa, Lisa Spivey, Kimberly Hobson, Trey Frankovich, Fidel Calvillo, Danny Shine, Lisa Valenzon, Carrie Cox, John Gomolka, Raymond Hall, Mark Champagne, Lydia Worthen, Grant Kelley Jared Trevino, Billy Ted Smith, Justin Zimmer, Kelly Clark, Christy Stermer, Dawn Wood, Glenda Self, Susan Burton, Jonathan House, Roger Morse, TJ Alessi, Matthew Grout, Charles Brockett, Corrie Dwigans, Sean Wenglar, Trey Urech, Lauren Burns, Jonathan Keels, Scott Reeves, Mike Jaquez, Andrew Fisk, Barry Moore, Allison Reimers, Benson Kumenda, Caleb Glenney, Katie Linn, Trisha DeGroot, Michelle Hauth, Ashley Simon, Megha Bhatt, Rene Leal, Timothy Chapman, Crystal Williams, Maristelle Maulit, Victor Reyes, Eric Steffel, Zane Niemand, Katherine Samuel, Michele Carter, Michael Nixon, Danielle Calhoun, Justin Woodruff, Kevin Schulz, MD, Toni Sloan, Lydia Worthen

RHPC Board Meeting (September 5, 2025)

First Name	Last Name	Choose your Corridor	Organization Name (Downtown)	RHPC Board Meeting	How did you attend?	Meeting Code
Michael	Gonzalez	Downtown	CHI Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	Emtf-6 wants you
Superion	Johnson	Downtown	CHI Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF wants you
Cynthia	Crespo-Bonaparte	Downtown	Harris County Psychiatric Center	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 Wants You
Ashlee	Thurman	Downtown	Harris Health Ben Taub General	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 wants you
Michelle	Rodriguez	Downtown	Children's memorial hermann hospital	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	Emtf-6 wants you
Michael	Olivier	Downtown	Childrens Memorial Hermann Hospital	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 wants you
Jenny	Pfannes	Downtown	Memorial Hermann*	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 wants you
Bernard	Smith	Downtown	Michael E. DeBaKey VA Med Center	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	Mtf6wantsyou
Kevin	Guerrero	Downtown	Neuropsychiatric Center - NPC	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Richard	Dunn	Downtown	The Harris Center	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	emtf6wantsyou
John	Fleming	Downtown	Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF6 wants you
Ken	Jamilosa	Downtown	Houston Health Department	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF Wants you
Lisa	Spivey	Downtown	City of Houston	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	Emtf6 wants you
Kimberly	Hobson	Downtown	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 Wants You
Trey	Frankovich	Downtown	Harris County Public Health	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF 6 wants you
Fidel	Calvillo	Downtown	Harris County Public Health	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF 6 wants you
Danny	Shine	Downtown	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	Emtf6 wants you
Lisa	Valenzon	Downtown	VHA OEM	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	Emtf6 wants you
Carrie	Cox	Downtown	Texas Children's Med Center	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you!
John	Gomolka	Downtown	The Menninger Clinic	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTS 6 wants you
Raymond	Hall	Downtown	UT- M. D. Anderson	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Mark	Champagne	Downtown	UT- M. D. Anderson	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Lydia	Worthen	East	Christus St. Elizabeth	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 wants YOU
Grant	Kelley	East	East Corridor Chair	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF wants you
Jared	Trevino	East	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	Emtf 6 wants you
Billy Ted	Smith	North	MCOHSEM	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	ETMF WANTS YOU
Justin	ZIMMER	North	Jasper County OEM	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you
Kelly	Clark	North	Montgomery County Homeland SECUR	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Christy	Stermer	South	HCA Houston Healthcare Pearland*	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF wants you
Dawn	Wood	South	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 wants you
Glenda	Self	South	Kindred Hospital Sugar Land	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 wants you
Susan	Burton	South	Matagorda Regional Medical Center*	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 wants you
Jonathan	House	South	Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Jonathan	House	South	Memorial Hermann Southeast*	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Roger	Morse	South	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land*	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
TJ	Alessi	South	La Porte EMS	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 Wants You
Matthew	Grout	South	Brazoria County Health Department	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF-6 Wants You
Charles	Brockett	South	IBC Public Health	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you
Corrie	Dwigans	West	Columbus Community	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you

Sean	Wenglar	West	PCMC El Campo	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6
Trey	Urech	West	HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you
Lauren	Burns	West	HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you!
Jonathan	Keels	West	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 wants you
Scott	Reeves	West	HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	Emtf6wantsyou
Mike	Jaquez	West	Houston Methodist West	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 wants you
Andrew	Fisk	West	Houston Methodist Willowbrook	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 Needs You
Barry	Moore	West	Kindred Northwest	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF-6 wants you
Allison	Reimers	West	Memorial Hermann Cypress	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 wants you
Benson	Kumenda	West	Memorial Hermann Cypress	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 Wants you
Caleb	Glenney	West	Memorial Hermann Katy	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Katie	Linn	West	Memorial Hermann Katy Rehab	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Trisha	DeGroot	West	Memorial Hermann Memorial City	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6
Michelle	Hauth	West	Memorial Hermann Memorial City	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Ashley	Simon	West	Memorial Hermann The Woodlands	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you
Meghna	Bhatt	West	Montgomery County Public Health District	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 Wants You
Rene	Leal	West	Montgomery Co. Public Health District	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF 6 Wants you
Tim	Chapman	West	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF6 WANTS YOU
Crystal	Williams	West	Lone Star Behavioral Health	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF-6 wants you
Maristelle	Maulit	West	Westlake Volunteer Fire Department	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF6 wants you
Victor	Reyes	West	Montgomery County OHSEM	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	emtf6wantsyou
Eric	Steffel	West	Northwest Community Health	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	Emtf 6 wants you
Zane	Niemand	West	Montgomery County Public Health District	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	Emtf6wantsyou
Katherine	Samuel	West	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF6 wants you
Michele	Carter	West	Rice Medical Center	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you
Michael	Nixon	South	Fort Bend County EMS	RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	Virtually	EMTF6 wants you
Danielle	Calhoun	Downtown		RHPC Board Meeting 09/05/2025	In person	EMTF 6 wants you