



South Corridor Minutes
September 13, 2024
Houston Methodist Clear Lake
Houston, TX 77058
1:00-3:00 PM



A. Call to Order

Christy Gonzales called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Christy Gonzales requested review of the July minutes. Mike Mastrangelo (UTMB) made a motion to approve the minutes, Trey Frankovich (Harris County Public Health) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

• **Pulsara Discussion**

Jeremy Way reported the region has moved to Pulsara and SETRAC understands there are issues to work through. Hurricane Beryl presented quite a few quite a few opportunities for improvement with Pulsara as well. There is a Pulsara exercise coming up on September 19th where SETRAC is bringing in some facilities as well as EMS agencies to run through processes to see how improvements can be made to better the system for us as a region. Following was in-depth discussion of the issues the corridor members are experiencing with the system.

Mr. Way reminded the corridor members to go into EMResource personal preferences/ notification system and ensure the boxes needed are checked off.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

Deferred

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 Busses 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-18th

F. Training and Exercise

The Training and Exercise Schedule was distributed. Mr. Meaux reminded the corridor members the “Preparing Texas” training registration site is no longer in place and the replacement is forthcoming. An Immediate EOC Operations class is coming up in a couple of weeks at Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office. Due to Hurricane Beryl, there was a G-400 training cancelled that has now been rescheduled for October 8th-9th.

Timothy Chapman reported SETRAC is 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. SETRAC is working on the corrective actions identified (EMResource and WebEOC workgroups) after the Hurricane Beryl AAR; there is an EMS and ER workgroup forming as well.

Mr. Way announced the upcoming CIMA MCI Exercise to be held on October 31st. He is not sure they will be sending patients to hospitals, but he wanted to give everyone a heads up.

Corridor members should contact James Meaux and Timothy Chapman at exercise@setrac.org with any questions about upcoming classes and/or registration issues.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

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

Mr. Kelley reported he is still waiting items to completely replace and refurbish the MMU cache. An additional three Starlinks were received bringing SETRAC up to thirteen Starlinks; some mounted on vehicles and five portable ready to deploy.

Should anyone have any questions, Philip Cutler can be reached at philip.cutler@setrac.org and/or 832-849-7314.

I. Partners Updates (C101)

The corridor members shared activities and events occurring at their facilities. No updates were provided to be added in the minutes. 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 discussion or business was discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Jeremy Way adjourned the meeting at 2:02 pm. The next South Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (November 8th) at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast, 4000 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, Texas 77504)

ATTENDEES: Robert Laffey, Jeremy Way, Ivory Tatum, Christy Gonzales, Fidel Calvillo, Nathan Lilley, Robert Laffey, Trey Frankovich, Dylan Lancaster, Michael Carrier, Grant Kelley, Jennifer Rogers, Christy Stermer, Dawn Wood, James Meaux, Timothy Chapman