



OASPR TSA-O Regional Preparedness and Response Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2011

Agenda:

- I. Sign In / Introductions
- II. Review / Approval of RPRC meeting minutes: May 13, 2011
- III. Old Business: EMTF, Decon Assessments
- IV. FY11 OASPR: Closeout of Expenditures, Final Report
- V. FY12 OASPR Project Worksheets
- VI. Public Health
- VII. Drills / Exercises / Events
- VIII. Vendor (s) Update
- IX. Regional Discussion / Concerns

Attendees: Billy Atkins, Nancy Brown, Joe Canfield, Jim Pickens, Mary Ann L., Dave Rhinehart, Oscar Enriquez, Michelle Fillman, Dahlia Flores, Chris Freeman, Lisa Fox, Kim Gill, Robert Haugland, Mary Hegar, Freddy Krail, Cristy Knapp, Pete Kessler, Lauri Laudano, Andy Littlejohn, Idalia Mendez, Julie Miller, Sally Pawsat, Bill Pogue, Dave Reimer, Bill Shaffell, Amy Thompson, Ron Weaver, Mark Wehner, Edward Winslow, Robin Wiatrek

Handouts: FY12 OASPR project worksheet

Next meeting: July 8, 2011, 9am – 11am, CATRAC office

- I. Sign-in / introductions –
- II. Review of May 13 minutes –Motion for approval Kim Gill; Second, Ron Weaver. Minutes approved.
- III. Old Business:
 - EMTF – The EMTF-7 Coordinating Group is adjusting the PowerPoint presentation, and will send out before the end of the day. Ambulance Strike Team is going well, logistically. STRAC had been deployed to the fires in Cook County, 2-3 weeks ago. Our team was rostered for potential deployment, but we haven't been called to send a team yet. Next steps include getting info out for the RN Strike Team. Will be visiting with the facilities to garner interest and give information about being involved. Mike Elliott is moving forward with the Ambus. Mobile Medical Unit is moving slower. STRAC deployed the mobile medical units for Fiesta in San Antonio. Meetings for the RN Strike Team are being held once a month for EMTF-7. All are welcome to listen in on the conference calls.
 - Update on Decon Assessments –David Childress and CATRAC staff have been visiting sites to assess the decon equipment. Robin will follow-up with facilities to finish completing the assessments in regards to questions related to training and internal plans. There were some common issues and Robin went over the list David put together. Noted was a need for new



batteries for PAPRs. Some trailers were not registered with the state (no license tags) which is needed if they were ever to be moved. The trailers were originally requested as a deployable unit to move assets which would require tags. CATRAC needs copies of the trailer titles. If they were purchased through Grainger directly by the facility, CATRAC did not get a title and the facility needs to provide CATRAC with a copy of the title. Also those facilities who received trailers through a CATRAC property transfer should have a copy of the title. Also the tires on some trailers have become sun-baked and have flat spots because they have not been moved, so that is something to be addressed. Generators at some facilities do not have a battery, which is needed, and the generators need to conform to the facility's preventive maintenance program.

IV. FY11 OASPR:

- Closeout of Expenditures – CATRAC needs your invoices. If you run into trouble finishing, let us know.
- Final Report – In the past we did monthly reports. DSHS would then ask for a mid-year and end of year report which was a compilation of all that information. This practice will have to begin again. End of year report is due in August. We will use Survey Monkey to cover some questions for all of FY11. Starting with July we will conduct monthly questionnaires for FY12, beginning with an initial survey to cover questions that won't change much over the year. These must be done per each facility, not as a network.

V. FY12 OASPR Project Worksheets –In past meetings, there was discussion of a budget group/committee, and this will be revisited. The OASPR allocation was cut across the state by about \$2.5 million. All RACs got a reduction in grant funding, however the minimum each RAC will receive is at least \$250,000. CATRAC will receive about a \$250-300k reduction for FY12. The RAC allocations are based on population, number of hospitals and fixed per capita. The sub-capabilities have not changed. Regional capabilities, projects, and coalitions are the focus. The CATRAC FY12 Project Worksheet does not replace the pre-approval form by DSHS. Dave reviewed the document to explain each section. Dave or Robin will be working on FY12 documents with timelines. Please submit CATRAC Project Worksheets by July 29, 2011.

VI. Public Health Update –

- Dave mentioned that Ryan Moeller (Williamson County & Cities Public Health District) is hosting a mass fatality workshop/conference. He is still fine tuning it. Dates are around July 11-12-13. Day 1 covers mass fatality overview including a few state and federal case studies from Katrina and Rita. Day 2 & 3 (half day) are of the most benefit covering forensics, morgue, and family assistance. This is a free workshop being held at the Round Rock PD. More information to follow.
- Amy Thompson – Regarding infectious diseases, there are reports of state-wide recent incidents of MRSA in NICU units. Typhus was reported in the Austin area. Some Norovirus-like outbreaks are occurring in the area. As a reminder, the local health department does not have

their own lab and leans heavily on physicians and hospitals to do testing. It is important for medical facilities to report. There have been reports in the media about vampire bat bites, but the reported victim was bitten while in South America, not locally. The Capital Area Public Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition developed a committee to look at medical vulnerable populations, and the delivery of services to those populations. This workgroup is also identifying how to provide outreach for disaster preparedness to vulnerable populations. Send email to Amy if you want to be involved.

- VII. Drills – Ron reported that there have been some scheduling issues with getting people together in the drill planning subgroup. The committee is about two weeks behind where we they were last year. The plan is to get the Injects and MSELs in early. The drill should include simulated deployment of at least one CHEMPACK (an empty container with empty boxes to simulate unpacking the CHEMPACK). We are planning for an August 18 functional exercise without an influx of patients. This should get us back on the timeline to finalize the MSEL and Injects for the functional exercise in November. Next Coalition meeting is 6/22/11. Next drill meeting is July 13.
- VIII. Vendors - It was decided we will not have vendors in the meeting unless they are specifically invited for presentations or related planning efforts.
- IX. Regional Discussion / Concerns

The ROT (Republic of Texas) Rally is this weekend, so be wary of the additional motorcycles.

During the last weekend in June, the Amateur radio group is having a field day. They will be meeting at the Red Cross. The scenario is there is no power in the entire US. The contest starts at 1pm Saturday through 1pm Sunday, and the local HAMs will be running on solar power. Williamson County site will be west of Georgetown at Jim Russell's ranch space.

One of the CATRAC support trailers is at the Lockhart Chisholm Trail Roundup. They are expecting 30k people in Lockhart for the event.

CAPCOG is facilitating an exercise to test communications interoperability with all of the 10 counties in the CAPCOG region as a requirement of the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) Goal 2. The scenario will test communications among incident command and ambulance service providers from all 10 counties. This is an opportunity to create an incident action plan for the region if the City of Austin were to accept evacuees via airplane similar to what occurred during Katrina.