



Big Bend Healthcare Coalition General Membership Meeting Summary

December 7, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Eastern

**Turnbull Conference Center
555 West Pensacola Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32306**

Welcome and Introductions, Philip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Chair

Board of Directors Update, Philip Doyle, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Chair

2021-22 Flu Season Outlook and COVID Update, Labake Ajayi, FDOH, Regional Epidemiologist

Labake informed the coalition that flu activity has been increasing overall in the region earlier than normal. There is a regular spike in flu activity in January-February, which is also expected this flu season. This year's predominant AH3 flu strain is covered by the flu vaccine. At the time of this meeting, there was no official case of the Omicron COVID variant, but it's suspected to be in the region. Delta is still the predominant circulating COVID variant in the region.

Ready Op – New Communications Tool, Christian Levings, BBHCC Staff

Christian informed the Coalition about the utilization of Ready Op to conduct member surveys, registrations, and to push and gather relevant information. There have been some issues with membership receiving Ready Op messages, and Christian's contact info was given out to be contacted if any members hadn't been receiving notifications. Finally, the Coalition was made aware that a communications drill using Ready Op would take place on December 8th, 2021.

Big Bend HCC – Accomplishments During COVID, Denise Imbler and Anthony Carpanini, BBHCC Staff

The membership was updated on the work the BBHCC did previously and currently during COVID-19. The members were also made aware that a quarterly newsletter that would be going out starting in 2022. A review on the purchased items for COVID for our members was also presented, which included electrostatic disinfectant sprayers and AHP 300 Ventilators.

Big Bend HCC Plans Under Development, Denise Imbler, BBHCC Staff

Denise reminded the Coalition that BBHCC staff will be updating the BBHCC Preparedness Plan. New plans include the Burn Surge Annex, Crisis Standards of Care Plan, Shelter-In-Place Plan, and Evacuation Plan. The Regional Mass Fatality Plan and Infections Disease plans are in the finalization stage.

Big Bend HCC 2021-2022 Member Project Awards, Anthony Carpanini, BBHCC Staff

The Coalition was informed that Jefferson EM and Madison EM received portable power stations, and there is additional funding opportunities for more projects. Past projects have included special needs cots, a first aid trailer, a decontamination tent, a negative pressure isolation cell, thermal cameras, and an oxygen refill station.

Big Bend HCC 2022-2023 Member Project Funding Announcement, Anthony Carpanini, BBHCC Staff

Anthony informed the Coalition that the next funding announcement will be January 21st, 2022. Additionally, projects funding will begin on July 1st, 2022.

Exercise Update, Anthony Carpanini and Christian Levings, BBHCC Staff

The Coalition was brief of the recent CRMC Active Shooter tabletop exercise and was informed that the BBHCC plans to hold more Active Shooter tabletop exercises in the future. Additionally, the membership was informed that the Medical Response & Surge Exercise (MRSE) – formally the Coalition Surge Tool (CST) exercise – would be taking place in the first half of the annual year of 2022. Finally, a Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) on Burn Surge will be held at the Leon Emergency Management EOC in April of 2022.

Big Bend HCC Training Update, Christian Levings, BBHCC Staff

Christian discussed the virtual training opportunities available using the Statewide Healthcare Coalition Training Portal and Southwest Healthcare Coalition Portal. The links for both of these resources will be sent out to the membership before the end of the year, along with an updated training schedule for the Statewide site as it becomes available. The most recent Statewide HCC training offerings for January 2022-March 2022 can be found here (<https://www.floridahcc.org/training/>) and the SW Coalition site can be found here <https://www.advanced-plan.com/coalitiontraining>

Report Out from County Health Departments

All county health departments reported continued COVID-19 testing and vaccination services. Jefferson and Madison have partnered with Shepherd's Hand to provide medical services to underserved communities.