South Corridor Minutes
September 12, 2025
Houston Methodist Clear Lake
Nassau Bay, Texas 77058
1:00-3:00 PM

A. Call to Order

Mike Nixon called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Mr. Nixon requested review of the July minutes. Andrew Smith (City of Deer Park) made a motion to approve the minutes, Michael Carrier (Memorial Hermann Sugar Land) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **Maintaining Vigilance**
  Jeremy Way explained that the topic "Maintaining Vigilance" will become a standing agenda item, focused on reviewing recent incidents and identifying ways to improve preparedness and prevention efforts. He referenced the recent assassination of Charlie Kirk and the incident on Bourbon Street/New Orleans on New Year's Eve stressing the need for heightened awareness. He emphasized the importance of staying alert and reiterated the principle: "If you see something, say something." There was discussion highlighting the significant struggles confronting EMS and Emergency Department teams and the critical role of camera surveillance and regular monitoring in maintaining safety.
- **MCI Protocol Review**
  Mr. Way explained that while a regional MCI protocol exists, each individual agency maintains its own protocol, as the definition of an MCI can vary between agencies. He noted that the response to an MCI also depends on the resources available at the time.
- **Whole Blood Program**
  Mr. Way announced that the Whole Blood Program has officially launched and urged EMS agencies to be prepared.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

- **Pulsara Update**
  Mr. Way conveyed that the state's position on Pulsara is that it will be utilized for all mass casualty incidents (MCIs). EMS agencies will place a wrist bands on patients, and when those patients arrive at a hospital following an MCI, they must be entered into the Pulsara tracking system.
- **World Cup Update**
  Mr. Nixon shared that team announcements are expected in December, which will provide greater clarity on the teams assigned to our region. Mr. Way discussed possible language barriers for participants arriving from other countries and the challenges these may pose. Corridor members also highlighted concerns regarding extreme heat and human trafficking as critical issues to monitor.

E. EMTF Update (C101)

- 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 Kerr County Consisting of IMT LNO, TFL, two Peer Support, AO MIST, two ASTL, seven AST, and three 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. We will be scheduling training and MMU Orientation in SETX 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 work groups.
- 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.

F. Training and Exercise Update

Timothy Chapman reviewed the Training and Exercise Schedule distributed to the corridor members *(copy filed with the minutes binder)* highlighting the following:

- Supply Chain Integrity Form is due October 31st.
- MGT-439 Pediatric Disaster Response Course is scheduled for November 4th-5th. Register via TEEX. Attendance is mandatory once registered as TEEX has stated that if turnout is low, courses will not be offered in the region again for 4–5 years.
- Decon courses are available by request and are held at the SETRAC warehouse. This course is also available to be conducted facilities as well.
- SETRAC is scheduling a DSHS workshop on November19th at the Harris Education Building focusing on medical countermeasures, specifically identifying threats.
- An HSEEP class is scheduled for October 23rd-24th at the Atascocita Fire Marshal's Office. The class is free and if interested in attending, you can register on the TDEM blackboard.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the Special Populations events as follows:

- 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.
- Participated with Texas HHSC Region 4 annual provider meetings (4) on emergency preparedness in August, with additional meetings on September 11.
- Providing SP presentations to community events and local committees.
- Continuing 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 event page.
- FSEDs meetings were held on July 17th and August 19th to discuss FIFA WC regional plans and patient tracking.

H. Inventory Update (C101)
While no inventory update was provided, Mr. Kelley notified corridor members that SETRAC plans to move from its current location at 1111 North Loop West, Suite 160, to the warehouse facility at 5115 Rosslyn Road, Houston, TX 77018 by November 1st.

I. Partners Updates (C101)
The corridor members shared public health, hospital, and EMS matters regarding exercises, projects, hurricane preparedness, and training. Mr. Nixon reminded everyone that September is Suicide Awareness Month and he encouraged the corridor members to be mindful and compassionate toward others, as we may not always be aware of the personal struggles someone is facing.

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

- **Anniston Training**
  Mr. Way reminded the corridor members about the complimentary training sessions available in Anniston, Alabama. While all the courses offered are of exceptional quality, he specifically recommended the HERT class for anyone who has not yet completed it.

Adjournment
There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Nixon adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm. The next South Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (November 14th) at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast, (4000 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, Texas 77504).

ATTENDEES: Sean Wenglar, Fidel Calvillo, Christy Gonzales, Jonathan House, Michael Nixon, Ken Brown, Dawn Wood, Andrew Smith, Timothy Chapman, Ashley Dean, Grant Kelley, Michael Carrier, Pamela Voiles, Matthew Grout

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First Name	Last Name	Organization Name (South)	South Corridor Meeting	How did you attend?	Meeting Code
Sean	Wenglar	Palacios community medical center	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Fidel	Calvillo	Setrac	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Christy	Gonzales	City of wharton ems	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something, say something
Jonathan	House	Memorial Hermann Southeast*	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Michael	Nixon	Fort Bend EMS	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Sean	Wenglar	El Campo Memorial Hospital	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Ken	Brown	Memorial Herman Houston Physician's Hospital	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Jonathan	House	Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital*	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Dawn	Wood	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital*	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Andrew	Smith	City of Deer Park	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something. Say something
Tim	Chapman	SETRAC	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Ashley	Dean	HCA Houston Mainland	South 9/12/2025	In person	see something, say something
Grant	Kelley	SETRAC	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Michael	Carrier	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land*	South 9/12/2025	In person	See Something Say Something!
Pamela	Voiles	HCA Mainland	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something
Matthew	Grout	Brazoria County Health Department	South 9/12/2025	In person	See something say something