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Introductions	All
Minutes Approval	Motion: Janet Rowe Second: Trish Polfus
Surge Estimator	Currently we have 16 of 19 facilities who have completed the surge estimator. If you have not completed, please do so as soon as possible. (Currently we have 17 of 19 complete with Jellico and Claiborne remaining). As a reminder, this information is de-identified and will only be used as a regional/state total. There are some issues with the formulations that have been brought to ASPRs attention and in the future there may be some changes. When we submit this information we will include a notation that the surge numbers are inflated due to the formulations and are not accurate for any real world event capability.
Fight Flu	This was a public health statewide initiative on November 19 and was successful with almost 10,000 free vaccinations given. Within our region, we had a 32% compliance rate for our hospitals to update within 30 minutes of activation, and 68% compliance within 8 hours of event activation. These numbers are better than last year and we will work toward continued improvement for next year.
Budget Update	(Please see attached). Currently, budget stands at \$234,909.74. We have about \$25,000 remaining in expected costs (chempack phones, website, generator maintenance (LaFollette), upcoming exercise, conference reimbursement). This leaves approximately \$200,000 to complete this year's projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portable Vents:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This project is still in planning stages, waiting for information from EMS. Coalition agreed vents need to be placed as needed with EMS. In order to complete within this funding year, we will mirror the completed portable vent project done in the Upper Cumberland region to make sure we meet identified gaps and receive project approval. We will move forward by<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identifying which counties do not have a portable vent within the EMS services2. Of those counties, which have personnel trained to use portable vents.3. Once we have this information, we will move forward to place vents, within available budget, with MOUs in place for each county agency that is provided a vent.4. If EMS service for that county is not interested in vent (and acceptance of usage agreements for maintenance and training), if there is a hospital in that county, we will see if hospital is interested in vent to ensure our gap areas have coverage.

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5. We will determine number of vents to purchase after we identify gaps and have more concrete dollar amount of funding available.

- Lots of discussion on vent type. Although there are less expensive options, there are concerns. For consideration, we need to keep in mind proprietary concerns, serviceability, supply and upkeep need. Group, as well as subject matter experts in attendance, preferred the Revell as a more universally compatible vent for usability. We will try to get answers for questions on lesser known vents as we proceed, but will defer to the Revell as preferred vent at this time.

- Portable Trailer:

The Fire Chaplains build trailers with toilets, showers, and laundry to be used as a support unit. These portable trailers cost about 25,000/each. No motion to proceed at this point for this equipment.

- Hoods:

- Request for funding from Blount Memorial, Turkey Creek Medical Center and Jefferson Memorial. The proposal is being presented with the expectation that this can be a regional purchase as everyone should be in the same situation with outdated equipment. These can be used for infectious disease, but are not ideal for that. Marcus recommends 12 units per facility as a basis to start from. Cost per unit 500-600 each.
- John Brinkley has information on a new hood that may be easier to store and has no expiration date. John will send that information out. The unit is called the Sentinel XL CBRN PAPR System. (Flyer attached). Prices are relatively comparable.
- We will get more information on how many each hospital needs and costs and bring back to coalition at next meeting.
- Suggested we look at supplying 1/2 BUTYL hoods needed this funding period. Estimate cost for that approximately 114,000.
- It was discussed that all PPE equipment purchased in early 90's (including trailers) are now in poor shape.

- If we have fall out funds, we will consider purchasing exercise manikins.

Refresher Class

- Coalition needs HAZWOPER refresher class. John and Wanda will look to schedule 1, possibly 2, for early 2020. Because of grant requirements, we will have to either provide sole source justification or receive 3 bids for services.
- Motion to move forward with Hazwoper classes: Trish Polfus, second: Tonya Shott.

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HAM	General training class and testing upcoming in January. Dates to be announced.
CMS 17 Group Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be meeting with all the groups on 12/14/19 to do Stop The Bleed training. Each facility attending will receive a STB kit. Coalition members have been invited to attend. • CMS has changed some of the requirements, but have not yet posted to their website. As soon as these changes are posted, we will share. The biggest changes revolve around ancillary clinics and annual exercise requirements. • Our CMS17 group has a new logo, thanks to Caitlyn Yount. Caitlyn won a trip to the Emergency Management Summit in Savannah Georgia, March 2020. Great job, Caitlyn!
Pediatric Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oseana and Christy have been working on our regional plan. CoPEC has produced a state plan that can be revised to meet regional needs and that is being incorporated as well. Should be ready for review soon.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are setting up time for a 'field trip' to see the system used by Ballad Health in the Northeast TN/Virginia area. It was mentioned as a possible alternative to replace failing systems we currently have in place. • Marcus will provide additional information on a system from Motorola at our next meeting the group may be interested in.
Regulatory/Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have underground storage fuel tanks used for generators (dual use tank), previously exempt regulations no longer apply. Enforcement for this will begin in 2021.
Exercises/Training Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Exercise has to be done before May 08, 2020. We will send out an invite this month for our first exercise planning meeting. All are invited to attend. • National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference, Houston, TX. : KET Coalition had one presentation that was well attended. The presentation, "Cause and Effect: The Evolution of the Coalition from Real World Events" discussed the changes seen in the coalition due to directional requirements from ASPR and events in our region. The session generated a lot of discussion afterwards. It was refreshing to see our Coalition recognized as a national leader in many healthcare initiatives. Thank you to our great coalition members for your support and hard work to make sure we are prepared. • EMAT had some great CMS focused presentations. Next year they will look to add more healthcare specific sessions to be more inclusive of the

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	<p>healthcare community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Snyder shared RADON information (please see attached) he received from the EMAT conference. Everyone should consider testing their homes with the available free testing kits you can order online.
Real Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• East Tennessee Children’s Hospital will have a planned phone outage beginning 12/12/19. Alternate numbers will be provided beforehand via TNHAN.• Dogwood Tower opening at Parkwest: This new tower adds an additional 40,000 sq. feet, 72 rooms, 10 new OR rooms, staging area, and a 12 bay holding area. This is a welcome addition, not only to Parkwest, but for our region.
Upcoming Training	None at this time
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have been told that programming errors in HRTS have been fixed. If you are still receiving messages that your facility has not updated, when they have, please let John or I know.• Angie Bowen (REACTS) requested information on how many facilities still have gamma sources at their facilities. She will send in an email to be shared with our healthcare facilities to ascertain.
Adjourn	Motion: Wendy Muncy Second: Logan Farr