



South Corridor Minutes
November 14, 2025
HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Pasadena, Texas 77504
1:00-3:00 PM



A. Call to Order

Christy Gonzales called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast's leadership commenced the meeting by presenting a comprehensive review of their mission and accomplishments.

B. Minutes (C101)

Ms. Gonzales requested review of the September minutes. T.J. Alessi (City of LaPorte EMS) made a motion to approve the minutes, Dawn Wood (Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

• **Symposium Review – The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly**

There was discussion regarding the wins and lessons learned from the symposium with feedback highlights as follows:

1. Greater emphasis on EMS is recommended.
2. Hot tea would be appreciated as a beverage option due to the cold temperature in the conference center.
3. The pre-symposium class received excellent feedback.
4. Overall, sessions were well-received.
5. The exhibit hall was disappointing, as many vendors had left Thursday by noon.
6. Consider adding a Hot Wash for recent events, given the open venue format.
7. Several speakers finished earlier than scheduled, resulting in extended breaks.

• **Maintaining Vigilance**

Ms. Gonzales and Michael Nixon emphasized that this issue continues to be a priority for raising awareness. He reminded everyone to stay alert and mindful of their surroundings. The guiding principle remains: *"If you see something, say something."* If addressing the situation directly feels uncomfortable, seek support from a supervisor or another authority figure.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

Pulsara Update

- Fidel Calvillo advised that Pulsara training is underway, with heightened focus as the World Cup draws near. He advised facilities to confirm that their teams are fully trained in both Pulsara and the MCI component. In response, SETRAC is coordinating one-on-one training sessions for facilities seeking additional support.
- **World Cup Update**

Grant Kelley noted that SETRAC is anticipating December 5th, when the teams and countries will be revealed. This announcement will provide clearer insight into the upcoming games and determine whether Houston will serve as a camp location.

E. EMTF Update (C101)

Mr. Kelley provided an overview of current EMTF activities as follows:

- EMTF Activity - EMTF continues to support the search and recovery efforts in Kerrville by providing force protection for the Texas Task Force and DPS Dive teams.
- Fire weather is significant across the state EMTF has multiple Wildland Fire Support Teams prepositioned to provide force protection to the Wildland Firefighters.
- 10.15.2025 - MMU 2.0 was on display at the SETRAC Symposium. We are working with the SCO to house it beginning in Q1 of 2026 for training prior to the World Cup.
- 10.23.2025 - EMTF completed its initial hotwash of the Texas Hill Country response — a few good takeaways for improvement.
- 10.28.2025 - EMTF 6 Held regional Workgroups at Humble Fire Rescue. Discussions on future trainings and regional program development.
- 11.12.2025 - MMU Training at the Medical Center of SETX in Port Arthur TX.
- 11.19/11.20 - EMTF MIST Training in San Antonio.
- 11.23.2025 - EMTF Workgroups at the EMS conference (In Person only)

F. Training and Exercise Update

The Training and Exercise Schedule was distributed to the corridor members (*copy filed with the minutes binder*) for their information and reference.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the Special Populations events as follows:

- Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps in our Region have been held on September 18th for South Corridor in Brazoria County. Bootcamps, 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 and September.
- 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.
- FSEDs meetings were held on July 17th and August 19th to discuss FIFA WC regional plans and patient tracking.
- Special Populations meeting scheduled for October 7th to discuss FIFA WC regional plans.

H. Inventory Update (C101)

SETRAC has officially moved to the warehouse, and the address is 5115 Rosslyn Road, Houston, Texas 77018.

Ms. Gonzales noted a concern regarding EMS supplies in anticipation of the upcoming World Cup.

I. Partners Updates (C101)

Listed below are the highlights of partner update discussions:

- Public Health shared information regarding exercises, AARs, and plans including working on World Cup plans.
- Wharton EMS is working with El Campo to assist with the 18-Mile March with the National Guard on December 9th ranging from 350 to 500 participants.
- There was conversation regarding EMS patient transport, highlighting strategies for better collaboration between EMS and hospitals to make operations easier and more effective.
- Michael Nixon announced that Fort Bend County EMS has new ultrasound technology supporting the whole blood program.
- Hospital conversations centered on training in human trafficking awareness, SANE nurse readiness, and other initiatives in preparation for the World Cup.
- Hospital and EMS protocols were discussed, and it was recommended that this matter be presented to the Trauma Committee on Trauma Day for further discussion.

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

No further updates were given.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and Ms. Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 2:22 pm. The South Corridor members are encouraged to attend the RHPC Board meeting scheduled for Friday (January 9th) at Harris County OEM/TranStar (1st Floor Conference Center, 6922 Katy Road, Houston, Texas 77024) to obtain participation credit. The next South Corridor meeting is scheduled for March 20th (Tabletop Exercise and the location TBD).

ATTENDEES: Christy Gonzales, Grant Kelley, Kim Kethan, Sean Wenglar, Fidel Calvillo, James Bernal, Daniel Christopher, Marcelino Ramirez, T.J. Alessi, Sean Wenglar, Jonathan House, Trey Frankovich, Matthew Grout, Pamela Voiles, Dawn Wood, Katey Crackel, Ashley Dean

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First Name	Last Name	Organization Name (South)	South Corridor Meeting	How did you attend?	Meeting Code
Christy	Gonzales	Wharton EMS	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code lavender
Grant	Kelley	SETRAC	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code lavender
Kim	Kethan	HCA Houston Southeast	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code lavender
Sean	Wenglar	Palacios community medical center	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
James	Bernal	HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
Fidel	Calvillo	Setrac	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
Daniel	Christopher	HCA healthcare southeast	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code lavender
Marcelino	Ramirez	HCA Houston healthcare southeast	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code lavender
TJ	Alessi	City of La Porte EMS	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
Sean	Wenglar	El Campo Memorial Hospital	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
Jonathan	House	Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital*	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
Trey	Frankovich	Harris County Public Health	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code lavender
Dawn	Wood	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital*	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
Matthew	Grout	Brazoria County Health Department	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
Pamela	Voiles	Mainland	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender
Katey	Crackel	HCA Houston Healthcare- Southeast	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code lavender
Ashley	Dean	HCA Houston Healthcare	South 11/14/2025	In person	Code Lavender