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Big Bend Healthcare Coalition Quarterly Meeting

December 9, 2019
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Eastern
Capital Area Chapter of the Red Cross
1115 Easterwood Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Meeting Summary

The quarterly meeting of the Big Bend Healthcare Coalition was held at the American Red Cross in Tallahassee, Florida at 10:30 am on Monday, December 9, 2019.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Phillip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and the following Board of Directors were present:

- *Phillip Doyle, Chair, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital*
- *Chad Abrams, Leon County Emergency Medical Services*
- *Kim Allbritton, Florida Department of Health in Jefferson and Madison Counties*
- *Bryan Croft, Florida State Hospital*
- *Holly Kirsch, Florida Department of Health in Leon County*
- *Paul Kovary, Seven Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center*
- *Gabriel Otuonye, Bond Community Center*
- *Kevin Peters, Leon County Emergency Management*

Closed POD Agreements

Mr. Doyle introduced Gail Stewart, who presented on Closed Points of Dispensing (PODs) for mass prophylaxis incidents, also referred to as the City Readiness Initiative (CRI) for distribution of Medical Counter Measures (MCM). The presentation touched on the benefits of closed PODs compared to the familiar open POD concept that is currently used. The challenges associated with distributing medication to an entire population within 48 hours using an Open POD system incredibly difficult. Using Closed PODs to help distribute medication mitigates many of those challenges. Gail asked the members to fill out a Closed POD agreement if they are interest in being one the facilities to receive and dispense medication within their agency or organization.

Hurricane Michael and Lessons Learned

Mr. Doyle introduced Ann Hill from the Emerald Coast Healthcare Coalition (ECHCC). Ann presented on the Emerald Coast Healthcare Coalitions response to Hurricane Michael and the lessons learned during that response. Ann mentioned that the ECHCC served as the liaison between facilities and the State ESF 8, purchased snacks and clothing for shelter patients and affected populations while they waited for additional assistance, and also provided a Crisis Response Team to assist First Responders. Ann also addressed the fact that the ECHCC commitment to exercising their member facilities prior to the Hurricane was invaluable to ensuring they were prepared to respond effectively when the storm made landfall.

Cybersecurity for Healthcare Facilities

Mr. Doyle introduce Jay Adams with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital who presented on the importance of cybersecurity within healthcare facilities. The presentation touched on why healthcare facilities are a valuable target for hackers, the types of threats and causes of attacks and provided some examples of what a phishing or ransomware attack might look like. Jay also addressed the important of understanding the type of cyber insurance facilities might have and other important resources to protect a facilities cyber data.

2019-20 Competitive Member Projects

Ms. Kirsch addressed the group stating all projects have been reviewed and the Board of Directors is now in the final process of approving the projects for 2019-20 funding. Ms. Kirsch mentioned the final decisions will be made in January and those facilities will be contacted once the process is complete.

Training and Exercise Plan

Mr. Annett presented on the upcoming training and exercise opportunities planned for the upcoming quarters within the Region. Of those opportunities, Mr. Annett mentioned that the basic and advanced healthcare emergency management courses have now been combined into one course and he will work to have that scheduled in our Region in the quarter. In addition to the healthcare emergency management class, the coalition will work to sponsor an ICS course for healthcare personnel.

Mr. Annett also mentioned the coalition will be hosting a series of CMS active shooter tabletop exercise throughout the region to allow the regions facilities an opportunity to satisfy their annual CMS requirements.

The Coalition Surge Tool exercise is scheduled for April 7, 2019 and will be hosted at the Capital Regional Medical Center.

Coalition Partner Updates

Mr. Doyle made a call to the room to brief on any updates. The following members stated:

- Assisted Living Facilities:*
- Behavioral Health: The Apalachee Center stated they have a mental health trainer available to deliver training to those in need.*

- *County Emergency Management: Kevin Peters mentioned that now that hurricane season is over, EM is in preparedness mode. Additionally, EM is in the process of reviewing facilities emergency power plans and if there are any questions please contact them.*
- *Dialysis: Francis Jarvis with DaVita Dialysis stated they are working on acquiring a cadre of skilled nurses to staff the centers during emergencies to provide dialysis as needed.*
- *Hospitals: Capital Regional Medical Center mentioned their new ER is now operational in Southwood.*
- *Capital Health Plan: CHP mentioned their new facility is now operational and is located near TMH.*
- *FEPA: Eve Rainey mentioned the dates of FEPA for 2020 are February 3-7, 2020 in Daytona Beach and registration is open. Eve also stated that there will be a Healthcare EM Train the Trainer course at the conference as well as full day healthcare plan review session.*
- *ECHCC: Ann Hill stated they are hosting a healthcare symposium in March in San Destin where they will be hosting an EM prep class for healthcare officials.*
- *Gail Stewart: Gail mentioned they will be hosting a meeting with the FSU College of Medicine to discuss the special needs registry.*
- *Bond Health Centers: It was mentioned that Bond will be a host to a cadre of generators for us during emergencies.*
- *FDLE: Kristina Holliday with the RDSTF Region 2 mentioned the next meeting will be held on February 18th. There will also be a WMD course with health partners held in April.*

Active Shooter Preparedness Presentation

Mr. Doyle introduced Michael Wallace with LCSO who presented on active shooter preparedness. During the presentation Deputy Wallace touched on a variety of different areas of active shooter events and techniques such as Avoid Deny Defend (ADD) instead of the Run, Hide, Fight commonly taught. Deputy Wallace also stressed the importance of testing revising your current plans to help properly prepare for these types of incidents.

Next Meeting – Date to be decided.