Region H Coalition Meeting Minutes In person/WebEx May 12, 2022

**Megan Craft welcomed everyone in person & via WebEx 10:00a**

**Updates:**

**Whitney Smith, Georgia Project First Line:**

* She is the IPCEE representative for Region H for the Georgia Project First Line.
* Started with 9 IP representatives for Region H and now have 16
* The study group for them will start in June/July. Study group will be biweekly for CIC exam. Have to be IP for 2 years to sit for exam.
* For the IP’s wanting to take the tests everything will be provided through GPFL
* Whitney provided me with a one-page document that can be shared at facilities (will be posted on GHA and Coalition website) as well as other documents for GPFL and IPCEE.

**Bill Laird:**

* Grants are coming to year end (EMPG Grant)
* A bill was just recently passed that all 911 centers will have to take continuing education starting in July.
* All 911 centers will now require all employees to have TCPR training. This will allow them to give CPR instructions over the phone.
* Participate in POAB (for peace officers)
  + 15 years vested at $25 a month

**Richard Rhodes, OEMS:**

* Still facing work force shortages among all EMS partners.
* Wall times are up and still a problem. Please communicate with your local partner facilities.
* EMS is starting to get into high schools. Now allowing to take EMS test at any age for certification, can be certified at 18.
* It’s now renewal season for Medics (currently in late season).
* Call volume is still increasing, and EMS stuck at facilities for hours looking for bed at other facilities.
* CAH Training 30-minute video uploaded to TRAIN (required for Medics).
  + Train.org or Traingeorgia.org is a learning management platform for medics to use. But anyone can sign up and utilize it. Can be staff specific.

**Annalyse Bergman: (virtual)**

* Numbers are still down and only averaging 5 cases per day in District 5-1.
* Only 1 current outbreak in a nursing home right now.
* Do expect a possible spike but not a huge surge like last time.
* Vaccinations are still at all 10 Health Departments, and they are giving all 3 brands.
* Reach out to Annalyse Bergman for any EPI related questions now: [annalyse.bergman@dph.ga.gov](mailto:annalyse.bergman@dph.ga.gov) 478.275.6566

**LaKieva Williams, ServGA: (virtual)**

* Don’t forget about ServGA volunteer program and reach out to Lakieva if you have any questions about volunteers.
* 404-736-8163 [LaKieva.Williams@dph.ga.gov](mailto:LaKieva.Williams@dph.ga.gov) [www.servga.gov](http://www.servga.gov) (Volunteer Registry site)
* LaKieva introduced the new Statewide MRC Coordinator, Blanca Lewis.
* MRC’s utilize the TRAIN platform as well that was mentioned prior by Richard. Contact MRC coordinator.
* Headed into Hurricane season- utilize the statewide volunteer platform if you are in need.
* On behalf of Frank Daniell- DECON Training May 24-26 in Macon at Atrium Navicent: contact Steve Ramsey if you want to attend, or June 7-9 at Pooler Fire Department: contact Jimmy Gordon.
* 404-617-1373, [frank.daniell@dph.ga.gov](mailto:frank.daniell@dph.ga.gov)

**Mallory Garrett, GHA:**

* Still doing Everbridge, GHA and WebEOC training. Please reach out if you want the training or a refresher or if you want to clean up your contacts in Everbridge. Everbridge trainings are Tuesdays at 1:00.
* Setting up patient transfer meetings in June that will be on the TRS system.
* 770-249-4532 [mgarrett@gha.org](mailto:mgarrett@gha.org)

**Dylan Lusk, NOAA/NWS: (virtual presentation)**

* Located at NWS in Peachtree City
* Dylan gave us a 2022 Weather outlook presentation on the upcoming Hurricane Season.
* All slides are available on GHA911 and the Coalition Website.
* GA has been impacted by a storm every year since 2001.
* 2022 NOAA/CPC/NWS releasing their outlook on May 24th. The current predictions are 19 named storms, 9 hurricanes, 4 Cat 3+
  + Nhc.noaa.goc
  + NHC focus on hurricanes 24/7

**Megan Craft**-

* Did a raffle on items since this was our first time meeting in 2 ½ years.
* Had everyone fill out on an index card on the front if Region H assisted during COVID 19 and how well they did, on the back if Region did not assist facility at all or did not meeting expectations. And what could Region H do better in a response. Megan Craft has collected all information and will provide in the continued COVID 19 AAR as well as Gap Analysis.
* Megan updated everyone on the budgets. All of our COVID budget & Carryover budgets have been spent! 2021-2022 budget will be carried over if we do not spend it all but we are very close to spending all funds.
* We are sending 25 people to EMAG. All spots have been filled at this time. If you are interested in going and did not sign up in time, please let me know. We will see what we can do.
* 2 people will be attending Governors Hurricane Conference in West Palm Beach, FL. Those spots have been filled.
* Our main focus this year was Burns. We have purchased Burn Trauma bags and supplies to go in each bag for our 911 EMS trucks and our hospitals. We are still waiting on one more item to arrive for each bag and then I will be getting those out to our hospitals first then EMS 911 trucks. The last item is IV fluid warmers and they should be here by the end of May.
* No exercises were held this year due to COVID. It is a possibility that we will have one giant exercise- Pediatric, burn, radiation and chemical combined if the state and UGA are involved. Will update on that next year. The idea would be an explosion near a school that caused burns, etc.
* Megan informed the Nursing Homes that she added more lights to their emergency lighting kits. If they were in person they picked up 10 streamlight lanterns and batteries to be added to their current kit. And if they hadn’t picked up the kit yet (back from 2019) then they picked up that kit and added the new lights to it as well. Still have quite a few nursing homes that have not picked up those kits. Megan will be reaching out to them individually to see when they can come get them.
* Megan provided the group with updated contacts of Executive Committee and EMA’s.
* **Upcoming Conferences/Events:**
* STB Training-TBD but they are now offering virtual. That will happen soon!
* Govs Hurricane Conference- May 8-13, West Palm Beach currently have 2 people attending.
* MRSE (previously known as the Surge test) is postponed until 2023.

**District Information and where to find it:**

* You can find information for District 5-1 on [www.southcentralhealth.info](http://www.southcentralhealth.info) and on <https://northcentralhealthdistrict.org/> for district 5-2.
* Region H website: [www.Garegionhcoalition.com](http://www.Garegionhcoalition.com) and [www.GHA911.org](http://www.GHA911.org).

**Lunch was provided by Surcheros and Dessert was provided by the Mulberry Kitchen.**

**After lunch Bill Laird led the Stop the Bleed Skills Check for those that needed it. 8 people participated and received Stop the Bleed kits for themselves and their facilities.**

**The Group adjourned at 1:00p**

**Next Coalition Meeting will be Thursday, August 11, 2022 @ 10:00a-1:00p In person & WebEx.**