



Big Bend Healthcare Coalition General Membership Meeting

September 1, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Eastern

GoToMeeting - <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/920540501>

Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Philip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Chair

Board of Directors Update

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Philip Doyle provided a brief update to the members on the happenings of the Board of Directors Meeting that occurred before the General Membership Meeting. During the update Philip touched on the trainings that are being developed, the financial status of the coalition and upcoming funding opportunities.

Special Needs Sheltering During COVID-19

Skyler Warren, Florida Department of Health in Leon County

Skyler Warren provided a presentation on how Local Department's of Health, specifically Leon County, are preparing for sheltering special needs patients during a hurricane during COVID-19, if that situation arises. During the presentation Skyler touched on the social distancing measures and increased protection of healthcare workers and patients that will be taking place within special needs shelters. Additionally, Skyler discussed who is eligible for evacuating to these shelters, as well as providing an overview of the shelter layout and intake process. The presentation is available for any who are interested and should email Zach Annett if they would like to receive those slides.

2020-21 Project Funding Updates and Overview

Anthony Carpanini, BBHCC Staff

Anthony Carpanini announced the BBHCC has allocated \$50,000 to fund various member projects. In addition to that announcement, Anthony reviewed the project submission application and provided details on how to complete the application, and what is allowable under the funding. Project applications are due September 30th and all projects must be completed by May 1st to be eligible for

reimbursement.

Florida Hospital Association COVID-19 Funding

Denise Imbler, BBHCC Staff

Denise Imbler provided an update on additional funding through the Florida Hospital Association that has been allocated to the BBHCC to further assist the response to COVID-19. This funding will be used to complete projects that are related to the COVID-19 response and will be made available to members in a similar fashion as the annual BBHCC Member Project Funding. More details will come in the next few months regarding this initiative.

Training and Exercise Update

Zach Annett, BBHCC Staff

Zach Annett updated the coalition members on upcoming training and exercises that are being scheduled and developed for the Region. Most notably, the BBHCC is working with vendors to develop a short Nursing Home Incident Command Course that will be held virtually. Mr. Annett also stated that BBHCC is considering other Mass Casualty Courses and Exercises to be held in person during the first half of 2021, pending the development of COVID-19. There was also mention of hosting N-95 Fit Testing Trainings to organizations in need of this service. Mr. Annett will be sending a survey out in the coming weeks to determine the need for this within the Region.

All training and exercise opportunities will be posted to the website and sent out to the members as they become available. If there are any trainings or exercise opportunities you would like to see, the BBHCC encourages members to reach out to staff with those opportunities.

Coalition Member & Partner Updates

Philip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Chair

- Assisted Living Facilities
 - *An update was provided stating that CMS has come out with new testing requirements, which are based off positivity rates within certain areas. AHCA will be assisting facilities with this as it is implemented.*

- Behavioral Health
 - *Apalachee Center announced they have a trainer available to host Mental Health First Aid courses and will provide information to those interested.*



- County Emergency Management
 - *Leon County Emergency Management provided an update stating that now that supply chains are opening back up, there will be less assistance from the state level in terms of staffing support and PPE. Facilities should work their regular supply chains for these services.*

- County Public Health Planners
 - *Tracy Walker with Taylor County updated they are beginning to work with their county partners to identify the process for delivering vaccines through the use of open and closed POD sites.*

- Dialysis
- Emergency Medical Service
- Home Health
 - *An updated was provided stating that home health is beginning to see an increase in COVID positive patients.*

- Hospice
- Hospitals
- Nursing Homes
- Regional Emergency Response Advisor
 - *Sam Macdonell provided an updated that stated the state IMT is being restructured, and Howell Batts is supporting that change. Sam will be the POC for the Region as the RERA at this time.*

- Georgia Coalition Partners
- Florida Coalition Partners
- Other
 - *The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association gave an updated and state the Mid-year meetings had to be canceled, they have healthcare working groups that are working together on COVID issues and other healthcare related topics.*

Closing Comments

Philip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Chair

Philip thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated the next meeting will be held on December 1, 2020 at 10:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: December 1, 2020