



East Corridor Minutes
Chambers County
Health Services Building
Anahuac, Texas 77514
September 20, 2024



A. Call to Order

Lydia Worthen called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Ms. Worthen requested review and approval of the May minutes. Christina Watson (Mid-Jefferson) made a motion to approve the minutes, Kallyn McDaniel (Hardin County Health Services) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

Hurricane Beryl Review

Jeremy Way opened the floor to discuss best practices and lessons learned from Hurricane Beryl. Each corridor member gave a brief update of their facilities/agencies' experience highlighting communication, transportation, medically fragile patients, power outages, and EMTF deployments. The Hurricane Beryl AAR has been completed, sent to DSHS, and should be posted to the SETRAC website soon. Two main items DSHS wants to see implemented are to form an ED Workgroup to bring EMS and ER together; and to expand EMResource to include all EMS agencies in the region to better monitor "internal disaster" status during a disaster and report real-time information to make an informed decision.

Ms. Worthen shared after Hurricane Beryl her facility looked at the possibility of standing up their incident command center earlier than the EOP's request, and they stood their incident command center up earlier for Hurricane Francine and they were much better prepared than they have been in the past.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

• **Pulsara Update**

Mr. Way reported SETRAC continues to work with Pulsara to ensure the issues are being resolved. He encouraged the corridor members to make sure their personnel are trained on Pulsara to be prepared for MCI events and disasters.

E. EMTF Update

Grant Kelley reviewed the EMTF current and upcoming events:

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-18th

Ms. Worthen advised there is potential for some of this region to play in an upcoming exercise with Jack Brooks in April. They will be working with Jefferson County and Jack Brooks, and she will present more information as soon as it is available. Training (MCI, triage, difficult airways, incident command, and burns) will be open to the region.

Mr. Way announced CIMA is conducting a full-scale exercise with all four regions on October 31st.

F. Training and Exercise Update

The Training and Exercise Schedule was distributed. Timothy Chapman reported EMResource and WebEOC online trainings that can be signed up for each month as well as Decon trainings which are limited to two trainings a year per hospital system. James Meaux has scheduled ICS trainings coming up; G-400 is scheduled for October 8th-9th at the SETRAC conference center and a G-2300 class to be held at the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office on September 25th-27th. Anyone can register for these classes on TDEM new learning management system.

Mr. Chapman shared SETRAC is beginning to plan for next year's Cyber Security Regional Exercise tentatively scheduled for May 2025 and is putting together a planning group. The tabletops are tentatively set for April.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following:

- AAR template was provided to Special Population stakeholders for Hurricane Beryl.
- Training for next year's boot camps will be based on issues addressed in the AAR.

H. Inventory Update

Mr. Kelley is working through the EMTF equipment to replace items and restock the trailer.

I. Partner Updates

There was discussion regarding public health issues, hospital surveys, severe weather, and disaster response. COVID data begins again in November,

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. This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

J. Other Business

• Decontamination

Mr. Way discussed hospital decontamination advising it is important hospital personnel decon patients presenting for deconning and not wait on local fire departments. It is important to ensure your personnel is donned with the proper PPE as well.

• 15th Anniversary Preparedness Preparedness Coalition

The symposium will be held at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston on October 16th-18th.

Adjournment

Ms. Worthen requested a motion for adjournment. Sarah Morris (Baptist Hospital SE TX) made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded, and the corridor members upheld the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm. The 15th Annual RHPC Preparedness Coalition Symposium is scheduled for October 16th-18th at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston, Texas. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (December 6th) at Chambers County Health Services Building (102 Airport Road, Anahuac, Texas 77514).

ATTENDEES: Lydia Worthen, Sam Marrero, Martha Simien, Kera Thomas, Jeremy Way, Sarah Morris, Lena Turner, Fidel Calvillo, Rayshell Threadgill, Nathan Lilley, Kallyn McDaniel, Christina Watkins, Eddie Burleigh, Makayla Emmons-Smith, Cathy Muscat, Kris Barnes, Timothy Chapman, Blake Jackson, Grant Kelley, Martha Simien