



Downtown Corridor Minutes

SETRAC

August 2, 2024

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Conference Center

Houston, Texas 77008



A. Call to Order

Michael Olivier called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

B. Approval of Minutes (C101)

Michael Olivier requested review and approval of the April minutes. Denis Hyman (Memorial Hermann) made a motion to approve the minutes, Jenny Pfannes (Memorial Hermann System) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

- **Pulsara Overview**

There was in-depth discussion regarding the pros and cons of Pulsara during Hurricane Beryl focusing on EMS transportation and evacuation situations. Lisa Spivey advised that SETRAC is working with Pulsara to iron out the issues and updates will go out as they become available.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

- **ASPR HPP Work Plan**

Lisa Spivey reported we are in the new grant period and there are a few extra deliverables that need to be reported to ASPR. SETRAC will be conducting a cybersecurity exercise and will be reaching out for volunteers to join the exercise planning committee. Ms. Spivey explained SETRAC is required to report what the region is doing, how we are doing it, and how we are going to gauge completing the deliverables.

F. EMTF Update

Grant Kelley provided an EMTF update as follows:

EMTF 6 Deployed Severe Weather Package ACADIAN, CITY, CYFAIR, La Jackon EMS, LaPorte EMS, HCESD 8. The teams worked with HFD and Harris County to evaluate licensed and unlicensed health care facilities' needs. We also performed an o2 bottle exchange to assist with keeping citizens out of Emergency Rooms.

The EMTF had a response to Hurricane Beryl that consisted of 363 Personnel and 218 Assets Resources responded from all 8 of the EMTF Regions! Thank you to EMTF6 Agencies: Fort Bend County, Houston Fire Dept, Atascocita FD, Lumberton Fire Dept, Port Arthur Fire Dept, Laporte EMS, Acadian Ambulance, City Ambulance, AMR for providing Resources to assist their fellow Texans.

- 4 task force leaders
- 39 MIST
- 21 Ambulance Strike teams
- 8 Ambuses
- 10 Paramedic Coach Buses

EMTF tasked augment 911 responses in multiple jurisdictions with over 500 transports by EMTF

EMTF reduced wall time by sending MIST personnel to local hospitals to attend patients enabling ambulance teams to go in service and provide coverage for the area. EMTF participated in Oxygen Exchange in Houston/Harris County in an attempt to mitigate unnecessary transports to the already inundated emergency rooms. 163 addresses.

On Standby for non-emergent transports to and from the medical shelter at NRG.

- EMTF Hurricane Beryl AAR Aug 27th
- Rescheduled EMTF day for Sept.
- IDRU training with AMR in September
- SETRAC SYMPOSIUM 10/16 to 10/18

Should anyone have any questions, Mr. Kelley can be reached at grant.kelley@setrac.org and/or 832-272-6091.

H. Training and Exercise Update

The Training and Exercise Schedule was distributed to the corridor members.

Anyone with questions regarding the exercise or training classes should contact James Meaux and/or Timothy Chapman at exercise@setrac.org.

I. Special Populations Update

Fidel Calvillo highlighted some items in the Special Populations update as outlined below (*filed with Fidel Calvillo* updated the corridor members on the following topics:

- AAR template was provided to Special Population stakeholders for Hurricane Beryl
- Will be hosting an in person After Action Meeting date TBD
- Coordinating with dialysis corporate agencies to identify areas of improvement
- SETRAC will be presenting at upcoming HHSC provider meetings August, September, and December
- Continue to finalize agreements

Should anyone have any questions, Mr. Calvillo can be reached at fidel.calvillo@setrac.org and/or 832-849-7311.

H. Inventory Update

No update given.

I. Partner Updates

Public Health reported a Disaster Readiness and Resilience Fair was held in May. The Houston Health Department has been approached by the Department of Homeland Security Center for Emergency Mass Destruction to host a Chem Perp Briefing Program in Houston and any information for this program will be pushed through SETRAC.

No other 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. This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

J. Open Discussion/Other Business

- **Downtown Corridor Meeting Schedule (fiscal year)**
After review and discussion of the meeting schedule to ensure six meetings are held within the fiscal year, the corridor members unanimously approved the fiscal year schedule.

- **Derecho Storm/Hurricane Beryl**

The corridor members shared and discussed areas that went well:

1. Electricity
2. Generators
3. Communications
4. Strike Team Coordination

Gaps identified:

1. Communications
2. Power Disruption
3. Dialysis patients presenting at hospitals
4. Oxygen needs and processes

Ms. Spivey discussed the importance of internal disaster during an event to ensure resources are deployed as needed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Olivier adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm. The next Downtown Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (October 4th) in-person at the SETRAC (1111 North Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, Texas 77008) in the conference center.

ATTENDEES: Michal Olivier, Ashlee Thurman, Jenny Pfannes, Fidel Calvillo, Kim Hobson, Danny Shine, Kevin Guerreo, Carrie Cox, Corey Bowers, Denis Hymans, Fanny Frederick, Manuel Macias, Rod Moses, John Wingate, John Fleming Rodriguez Garrett, Lisa Valenzon, Lisa Spivey, Grant Kelley, Troy Erbentraut