



West Corridor Minutes
October 25, 2024
Columbus Community Hospital
110 Shult Drive
Columbus, Texas 78934
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 August minutes. Joe Schorre (Huntsville Memorial Hospital) 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

- **NHSN–CMS Mandatory Reporting**

Katherine Samuel reminded the corridor members that beginning November 1st, hospitals in Texas will begin reporting directly to NHSN instead of via EMResource as DSHS will not be collecting the data on behalf of the Texas hospitals.

- **Marburg Virus**

SETRAC sent out a notification advising the facilities/agencies of the Marburg virus in Africa and there are no confirmed cases in the US, but monitoring is underway, and hospitals should review their plans accordingly.

- **World Cup**

SETRAC is attending the World Cup meetings as the city and county begin to plan for the event beginning June 11, 2026, running through July 19, 2026, with one of the games being played on July 4th in Houston. The event is being cohosted between Canada, Mexico, and the United States. More information will be sent out as released.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

- **Pulsara Update**

Ms. Samuel reported SETRAC was able to obtain a list of administrators for the hospitals. She stated there are a few hospitals in the West Corridor who do not have Pulsara yet and SETRAC would like to see everyone have at least the free version to use for an MCI event. There is Pulsara training on the SETRAC website for those that would like training on the software.

There was discussion regarding the old Texas EMS wristbands intergrading with Pulsara and Ms. Samuel stated she would follow-up on this inquiry and update the corridor members.

E. EMTF Update

Grant Kelley reported on the following:

EMTF 6 had a very successful Prehospital IDRU (Infectious disease response unit) course at the beginning of October. SETRAC hosted the course at the SETRAC office for two days where there was discussion regarding emerging diseases of high consequence including the Marburg virus. EMTF also practiced donning and doffing the prehospital PPE along with practicing skills such as IV initiation and transferring of patients while wearing the PPE. SETRAC has plans to host the Hospital Augmentation IDRU team course in the coming months with a date to be announced soon.

The EMTF currently has WLFS teams prepositioned in five locations across the state in response to the increased fire weather EMTF 6 has activated one-MEDL, one-Tech Spec, three-WPU, two-Ambulances and one-MIST.

Upcoming Dates: Nov 15th EMTF6 Workgroup/Workday
EMS Conference Nov 24th–27th EMTF will host work groups likely on the 25th with location TBD

F. Training and Exercise Update

James Meaux and Timothy Chapman reviewed the distributed training schedule with the corridor members (*filed with West Corridor minutes binder*). There was discussion regarding the steps to the state’s new “Preparing Texas” registration system and Mr. Fisk asked if the SETRAC training team would put together a step-by-step instruction guide.

G. Special Populations Update

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following:

- Hurricane Beryl AAR meeting was held for Special Populations. Lessons learned will be incorporated on 2025 workshops.
- Continue coordinating with dialysis corporate agencies to identify areas of improvement
- SETRAC presented at HHSC provider meetings August, September, and October. Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, ICFs, and Home Health and Hospice agencies were in attendance
- Collaborating with Texas HHSC Leadership to improve on communications and collaboration to improve response activities
- Continue to finalize agreements

H. Inventory Update

Deferred

I. Partner Updates

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. Open Discussion/Other Business

- **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**
Ms. Samuel reported CISA is not available to present at one of the West Corridor meetings until February 2026. The corridor members agreed they would like to have them presentation in February and Ms. Samuel will confirm them.
- **15th Annual RHPC Preparedness Symposium**
Mr. Fisk stated the Memorial Hermann team gave a good breakout presentation on their campus emergency preparedness week as well as Memorial Hermann Northeast regarding their involved emergency response team and the training they have completed. He asked the corridor members if they would like to have them present at the December meeting and they unanimously agreed.
- **Saline Solution Shortage**
There was in-depth discussion regarding the saline solution shortage realizing there is not a surplus of supply available, and distribution is limited. SETRAC will update more information when released.
- **Flock Cameras**
A corridor member mentioned the use of flock cameras to assist with preparedness and response. The corridor members asked to bring this topic back to an upcoming meeting for more discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Fisk adjourned the meeting at 9:46 am. The next West Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 20th, to be held at Huntsville Memorial Hospital, 110 Memorial Hospital Drive, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

ATTENDEES: Andrew Fisk, Katherine Samuel, Albert Ramos, Fidel Calvillo, Jonathan Keels, Timothy Chapman, Joe Schorre, Angela Rabel, Kimberly Hobson, Amber Burrough, James Meaux, Mike Jaquez, Lasandra Brown, Scott Reeves, Tammy Kristynik-Moeller, Joseph Murray, Cassidy Werts, Matthew Kelly, Grant Kelley