



Big Bend Healthcare Coalition General Membership Meeting

March 2, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Eastern

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MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

Philip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Chair

Board of Directors Update

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Philip Doyle provided a brief overview of the Board of Directors meeting to the members. During the overview he spoke on the financials, as well as the status of the member projects and other BBHCC projects and initiatives.

2020-21 Project Funding Updates

Anthony Carpanini, BBHCC Staff

Anthony Carpanini updated the members on which projects have been approved for funding up to this point. Currently, about \$37,000 worth of projects have been approved and are being executed at this time. There is still roughly \$20,000 in project funding available and if members have any potential project ideas, they should reach out to coalition staff for clarification on whether they are allowable. The project application window may be reopened, and if so, that will be announced to the membership.

Alliant Quality Introduction and Overview

Jeana Partington, Alliant Quality
Sean MacNeill, Florida Hospital Association

Jeana Partington with Alliant Quality and Sean MacNeill with Florida Hospital association provided an overview of Alliant Quality and its mission and goals to increase quality within the healthcare sector. They touched in the importance of collaborating with nursing homes and community coalitions to achieve these goals, as we as some other healthcare partners.



COVID-19 Updates

Dr. George Rust, DOH Leon
Claudia Blackburn, DOH Leon
Gail Stewart, DOH Leon
Kevin Peters, Leon County EM

Claudia Blackburn, Gail Stewart and Kevin Peters provided an update on the current status of COVID-19 and the vaccination progress throughout the County and Region. Currently, most of the population 65+ has been vaccinated in Leon County, and we are also seeing a decrease in overall cases.

Training and Exercise Update

Zach Annett, BBHCC Staff

Zach Annett provided an update on upcoming training and exercise opportunities. All opportunities will be forwarded out to the members, as we as being posted to the BBHCC website at bigbendhcc.org.

Coalition Member & Partner Updates

Philip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Chair

- Assisted Living Facilities
- Behavioral Health
- County Emergency Management
- County Public Health Planners
 - *Franklin County provided an update on their vaccination efforts in both Franklin and Gulf County, in addition to announcing some upcoming clinics in their areas hosted by both DOH and local hospitals.*
- Dialysis
- Emergency Medical Service
- Home Health
 - *Updates were provided from various home health partners regarding their vaccination processes within their facilities. It was noted that if home health agencies need resources associated with the vaccination, they can visit the Homecare Association of Florida for additional resources and guidance.*
- Hospice
 - *Fran Belle with Big Bend Hospice provided an update on their vaccination efforts within her facility. Currently 40% of staff have received the vaccination at this time, and they are still actively working to increase the number.*
- Hospitals
 - *CRMC, TMH and Encompass Health provided updates. Currently, each hospital is allowing visitors, but the parameters are strict and limited to 1 visitor per patient per day.*



- *CRMC will begin construction of a Rehab Center and NICU in April which will increase their capacity for care.*
- *TMH is working on expanding their vaccination efforts to the Governor Square mall, currently they are operating drive through clinics for those who are eligible for the vaccine.*
- Nursing Homes
 - *Melanie Motiska with the Florida Healthcare Association provided an update on current nursing home activities. The biggest issues NHs are facing at this time is staffing, and there is a Bill going through the legislation at this time that will allow Personal Care Attendants the ability to continue on and increase their work capacity in nursing home settings, which will help alleviate some of the staffing issues, if passed.*
- Regional Emergency Response Advisor
- Georgia Coalition Partners
- Florida Coalition Partners
- Other
 - *The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) provided some input on the success of their Healthcare Sector working group. This group has been able to meet and discuss updates to plans and policies related to healthcare sector initiatives and it is proving to be very beneficial.*
 - *Big Bend Transit spoke to the success of their organization's personal protective measures and disinfecting strategies to protect clients and staff.*
 - *The National Weather Service volunteered to speak at the next coalition meeting and provide an update on the upcoming hurricane season and the seasonal outlook.*

Closing Comments

Philip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Chair

Philip Doyle thanked all those who took the time to attend this meeting and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: June 1, 2021

