

# KET (KNOX EAST TN) REGION HOSPITAL COALITION MEETING

March 8, 2016

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Knox County Health Department

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## Members/Attendance (attached)

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## Meeting Minutes

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### Introduction

- Introduction of Gail Timperio. Gail is the Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator for the State of Kentucky, regions 12 and 13. Gail recently visited the RMCC to observe exercise action during the 2016 KET HCC Regional Exercise. She and her counterpart then went to Parkwest Hospital to observe their IC during the exercise event. She thanked the group for the invitation to observe and took back lessons learned from both places.

### Review of last month's minutes

- Motion to approve as written by Brenda Green, second by Trish Polfus

### Budget Discussion

#### Base Funding

- We currently have 137,000 remaining. A portion of this is already allotted to ongoing projects or purchases and with those factored in we will have approximately 55,000 remaining. (This will fluctuate based on current project final costs-Winlink and trainings).
- Previously it was discussed to order PAPR cartridges and batteries with left over funds. We will send out an email regarding preference on type. (Group discussed the benefits of Lithium disposable batteries), We will send out a group survey to see what the preference is.
- Group also brought up buying additional medsleds with remaining funds. We will send out a group survey to determine how to allot remaining funds.

#### EVD Funding

- We are in the process or getting approval for using EVD funding to purchase a Hydrogen Peroxide Sterilization Unit. Benefits to this unit: it would be available as a regional asset for other healthcare providers, it can be used to sterilize a transport unit, it is the recommended sterilization device by Dr. Gavin Skinner-McGregor (a leading Ebola subject matter expert), it can be visually confirmed once the process has been completed and is cheaper than the Ultraviolet method. Once this has been approved through the State, it will be presented to the Coalition for review and vote. The unit itself is approximately 87,000.
  - We are also looking at purchasing 2 ISO PODS. They are chembio rated. These can be used anywhere and housed centrally. The cost is approximately 6,000 for 2 units.
  - Another region is using EVD funding to purchase GoPro Camera's for exercises and training. For example, staff can use them while donning and doffing, exercises can be recorded, etc. This can also be used at the
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assessment hospital for a highly infectious patient for communication. Some facilities suggested this might be difficult to get approved through hospital channels. We will send out a vote to see who is interested. EMS has seen this used for exercise purposes and it's very useful as a learning tool.

- APIC has a wish list for approximately \$1,000. This was previously approved by the planning committee with the exception of questions on the flash drives. APIC has deleted that item.

### **Exercise Discussion**

- Items discussed in hotwash: the exercise went well. It was one of the most realistic exercises we have ever done. We need to offer another HICS class. (The last class we had was in April and we had a full class-40 participants). We will look to schedule another class. (*Side note-we will no longer be printing the HICS materials in books and handing to participants. They will print themselves and bring to class. This was agreed to by the group previously*). Hospitals generated lots of follow up questions from the exercise. People who utilized the simcell liked it.
- One common issue was with forms. It is difficult to keep up with hand written forms. Hand writing the forms tends to duplicate much of the information that a program eliminate. This may be something we want to address in the future. Charity reminded group of HICS link that references all forms for each position. It is a great tool to use. She will resend. Colin had suggested during one of the HICS class to prepopulate IAPs. This would save some time up-front.
- Still questions relating to engineering/IP concerns about specific means to clean out hospital systems. (Do all lines need to be flushed, at what temp does ecoli die?) Paul Parsons is going to contact Paul Richter, who taught CHEP and is from South Carolina to get his opinion.
- There were some post exercise media issues. Despite proper written and oral communications stating "This is an exercise", there was community confusion about the exercise being a real event. Several key personnel were contacted by concerned citizens (Mayor, Knox County Health Department, UTMC, etc.). Corrective action for this will include media advisories will now be put out before any exercise. The Knoxville PIO will serve as the Coalition PIO. She will provide exercise talking points to all area PIOs. Knox County will also send out exercise specific information prior to event to key personnel in Knoxville to ensure everyone is aware an exercise is taking place. Hospitals are encouraged to clearly post exercise information at their facility for all patients, visitors and staff.
- As follow up to the exercise, the Knox County Health Department and East Tennessee Regional Office will be doing a CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) in the Seymore area on April 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. This will cover Knox, Blount and Sevier Counties. They will be going into about 20 geographic grids to assess homes. The CASPER will look to reach approximately 210 homes.

### **Attendance in Paid Trainings**

- In the past, the group decided to make no-shows responsible for paying back the cost for attendance at classes. This only applies to classes that the Coalition is paying for (such as the DOT, Hazmat, etc. classes). We have several facilities that had participants that were no shows this year. How does the group want to proceed with this. Before Wanda and Charity proceed with this discussion with administration at hospitals, we would like to say this action is supported by the Coalition.
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- In the future, we could consider paying for recert classes, then those who want to do the initial class will sign up and be reimbursed after attendance. Group thoughts were that we should maintain original consensus that those who do not show should pay. We will send out a survey for a more accurate measure from the group.

#### **Ambus Lessons Learned**

- This was a good opportunity to consider best placement of Ambus. Many sites have tried different areas (parking lots, ED entrance, loading dock). It's important to test out several placements to see where it best works. Conversation on next year looking at ramp options. The current ramp takes about 15 minutes to set-up and another 15 minutes to break down.

#### **Ham and Winlink Update**

- There will be an upcoming amateur radio training class for HAM technicians. It will be held on April 22-23, 2016 at the Knoxville/Knox County Emergency Management Agency (605 Bernard Avenue Knoxville, TN. 37921. Specific times are Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) 6-9 P.M and Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>) 8 am -3 pm. The test will be administered at 3 pm. The course is free but there is a \$15.00 testing fee. Those passing the certification and will serve as a volunteer for the healthcare HAM system will receive a free handheld HAM radio.

#### **Upcoming Trainings and Meetings**

- Public Health CASPER Exercise April 13-14
- Department of Energy Exercise (Y-12) June 8
- TNCAT 16 June 22-23
- HPP Statewide Meeting Workshop (TEPS Conference Jackson, TN) November 15
- TEPS Conference November 16-17
- HPP Conference Washington D.C. December 12-14
- ICS 300 May 24 and 25 KEMA
- ICS 400 June 29,30 KEMA

#### **Other**

- Yesterday Knox County had a meeting with the Metro Drug Coalition. On July 1, there is a new law going to effect that will require more stringent criteria for pain clinics. Some will not meet those requirements and will result in being shut down. This may impact the healthcare community with more patient traffic in ED's. There are still much unknowns regarding the law. There are 39 pain clinics in Knoxville.
  - This weekend will have several large events: the Airshow at McGhee Tyson, the Orange and White game, and the Rod Run in Sevier County. Because of this, we will activate HRST for Saturday and Sunday. Hospitals will be requested to update every 12 hours. This will be good practice, even though we typically do not activate for large gatherings.
  - The school system has received money to do active shooter exercises. EMA and EMS are working with them on this. The goal is to do a tabletop at each of the 91 schools in Knox county.
  - We will get updated Anniston list of available slots out to everyone.
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<b>Hospital- Knox</b>	East Tennessee Children's Hosp.	Christy Cooper	X	X		X	X		X	X			
		Bill Thurman											
		Steve Bohanan		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Fort Sanders Regional Hospital	Robert Laney		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Other													
North Knoxville Medical Center	Brenda Gray		X	X*	X*	X*	X		X		X*		
Other	Steve McCarthy						X		X	X*	X*		
Parkwest Hospital	Paul Parsons		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Darrell Brackett												
Physicians Regional Med. Center	Leonard Vaughn			X	X	X		X*	X		X		
Other													
Turkey Creek Medical Center	Tonya Shott		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Other													
U.T. Medical Center	Janet Rowe		X	X		X	X		X	X	X		
	David Pittman		X		X				X		X		
	Brian Hitch		X		X	X			X	X			
Pennisula Hospital	Todd Roberts		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Other													
Covenant Health	Phil McDaniel		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Other													
<b>Hospital-East</b>	Blount Memorial Hospital	Carole Chambers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
		Ann Henry		X									
	Claiborne County Hospital	Mike Campbell			PP	X			X*				
Other													
Fort Loudon Medical Center	David Walton		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Other													
Jefferson Memorial Hospital	Larry Gilbert					X*			X*				
	Debbie Justice										X		



