

## CAPITAL AREA PUBLIC HEALTH & MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS COALITION

### **Meeting Minutes**

***December 12, 2014***

*Agenda (10:40 – 12:00):*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Community/Healthcare System Preparedness
  - Strategic Planning Review (CAPCOG HSTF Plan) & Coalition Goals
  - Ebola Update
3. Workgroup Updates
  - Exercise Workgroup
  - Public Health Preparedness and Response Workgroup
  - WebEOC Workgroup
  - Regional Mass Fatality Workgroup
  - CAMOC Workgroup: Next Meeting is January 7 at 1:30 PM
4. Emergency Medical Task Force Update
5. Medical/ Public Health/ Infectious Disease Issues
6. Other Items
  - Trainings
  - Exercises
  - Planned / Non-Planned Events & Activities
7. Next Meeting/Agenda Items
8. Adjourn

*Attendees:* Delia Abbott, Dennis Fox (CC), Chris Crookham, Kim Gill (CC), Laura Gold, Judy Henry, Dr. Phil Huang, Cristy Knapp (CC), Freddy Krail, Ed Schaeffer, Marie Martinez, Curtis McDonald, Michael Sanders (CC), Stephanie Triggs (CC), Ron Weaver.

*CATRAC staff:* Dave Reimer (CC), Robin Wiatrek (CC), Glenn Spradlin (CC), Michelle Fillman (CC)

*Handouts:* Agenda

*Next meeting:* January 9, 2014 @10:40am

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1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Attendees introduced themselves around the room. There were four (4) people joining the meeting via conference call and webinar by <https://join.me>.
2. **Community/Healthcare System Preparedness**
  - a. *Strategic Planning Review* – Ed Schaeffer said this will be taken to the Strategic Directions Committee in the first week of January, the Task Force on 1/8/15 and the Executive Committee on 1/14/15. Robin had an edited version on-screen and Dr. Huang walked the group through the document while Robin made edits based on discussions from the Public Health Preparedness & Response Committee and during this Coalition meeting. The mission was changed to reflect that of Coalition charter. The group discussed numbering the goals vs.

lettering them; goals are in no prioritized order and this will be noted. Robin will send the completed document back to Ed Schaeffer after the meeting.

3. *Ebola Updates* –

- DSHS is still monitoring international travelers for 21 days. In Region 7 there are 12 total travelers, with 2 people currently being monitored; 1 in Burnet and 1 Travis counties. They are currently working on a plan coordinating between Travis County and the Airport to iron out the process when travelers come into ABIA. There is no plan at this time to supply the addresses of the travelers being monitored to responders. Responders have concerns around going into a residence where a potential Ebola patient may be. In Travis County, as part of the monitoring process, patients are instructed to notify Public Health twice daily on their condition. If these people have a medical emergency of any kind, they are instructed to not call 911 but call Public Health and Dr. Hinchey will be contacted to dispatch an ambulance.
- There are 36 hospitals identified as Ebola treatment centers, with 3 located in Texas. A survey was recently done to identify assessment hospitals and treatment hospitals within each TSA in Texas; the CATRAC will provide the results to Public Health once the spreadsheet is cleaned up.
- There are concerns about the report from the Texas Taskforce on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. They had a recommendation which would give leadership authority to the Commissioner of DSHS and the Director of the Division of Emergency Management for all state and local policy decisions during an infectious disease emergency. This raised concerns with the Public Health committee. Dr. Huang asked whether this is something the Homeland Security Taskforce or the Coalition can make public comment on. Ed Schaeffer said as long as it's not in legislation it can be done. It also might be better to do it via the CATRAC, vs. CAPCOG. There is no bill currently, so it won't be lobbying.

4. **Workgroup Updates** –

- Exercise Workgroup is working on the AAR from their drill in November.
- Robin reported there will be WebEOC training on January 12, 2015 in the new Scott & White Marble Falls clinic. Aisha Henderson reported the WebEOC workgroup is trying to get together a smaller workgroup to create a new hospital status board.
- CAMOC will meet on January 7, 2015.
- Regional Mass Fatality workgroup will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month, starting January 20, 2015.

5. **Emergency Medical Task Force Update** – Curtis reported on the 3-day/4-class training exercise in Williamson County. They had 75 students, 56 of which were completely new. They rearranged the coordinating body group from 44 members down to 8 people, which makes scheduling meetings easier. The EMTF 7 website has all the upcoming meetings posted. <http://www.emtf-7.org>

6. **Medical/ Public Health/ Infectious Disease Issues** – Dr. Huang reported a strain of Influenza-A is increasing. H3N2 is not responsive to the current vaccine. It was recommended to the Travis County Medical Society that high risk people are advised to get on anti-virals early. It is also still recommended to get the flu shot. Flu vaccine supplies are running low.

**Other Items** –

- Trainings: WebEOC January 12, 2015
- Exercises: Leslie Platz gave an update from Jackie Hagerty, the Region 7 Training & Exercise coordinator: A full scale SNS exercise in 2016 will be a 2-day anthrax event scheduled for July 14-15, 2016, with backup dates of July 26-27, 2016. There will be a tabletop exercise January 27, 2016 9am-4pm, with a backup date of February 9, 2016. There will be a position for every participating county. Each jurisdiction will open at least one POD during the exercise, preferably more than one.
- Planned / Non-Planned Events & Activities: none



7. **Next Meeting/Agenda Items** – Next Coalition meeting is January 9, 2015. Some consideration is being given to changing names of these groups, as it can be confusing. This can be on the next agenda.
8. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.