



Big Bend Healthcare Coalition General Membership Meeting Summary September 10th, 2024

Welcome and Introductions

Melissa Fijalkowski, Chair- Welcome message as new Chair of the BBHCC.

Board of Directors Report

Melissa Fijalkowski, Chair- No report

Here is your current Executive Board of Directors:

- Chair – Melissa Fijalkowski
- Vice Chair – Kimberly Albritton
- Secretary – Richard Lewis*
- Treasurer – Paul Kovary
- Immediate Past-Chair – Kevin Peters

The BBHCC thanks Mr. Peters for the time he has served in various roles and appreciates all the support he provides.

New Board Members

- Chief Richard Lewis from Wakulla Fire Rescue is our new Secretary.

Hurricane Season Update

Mark Wool, NWS Tallahassee

- Provided an outlook for the rest of the season.
- Updated information on then Tropical Storm expected to become Hurricane Francine.
- Shared some of the new modeling from NWS.

Big Bend Member Projects

Christian Levings, BBHCC Coordinator

- Delay in sending out paperwork for member projects. This is in part due to waiting on the new contract from DOH. Before sending it out, BBHCC is waiting to see if there are any new requirements. Also updating the process for member projects and forms. Please watch emails for more information. As a reminder, members submit for projects, BBHCC send to DOH for their approval, then the Board reviews and approves which projects the BBHCC will fund.
- Goal is for the paperwork is the week of Sept. 23, but again this is dependent on several factors.



Big Bend HCC Training Update

Elizabeth Todak, BBHCC Training & Exercise Coordinator

- ICS Forms Review- still room, see link at end of membership
- TEEX Pediatric Course – still room looking for more people to sign up so we can continue to offer this course. Please share with whomever
- BOLD Planning & Florida HCC Virtual Trainings- flyers attached in email
- CHSP- Certified Healthcare Safety Professional Course Dec 6, 2024 watch for email with link to sign up.
- Suggestions from members- no suggestions during the meeting. Please reach out even if you are unsure of a specific course name, we can look for topics etc.

Big Bend HCC Exercise Update

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- MRSE- We will have to conduct a MRSE this year. We are waiting for a new contract to see what the other requirements are for exercises this year or if planning for next year.

Bold Planning Update:

- The initiative was rolled out by the Florida Health Care Coalitions, in April/May timeframe to date in the entire system across the State of Florida. We have almost 1,300 total plans from all these healthcare facilities. In the BBHCC region we've got 38 currently.
- These are free trainings and the program is free to everyone who uses it.
- The BOLD CEMP templates are AHCA compliant and can be printed for your submission.

Regional Epidemiology Update

- Update provided by Matthew Di Fede, MPH, Multi County Epidemiologist, Epidemiology and Disease Control Program
- Updated focused primarily on respiratory illnesses to include RSV and Covid , covered predictions and infection prevention and control recommendations. Will primarily see RSV in fall and winter, but did have a summer spike this year. Also note that typically the regio is about two weeks behind the rest of the densely populated state for spikes in illnesses. We are seeing increase in Covid admissions not as much for flu or RSV currently.
- Also discussed the bird flu with one confirmed human case in Missouri with unknown etiology, and then mentioned bird flu cases in New York among birds Something to watch in the future.
- Key thing for prevention is to stay home if feeling sick and to be fever free for 24 hours. Continue to do hand hygiene and disinfecting surfaces. At end of Sept will be able to order free Covid tests.



Optional Member Briefs

- Leon County provided an update on Pulsara:
 - Being used for everyday transport and special events to include football games.
 - Averaging about 550 for patient transports a week.
 - Using it to communicate with the hospitals for critical patients.

Next member meeting is December 3rd. Watch for more information.

Below are the new reports from members of the coalition. This area/report/information updates will be called: Health Matters. Prior to meetings emails will be sent asking for any updated/new information. Thank you to those who sent informational updates.

Health Matters:

Gadsden County Department of Health:

- No report provided

Franklin County Department of Health:

- Participated in:
 - FCEM LMS Meeting July 17th.
 - Region 1 ESF-8 Virtual Bootcamp July 18th.
 - Florida Tropical Training Webinars July 29th-August 1.
 - August Quarterly Statewide Planner Meeting August 13th.
 - Region 2 Planners Meeting August 14th.
 - HOPRS Meeting August 20th.
- Attending:
 - ECHCC Meeting on September 5th.
 - Region 1 PHP Quarterly Planners Meeting on September 5th.
 - BBHCC Meeting on September 10th.
 - MGT347 ICS Forms Review on September 17th.
 - FP-MGT 439-550 Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness on October 31st.
 - Moulage Training in Bay County on September 16th.
 - Eglin Plane Crash FSE (providing moulage) on September 25th.
- Local Everbridge 1st Quarter Announced Business Hours Drill has been scheduled for September 4th.
- In process of submitting requests for Special Project Funding: Starlink Communication System & PortaCount N-95 Fit Testing Equipment



Gulf County Department of Health:

- Participated in:
 - Region 1 ESF-8 Virtual Bootcamp July 18th.
 - Florida Tropical Training Webinars July 29th-August 1.
 - August Quarterly Statewide Planner Meeting August 13th.
 - Region 2 Planners Meeting August 14th.
 - HOPRS Meeting August 20th.
- Attending:
 - ECHCC Meeting on September 5th.
 - Region 1 PHP Quarterly Planners Meeting on September 5th.
 - MGT347 ICS Forms Review on September 17th.
 - Region 1 IPPW Meeting on September 23rd.
- Participating in Moulage Training in Bay County on September 16th.
- Everbridge 1st Quarter Announced Drill has been scheduled.
- Providing Moulage for the Eglin Plan Crash Exercise on September 25th.
- Exploring the possibility of a SpNS at Gulf CHD. CAT 1-2/Post Storm.
- In process of submitting requests for Special Funding.

Jefferson County Department of Health:

- DOH Jefferson is closer to knowing if HMGP Ian applications are approved regarding the stationary oxygen generator system for Jefferson Fire/Rescue and the DOH Jefferson hurricane windows.
- DOH Jefferson faired pretty well during Hurricane Debby and returned to normal operations soon after the storm passed through.

Leon County Health Department:

- No report provided

Madison County Health Department:

- Working on HMGP to harden the door and windows of the health department.
- The Special Needs Shelter have been fully restocked after Hurricane Debby and ready for any potential activation.

Taylor County Health Department:

- Conducting hotwashes for the Hurricane Debby response
- Reviewing our first special needs shelter activation inside the health department for Hurricane Debby
- Developing Special Needs Shelter staffing response plan that can be utilized in various locations
- Continue to work with EM and DMH on a plan to establish a SNS at the hospital.

Wakulla County Health Department:

- No report provided



BBHCC Upcoming Training and Information

TEEX Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness (Mgt 439) Course:
Please Share with all you work with:

- **Oct 31 and 11/1:**
- Must create a TEEX student portal account, if you do not have one (first link) then register (second link)
 - First step - go to: <https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx>
 - Create an account by clicking "create Account" on the right side of the page.
- Second step- Once the account is created click the TEEX Online Registration link below:
 - <https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT439&S=550>
 - - Follow the instructions, click the check box indicating that you reviewed the acknowledgements, take the pre-test and download course materials.
 - Flyer attached with course objectives

TEEX Course MGT 347 : ICS FORMS

This is course is useful for anyone who establishes an emergency operations center or ‘Command’ for any type of event. This course covers basic ICs forms which are helpful during an incident.

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT347&S=870>

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CHSP-Certified Safety Professional Coming December 6th, 2024- Link soon!