



RHPC Board Meeting
March 6, 2026
Harris County OEM/TranStar
Houston, Texas 77024
1:30 – 3:30 pm



Call to Order

Toni Sloan called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

RHPC Board Roll Call

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

Mel Bartis	Mark Sloan
Danielle Calhoun	Toni Sloan
John Fleming	Eric Steffel
Michael Nixon	Lydia Worthen
Michael Olivier	Janay Yancy (<i>on behalf of Stephen Bennett</i>)

Approval of Minutes (C101)

Ms. Sloan requested review and approval of the January minutes. Mike Nixon (Fort Bend County EMS) made a motion to approve the minutes, Eric Steffel (Northwest Community Health) second the motion, and the coalition members carried the motion.

New Business

• **ChemPak Sustainment Presentation**

Meaghan Chelsey, MPH, Medical Countermeasures Coordinator/Emergency Preparedness & Response Program/PHR with DSHS 6/5 South, gave a presentation on CHEMPACK sustainment with some of the highlights as follows:

1. Region includes 16 counties; CHEMPACK assets distributed across hospitals, EMS stations, and some LHDs.
2. CHEMPACK is part of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).
3. Two container types:
 - EMS (85% auto-injectors)
 - Hospital (multi-dose vials)
4. Recent real-world use: Lubbock organophosphate exposure.
5. Emphasis on mobility and sharing between facilities.
6. Shelf-Life Extension Program (SLEP):
 - FDA-tested extensions
 - Issue identified: extension letters not always attached to individual vials → risk of discarding viable meds.
7. World Cup Preparation:
 - 16 regional CHEMPACK sites will receive extra product in April.
 - “Nothing different than what is already in the box, just more of it.”*

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

Long Term Care Update (C102)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the Special Populations emergency management, active threat, and hurricane tabletop activities. He announced the dates of two upcoming regional boot camps scheduled for May 19th (Beaumont) and May 21st (Texas City), and Freestanding Eds are being on-boarded for FIFA readiness.

Training and Exercise Update (C104)

The Training and Exercise Schedule were distributed to the coalition members (*T&E schedule filed with RHPC Board minutes filed binder*). Timothy Chapman announced the tabletop series begin next week and continues through April. The regional exercise is scheduled for May 8th.

EMTF Update (C104)

Grant Kelley reported on EMTF activities as follows:

1. IDRU pre-hospital and hospital augmentation training completed.
2. Wildland fire support team training successful.
3. Multiple EMTF assets are currently deployed statewide.
4. Updating MOAs with partners.

EMS Update (C104)

Troy Erbentraut updated the coalition members as follows:

1. Whole blood initiative is moving forward after delays at state level.
2. SETRAC planning first-ever Decon Rodeo in the fall.

Inventory Update (C104)

The first decon rodeo is planned for this Fall 2026 with hospitals competing against each other at SETRAC (5115 Rosslyn Road, Houston, TX 77018).

World Cup Update

Mr. Erbentraut shared some World Cup concerns:

- Transportation disruptions
- Large fan movements (Portugal, Netherlands, etc.)
- Potential for spontaneous gatherings
Overlapping events: Astros games, Toyota Center events, Freedom Over Texas, hurricane season.

Mr. Erbentraut shared information on preparedness and response pertaining to games, pop-up parties, festivities, etc. and he directed the coalition members to the SETRAC FIFA webpage for more information.

Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)

No changes, updated forms are expected by the end of March.

Symposium Planning (C101)

Save the Date has been sent out for October 14th-16th in Galveston.

Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)

Deferred

Corridor Updates (C101)

Downtown Corridor – The Downtown Corridor met on February 6th where a warming center presentation was presented. There was a review of the winter storm and Pulsara and World Cup updates were given.

South Corridor – The next South Corridor meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2026, and will be forced on the tabletop exercise.

East Corridor – The East Corridor met on January 16, 2026, where the corridor members unanimously voted to change the meeting time from afternoons to mornings; the new time is 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Discussion emphasized the importance of vigilance and mental health of responders. There was recommendation that we stock up on high-use supplies (oxygen, IV kits, saline) ahead of World Cup.

North Corridor - The North Corridor met on January 14, 2026, and reviewed WebEOC Nexus changes and World Cup details. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026.

West Corridor – The West Corridor recently met on February 27, 2026, and were given an AMBUS demonstration with an AMBUS on-site for touring. A briefing of EMTF 101 was presented and winter weather discussion.

Partners Update Summary (C101)

The updates were covered from various regions and partners. Key discussions include:

1. Harris County Public Health

- Winter weather AAR underway.
- Early West Nile virus positive mosquito pools detected.
- CBRNE planner position open, preparations for the FIFA World Cup.

2. Galveston County Health District

- Hurricane tabletop planned.
- Active shooter functional drill upcoming.
- MRC recruitment underway.

3. Fort Bend County

- MGT-319 courses ongoing.
- Measles POD tabletop planned.
- Rodeo situational awareness updates.

4. City of Houston OEM

- Winter weather improvements noted.
- Multi-jurisdiction wildfire response AAR underway.
- Mass care exercise planned.
- TDEM hurricane exercise will not include locals this year.

5. Fort Bend OEM

- Hurricane exercise planned for late April.
- Supporting Sugar Land's ten (10) World Cup watch parties.

6. EMS Partners

- Montgomery County: Ironman preparations, bi-monthly active shooter drills; Pulsara will be used for event medical tracking.
- Memorial Hermann Life Flight: Evaluating operations for FIFA; LZ identified at Fanfest.
- Southeast Poison Center: Preparing for increased call volume during FIFA.

Open Discussion/New Business

• RHPC Board Nominations

The RHPC Board has three (3) positions open to vote: two (2) At-Large positions and the City OEM position.

- **World Baseball Classic**

Houston is hosting the World Baseball Classic March 1st-14th, so there will be street closures around Minute Maid Park.

Adjourn

The meeting closed with reminders about upcoming symposium planning, and award submissions. There being no further business, Ms. Sloan adjourned the meeting at 2:57 pm. The next RHPC Board meeting is scheduled for May 1st, at Harris County OEM/Transtar, 1st Floor Conference Room (6922 Old Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024).

Attendees

Carrie Cox, Cynthia Crespo-Bonaparte, Charles Cox, Sarah Bafford, William Desmond, Alexa Wilson, John Fleming, Bryan Campbell, Lisa Spivey, Danielle Calhoun, Corie Meinke Marquez, Aaron Gabriel Velasquez, John Gomolka, Katie Linn, Meryll Holmes Jr., Troy Erbentraut, Kimberly Hobson, Blake Jackson, Janay Yancey, Kelly Clark, John Hazeslip, Glenda Self, Mark Martyn, Grant Kelley, Bryan Wilson, Katerine Campbell, Janie Ochoa, Charles Brockett, Christy Boerger, Tomiko Fisher, Michael Nixon, Johnathan Keels, Michelle Hauth, Justin Zimmer, Jason Gutierrez, Rene Leal, Timothy Chapman, Nicholas Wilkey, Fidel Calvillo, Mike Jaquez, Michele Carter, Caleb Glenney, Barry Moore, Eric Steffel, Allison Reimers, Katherine Samuel, Trisha DeGroot, Victor Reyes, Scott Reeves, Mel Bartis

Mike	Jaquez	West	Houston Methodist West	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Michele	Carter	West	Rice Medical Center	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Caleb	Glennay	West	Memorial Hermann Katy	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Barry	Moore	West	Kindred Northwest	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Eric	Steffel	West	Northwest Community Health	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Allison	Reimers	West	Memorial Hermann Cypress	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Katherine	Samuel	West	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Trisha	DeGroot	West	Memorial Hermann Memorial City	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Victor	Reyes	West	Montgomery County OHSEM	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Scott	Reeves	West	HCA Houston Healthcare West	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health

RHPC Board Meeting Participation Listing (March 6, 2026)

First Name	Last Name	Choose your Corridor	Organization Name	RHPC Board Meeting	How did you attend?	Meeting Code
Carrie	Cox	Downtown	Texas Children's Med Center, West & Woodlands	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Cynthia	Crespo-Bonaparte	Downtown	UTHealth Behavioral Sciences Campus (HCPC/DCB)	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Charles	Cox	Downtown	Memorial Hermann*	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Sarah	Bafford	Downtown	St. Joseph Medical Center	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
William	Desmond	Downtown	HFD Base station	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Alexa	Wilson	Downtown	Department of State Health Services PHR 6/55	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
John	Fleming	Downtown	Houston Health Department	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Bryan	Campbell	Downtown	UT- M. D. Anderson	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Lisa	Spivey	Downtown	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Danielle	Calhoun	Downtown	Harris County Public Health	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Corie	Meinke Marquez	Downtown	Memorial Hermann Southwest	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Aaron Gabriel	Velasquez	Downtown	Harris Health LBJ General	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
John	Gomolka	Downtown	The Menninger Clinic	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Katie	Linn	Downtown	MHHS	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Merryl	Holmes Jr	Downtown	Texas Children's Med Center	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Troy	Erbentraut	Downtown	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Kimberly	Hobson	Downtown	Harris County Public Health	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Mel	Bartis	Downtown	City of Houston OEM	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Blake	Jackson	East	Liberty-Dayton Regional	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Janay	Yancey	North	Tyler County Hospital	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Kelly	Clark	North	Sabine County Hospital	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
John	Hazeslip	South	Sweeny Community Hospital	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Glenda	Self	South	Kindred Hospital Sugar Land	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Mark	Martyn	South	Sugar Land Fire	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Grant	Kelley	South	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Bryan	Wilson	South	Southeast Texas Poison Center	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Katherine	Campbell	South	Fort Bend County Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Janie	Ochoa	South	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land*	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Charles	Brockett	South	FBC Public Health	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Christy	Boerger	South	Oak Bend Medical Center, WW & WH	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Tomiko	Fisher	South	Galveston County Health District	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Michael	Nixon	South	Fort Bend County EMS	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Jonathan	Keels	West	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Michelle	Hauth	West	Memorial Hermann Memorial City	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Justin	ZIMMER	West	Montgomery County Homeland SECURITY OEM	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Jason	Gutierrez	West	Montgomery County Hospital District	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Rene	Leal	West	Montgomery County Public Health Department	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Timothy	Chapman	West	SETRAC	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health
Nicholas	Wilkey	West	Montgomery County Public Health	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	Virtually	Public Health
Fidel	Calvillo	West	Setrac	RHPC Board Meeting 3/6/2026	In person	Public Health