



Big Bend Healthcare Coalition General Membership Meeting Summary December 6, 2023

Welcome and Introductions

Board of Directors Report

All EMs in the state have a meeting with state EM all week, Kevin Peters our Chair sends his regards.

Report:

- Changing the contract for the next contract cycle for ARPC to have the contract for the BBHCC coalition. This will allow for the decrease in the workload we have duplicate processes which will allow us to streamline many processes and take the workload for our treasurer.
- Approved all member projects except for one, that was approved by the State DOH.

Big Bend HCC Training Update

Elizabeth Todak, BBHCC Coordinator

- NHICS-Jan 24 at TCC, there may be CEU's- signup information to follow next week.
- PSC- March watch for information to sign up.
- TEEX Pediatric Course in 2024

Big Bend HealthCare Coalition Staffing Update

Christian Levings, Emergency Management Manager

- We have staffing changes. Christian is staying the Emergency Management Manager with a focus on the BBHCC.
- ARPC has hired a new LEPC coordinator who will be starting December 16, 2023.
- Liz is going to become the training/exercise coordinator.

Big Bend HealthCare Coalition Upcoming Events:

Elizabeth Todak, BBHCC Coordinator

- December Communication Drill- sometime week of 12/11
- AAR/HVA- will be sent out with the communication drill.

Winter Weather Season Update: Mark Wool, NWS Tallahassee

- See attached presentation.

Bold Planning Update

- Having BOLD state contract, all members will have access to this software. Should benefit everyone who uses especially smaller facilities.
- There will be in person and virtual training for this program soon.



Talks with Taylor County- A Roundtable discussion about the response to Hurricane Idalia

Tracy Walker- DOH

Melissa Fijalkowski- Administrator Aspire Health

This was a roundtable discussion about the response by Ms. Walker and Ms. Fijalkowski regarding Hurricane Idalia. We hope to have a second part with EM and the hospital in March.

Next meeting is March 5,2024



Below are the new reports from members of the coalition. This area/report/information updates will be called: Health Matters. Prior to meetings emails will be sent asking for any updated/new information. Thank you to those who sent informational updates.

Health Matters:

- Gadsden County Department of Health:
 - Participated in POD exercise
 - Capital Consortium IT AAR inclusion of more technological equipment in our response.
 - Region 2 AAR incorporation of good practices into our SOP
 - Submitted special funding request for generator hardware sensors
 - Utilizing ICS in our planning for blue sky community events
 - EOP in revision process

- Franklin/Gulf County Department of Health:
 - ICS Forms Training for DOH-Franklin/Gulf All Staff – October 6th, 9th and 11
 - Gulf Community Paramedic Program Meeting – October 25th
 - Franklin ESF-8 Health & Medical Partners Meeting October 26th
 - LMS & IPPW meeting at Franklin County Emergency Management November 8th
 - Active Assailant Exercise – Moulage Support – in South Walton November 9th
 - Weems Memorial Hospital – Catch the Wellness Wave community outreach event – November 11th
 - Franklin Active Shooter Training and Exercise – November 15th
 - Gulf Active Shooter Training and Exercise – November 16th
 - NFRDSTF Q4 Meeting - November 30th
 - Mass Care Course – MGT 487 -December 5th
 - Big Bend Healthcare Coalition Q2 Meeting – December 6th

- Jefferson County Department of Health:
 - We have applied for Special Project funding for an ICS/IMT training.
 - We will be practicing ICS/IMT at our Christmas luncheon.
 - We have a Water Safety Grant for \$5,000 and will be offering CPR classes to the public and will have billboard water safety messages in the spring near the Wacissa River.
 - Our two Hurricane Ian HMGP applications are still in review with FDEM.
 - Bye, bye hurricane season!

- Leon County Health Department:
 - Annual EOP updates will be done by 12/31
 - Working on getting another public health preparedness planner



- Madison County Health Department:
 - Madison is seeing an increase in Resp (cough, chest congestion, sore throat, etc.) emergency department visits. We have also seen a slight increase in flu and influenza-like-illness emergency department visits but so far it is below last year's average.
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 - We will be practicing ICS/IMT at our Christmas luncheon
 - We have a Water Safety Grant for \$5,000 and will be offering CPR classes to the public and will have billboard water safety messages in the spring.
- Taylor County Health Department:
 - There has been an increase in flu and influenza-like-illness emergency department (ED) visits that is above last year's average. RSV ED visits have been declining since late October. COVID ED visits remain below last year's average.
 - We have begun addressing opportunities for improvement identified during the recent hurricane response and are compiling a list of best practices to share among all facilities in the county.
- Wakulla County Health Department:
 - Submitted Special Project funding for two exercises; one a full-scale SpNS and two, an ICS/ IMT tabletop. Also submitted for a small quantity of supplies.
 - Conducted a review of the Operations Section Chief roles and responsibilities with the Wakulla CHD 3-deep staff.
 - Will be conducting additional IMT reviews of position-specific roles and responsibilities in the coming months.
 - Happy to see the end of hurricane season 2023!!

Link to Respiratory Illness Reports from FL DOH:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/respiratory-illness/index.html>

Link to CDC information for respiratory illness in the country:

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