



## West Corridor Minutes

February 27, 2026  
City Ambulance  
7111 Five Forks Drive  
Spring, TX 77379  
9:00 – 11:00 am



### A. Call to Order

Andy Fisk opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

### B. Approval of Minutes (C101)

Mr. Fisk requested review of the December minutes. Toni Sloan (HCA Tomball) made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

SETRAC confirmed that a SETRAC World Cup call would follow at 10:30, and attendees were reminded to stay for the call if they wished.

### C. New Business

- **Winter Weather**

The meeting opened with SETRAC rearranging the agenda so winter weather could be discussed before the AMBUS update. Mr. Fisk noted that significant winter weather events now seem to occur annually, and he emphasized that ride-out and/or response teams need to be better prepared for hazards beyond hurricanes.

- **AMBUS Overview Presentation (Grant Kelley, SETRAC)**

Mr. Kelley discussed the implementation and use of ambulances (AMBUS's) in the region, highlighting their versatility in medical transport, vaccination, and COVID-19 testing. It was noted that AMBUS's are more frequently used for winter weather than hurricanes, with 19 currently in operation across Texas. The discussion covered staffing challenges, manufacturing details, and the different configurations of AMBUS's, including their use in bariatric transport and during MCI events. The group also touched on the potential increase in AMBUS use during the FIFA World Cup for re-leveling patients. Mr. Kelley discussed the importance of coordinating drills and exercises for ambulance and emergency response teams, emphasizing the need for agencies to contact them directly for planning and coordination. Discussion highlighted the differences in models and equipment across facilities, such as the use of isolation units, and encouraged agencies to participate in exercises to improve response times and best practices. SETRAC also provided guidance on when to request an AMBUS, considering factors like response time and resource availability, and shared contact information for further coordination.

### D. HPP Capabilities Review

- **World Cup Update**

Mr. Kelley provided an overview of the RING areas, All-Hazards Teams, and EMTF, highlighting how each will influence our preparedness and response efforts for the World Cup. Mr. Fisk noted that the upcoming corridor tabletop exercises will focus on evaluating medical countermeasure capabilities for the event.

- **Pulsara Update**

Katherine Samuel shared that nearly all our hospitals are now onboard, and she is actively working with the remaining few to complete their onboarding. A drill was conducted yesterday, and only 50 of the 200 entities in Pulsara responded. The primary purpose of this drill was to assess how effectively

nationality can be captured in the complaints/notes section, which will support our ability to identify patients by country of origin and/or nationality.

### **E. Training & Exercise**

The Training & Exercise schedule was distributed (copy filed with minutes binder) and Timothy Chapman highlighted upcoming exercises, including tabletop and functional exercises focused on surge and MCM capabilities.

### **F. Special Populations Update**

Fidel Calvillo shared an update on the Special Populations highlights as follows:

- Special Populations has been receiving many new inquiries about SP facilities requesting meetings with their leadership team on RHPC overview and Special Populations initiatives
- Checklist for SP for FIFA preparedness is posted on our website under FIFA Information and shared with new facilities/agencies coming on board
- Will be working with FSED to increase Pulsara education and trainings.
- Working with dialysis corporate to increase preparedness and access to EMResource.
- Upcoming Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps to be held before the FIFA World Cup on May 19th in Beaumont and 21<sup>st</sup> in Texas City have been finalized.
- Special Populations exercise to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **G. EMTF Update**

Mr. Kelley addressed the EMTF update in his presentation.

### **H. Inventory Update**

No update provided.

### **I. Partner Updates**

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No partner updates were submitted. Anyone wanting their partner update included in the minutes should send their update via email to Roxie Ward at [roxie.ward@setrac.org](mailto:roxie.ward@setrac.org). This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

### **J. Open Discussion/Other Business**

No further discussion was held.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Fisk adjourned the meeting at 10:21 am. The next West Corridor meeting will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise scheduled for Friday (April 24<sup>th</sup>) at Montgomery County Hospital District, 1400 South Loop 336 West, Board Room 180, Conroe, Texas 77304.

**ATTENDEES:** Jonathan Keels, Philip Maood, Grant Kelley, Toni Sloan, Howard Busa, Michael Flanagan, Katherine Samuel, Amy Fields, Nicholas Wilkey, Katrina Sterns, Barry Moore, Mike Jaquez, Michele Carter, Marisa Harner, Kimberly Hobson, Merryl Holmes, Jr., Lasandra Brown, Zachary Quick, Andrew Fisk, Timothy Chapman, Philip Torres, Rene Leal, Scott Reeves, Trisha DeGroot, Fidel Calvillo, Joe Schorre, Amanda Brown, Trey Urech, John Christensen, Justin Zimmer

**West Corridor Meeting (February 27, 2026)**

First Name	Last Name	Organization Name (West)	West Corridor Meeting	How did you attend?	Meeting Code
Jonathan	Keels	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Phillip	Mahood	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Grant	Kelley	SETRAC	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Toni	Sloan	HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Howard	Busa	Encompass The Vintage	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Michael	Flanagan	Encompass Rehab Vision Park & Woodlan	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Katherine	Samuel	SETRAC	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Amy	Fields	Memorial Hermann Cypress & Katy	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Nicholas	Wilkey	Montgomery County Public Health	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Katrina	Stearns	Rice Medical Center	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Barry	Moore	Kindred Northwest	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Mike	Jaquez	Houston Methodist West	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Michele	Carter	Rice Medical Center	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Marisa	Harner	Rice Medical Center	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Kimberly	Hobson	Harris County Public Health	West 02/27/26	Virtually	Hooks
Merryl	Holmes Jr.	Texas Children's The Woodlands	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Lasandra	Brown	Texas Children's West	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Zachary	Quick	United States Department of State - Diplo	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Andrew	Fisk	Houston Methodist Willowbrook	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
TIMOTHY	CHAPMAN	SETRAC	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Philip	Torres	Columbus Community	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Rene	Leal	Montgomery County Public Health Depart	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Trisha	DeGroot	Memorial Hermann Memorial City	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Fidel	Calvillo	Setrac	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Scott	Reeves	HCA Houston Healthcare West	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Joe	Schorre	Huntsville Memorial	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Amanda	Brown	Memorial Hermann Northeast	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Trey	Urech	HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
John	Christensen	Memorial Hermann The Woodlands	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks
Justin	ZIMMER	Montgomery County Homeland SECURITY	West 02/27/26	In person	Hooks