Region H Coalition Meeting Minutes via WebEx 02.17.2022

**Megan Craft welcomed via WebEx and took attendance. 10:00a**

**Updates:**

**Jennifer Stokes gave Epi Update on behalf of Annalyse Bergman:**

* Numbers are down to 20-30 cases a day where they were in the 800-900’s in January!
* We had outbreaks in every nursing home and prisons in district during this surge.
* Vaccinations are still at all 10 Health Departments, and they are giving all 3 brands.
* There are still 3 testing sites available in district 5-1: Laurens County, Dodge county and Bleckley county (once a week)
* We will be closing the Dollar General vaccination site in Dublin soon.
* 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

**Lynn Grant FPH update:**

* Fairview is finally in single digits for COVID numbers!!!
* Staff is finally improving, where most had COVID and were out sick.

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

* She is the IPCEE representative for Region H for the Georgia Project First Line.
* There was a learning needs assessment and over 300 people participated.
* Jan will be sharing the needs with Whitney, and she will pass them on to us after.
* There is a study group forming for IPs in Coalition. Looking to promote IP for certification and basic IP information to frontline staff at facilities. Currently have 4 IP’s and looking for more in region to be a part. Final call for study group is on Feb 25th.
* Whitney provided me with a one-page document that can be shared at facilities (will be posted on GHA and Coalition website)
* There is educational videos around 3-8 minutes long that staff can watch and share.

**Adrianne Feinberg, GHA**:

* The Mutual Aid Task Force (MATF) meeting for March has been canceled. Hopeful for in person meeting for June MATF meeting at GPSTC.

**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.
* 770-249-4532 [mgarrett@gha.org](mailto:mgarrett@gha.org)

**Frank Daniell, DPH:**

* EEI boards have changed in WebEOC. Facilities should be aware of this change.
* Working with CHOA on a Pediatric DECON class and will update as decisions are made.
* 404-617-1373, [frank.daniell@dph.ga.gov](mailto:frank.daniell@dph.ga.gov)

**Alex Benoit, DPH:**

* HHS is still distributing BinaxNOW test kits directly to LTCF’s. Please direct the requesting LTCFs to contact the HHS Binax Team at Binax.Team@hhs.gov, and they will process their request for test kits. Please ask the providers to also include their CLIA Certificate in the email when requesting kits from the HHS Binax Team.
* DPH is currently evaluating the access to Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Treatment within Skilled Nursing Facilities. The State has an opportunity to provide Molnupiravir, which is an oral antiviral treatment drug, to Skilled Nursing Facilities through their pharmacy providers. To ensure mAb therapeutics are available to facilities who currently do not have access to antiviral treatment, we are asking all Skilled Nursing Facilities to complete the ReadyOp survey linked below. Please disseminate to the Skilled Nursing Facilities within your respective regions.

Link: <https://ga.readyop.com/fs/59GN/76fe>

* [Alexandra.benoit@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Alexandra.benoit@dph.ga.gov) 678-710-5742
* Alex then introduced **Chuandelai Harris** as the new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, GHCA and encouraged all LTCF’s to reach out to her to get to know her.
* [charris@ghca.info](mailto:charris@ghca.info) 678-386-3739

**LaKieva Williams, ServGA:**

* 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.
* **Blanca Lewis MRC Coordinator 470 542 8037** [**blanca.lewis1@dph.ga.gov**](mailto:blanca.lewis1@dph.ga.gov)

**Richard Rhodes, OEMS:**

* Still facing work force shortages among all EMS partners.
* Wall times are up and still a problem.
* Reinstated new emergency rule for 19,20 and 21.
* Training opening back up and hoping to get back with partners or training in Coalitions.
* GDPH/OEMS purchased the training platform that CDC uses and are uploading EMS training opportunities and content to it if interested. Trying to create a training plan. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Richard.

**Kerry Futch: GEMA 8 Area Field Coordinator**

* **404-719-7377 /** [**kerry.futch@gema.ga.gov**](mailto:kerry.futch@gema.ga.gov)

**Bill Laird, EMA update:**

* Reminder to sign up to attend EMAG, April 13-15 in Savannah.
* Mentioned the Grant Program for State Homeland Security if people are still interested reach out to Bill.
* Area 3 EMAG meeting Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 10:00 at 1841 Hwy 24 W Louisville, GA at EOC.

**Megan Craft**-

* All of our COVID budget has been spent! Started spending Carryover funds once they were released to us at the end of January. 2021-2022 budget will be carried over if we do not spend it all.
* 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.
* 3 people can attend the Prep Summit in ATL. If you would like to just attend virtually that is what I will be doing, please let me know if you are interested.
* Our main focus this year is Burns. We have purchased Burn Trauma bags and supplies to go in each bag for our 911 EMS trucks and our hospitals. We are 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.
* I mentioned the Burn TTX being at EMAG, but it is not going to be at EMAG, and we will have to figure out when to host it- Possibly can do it virtually but will hopefully be able to do in person. We will update as information comes out.
* We still have a small supply of PPE available as well as Victory Hand Sprayers and Vital oxide if facilities need anything please let me know. Once it’s out we will not have anymore. It’s time for facilities to start purchasing supplies on their own. If you need a list of vendors to purchase from, please let me know.
* **Upcoming Conferences/Events:**
* Burn TTX- TBD
* STB Training-TBD
* Prep Summit- April 4-7, Atlanta or virtual
* EMAG- April 13-15, 202, Savannah
* Govs Hurricane Conference- May 8-13, West Palm Beach

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

* You can find information for all vaccine clinics on [www.southcentralhealth.info](http://www.southcentralhealth.info) for District 5-1 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).

**Next Coalition Meeting will be Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 10:00a- Via Webex or possible in person. Will update as time gets closer.**