



**West Corridor Minutes**  
August 23, 2024  
Montgomery County Hospital District  
1400 South Loop 336 West  
Board Room 180  
Conroe, Texas 77304  
9:00–11:00 am



### **A. Call to Order**

Andrew Fisk opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

### **B. Approval of Minutes (C101)**

Mr. Fisk requested review of the June minutes. Scott Reeves (HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest) made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Jaquez (Houston Methodist West) seconded motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

### **C. New Business**

- **Hurricane Beryl Hot Wash**

Timothy Chapman (SETRAC) announced the AAR meeting is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm at SETRAC's conference center in-person and an online call will be available. James Meaux (SETRAC) stated the AAR meeting will be focusing on regional level regarding response before and after the storm. There was in-depth discussion regarding the hospitals and long-term care facilities lessons-learned and best practices. Power outages was the number one issue and the communication surrounding the outages.

### **D. HPP Capabilities Review**

- **Pulsara Update**

Kat Samuel reported the corridor members' list of questions has been provided to Pulsara; however, SETRAC has not been given and current update. She advised the corridor members Pulsara informed SETRAC if the hospitals do not advise Pulsara they want to be visible to their EMS partners they will keep them hidden in the system. The previous regional trainings were supposed to cover all these issues to meet their requirements, but that did not happen and SETRAC continues to work with them to ensure the region is properly trained. Ms. Samuel stated Pulsara is to complete monthly drills, but she has not heard when the drills will begin in our region. Ms. Samuel confirmed the back-up plan is to go back to pen and paper should the system not be available. Gabriella Lopez suggested meeting with partners to share information.

### **E. EMTF Update**

Grant Kelley reported on the following:

**New MOAs:**

Colorado County EMS and TEXAN EMS

**Deployments:**

Severe weather in May

Full severe weather package 1 Task Force Leader, 2 Mist personnel, 1 Ambulance Strike Team Leader, 5 Ambulances, and 1 Ambus. Assisted with welfare checks and o2 exchanges

Hurricane Beryl, 92 member agencies and 469 members deployed from across the state. 4 task force leaders, 42 MIST, Type 2 Staging, 9 Ambuses, 110 Ambulances, Type 6 MMUS, 10 Coach Buses

staffed with 2 paramedics each 2,034 total patient encounters, 1065 total patients treat, and 866 total patients transported EMTF integrated into multiple agencies and assisted with the increased call volume, provided o2 exchanges, deployed MIST and ambulance personnel to mitigate the increased wall time, welfare checks at licensed and unlicensed long term health care facilities.

**Upcoming events:**

EMS IDR (Infectious Disease Response Unit) training course Oct 2-3 held at SETRAC.

Warehouse Day TBD

SETRAC Symposium Oct 16th-18<sup>th</sup>

**F. Training and Exercise Update**

The Training and Exercise Schedule was distributed. Mr. Meaux reminded the corridor members the G-191 Course is filling up quickly and there is now a wait list, therefore they are working to offer these classes twice a year. Due to Hurricane Beryl, there was a G-400 training cancelled that has now been rescheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. SETRAC is scheduling an ICS-300 class on September 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> which has not been posted yet due to TDEM changing their registration system; however, it will be posted as soon as possible.

Timothy Chapman will be sending out a reminder of the AAR meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>. They are beginning to plan for next year's Cyber Security Regional Exercise tentatively scheduled for May 2025 and the tabletops should be scheduled sometime in April 2025. Registration for the technology trainings is on the SETRAC website and SETRAC is working to add Pulsara, but currently WebEOC and EMResource trainings are available.

**G. Special Populations Update**

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following:

- AAR template was provided to Special Population stakeholders for Hurricane Beryl.
- SETRAC will be hosting an in-person After Action Meeting date September 4, 2024.
- 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.

**H. Inventory Update**

Ms. Samuel reported she is not aware of any other inventory tracking system being used since we no longer use WiseTrack, but she will speak with Philip Cutler and report back at the next meeting.

**I. Partner Updates**

**Montgomery County Public Health (MCPHD)**

Meghna Bhatt reported the MCPHD Director Alicia Williams resigned and is no longer with MCPHD, and she is now the Epidemiology Division Manager.

**Harris County Public Health (HCPH)**

Trey Frankovich shared that we are having a SNS open POD exercise on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pasadena Fair Grounds, 7902 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, and is open to the public. The POD will be open to the public to drive thru between 4:30 and 6:30 and each vehicle will be provided with a completed screening form when they enter the queue. The form will be returned to our screeners and the participant will receive a small bag of candy which will represent the MCMs for each person in the vehicle. Partners are welcomed to attend.

**J. Open Discussion/Other Business**

- **Topic of Interest Discussion**

Mr. Fisk shared we are hoping to bring relevant information to these meetings using the survey from last December. The corridor members voted from the top seven topics selecting active shooter and mass fatality.

- **15<sup>th</sup> Annual RHPC Preparedness Symposium**

The symposium is coming up on October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston. Speakers have been selected, but any suggestions for breakout sessions are welcomed and can be sent to Lisa Spivey at [lisa.spivey@setrac.org](mailto:lisa.spivey@setrac.org). Registration closes on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and then “On-Site” registration begins Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

- **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**

Ms. Samuel reported she met with CISA and found out there is a lot they offer at no cost, even down to designing a tabletop exercise at the facilities. The director is willing to come to a meeting to discuss what they have to offer; he will also be part of our regional exercise next year. Ms. Samuel will send out information to the corridor members as soon as possible.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Fisk adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am. The next West Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, to be held at Columbus Community Hospital, 110 Shult Drive, Columbus, Texas 78934.

**ATTENDEES:** Andrew Fisk, Katherine Samuel, Stanley Lisa, Justin Zimmer, Lauren Burns, Albert Ramos, Tracy McCarter, Mike Flanagan, Melva Thompson, Joshua Vaught, Jonathan Keels, Meghna Bhatt, Joe Schorre, Timothy Chapman, Scott Reeves, Mike Jaquez, Lasandra Brown, Syed Ibrahim, Rene Leal, Cassidy Werts, Ricky Trice, Fidel Calvillo, James Campbell, Ashley Simon, Victor Reyes, Trey Frankovich, Angela McArthur, Melva Thompson, Gabriella Lopez, Grant Kelley