

# KET (KNOX EAST TN) REGION HOSPITAL COALITION MEETING

March 14, 2017

2:30

Knox County Health Department

## Members/Attendance (attached)

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### Meeting Minutes

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#### Review of last month's minutes

- No changes/corrections.
- Update from North Knoxville Medical Center Radio Proposal Brenda Gray
  - Brenda was asked to secure additional quotes for radios. She contacted Metro Communications and Central Communications. The quotes are attached to the new proposal. The new proposal with additional quotes will be sent out to the Coalition for voting. No questions.

#### Budget Update

- With current projects winding down, it looks as if we will have enough remaining funds to purchase evacuation kits for each hospital. We will send out a list of kit supplies and request a number your hospital would like to have. Does the group want to move forward with purchasing these kits with remaining funds? David Walton made a motion to approve. Second by Tonya Shott. Group approved.
- We've done well at staying on budget for each of our projects or under budget.
  - Pediatric Surge Supplies- (Christy Cooper): Pediatric supplies for peds surge carts have been ordered. There are issues with the carts originally chosen. The actual cost are double what the original estimate was. That equates to about \$750.00 more per cart. There are other, less-expensive, options available, but they will be bulky and difficult to place in limited spaces of hospitals. They are not the ideal choice to meet the needs of this project. David Walton proposed we go ahead and purchase the nicer carts. Group approved. We will continue to look for alternatives this week, but if none are found, we will move forward with the original carts.
  - Pediatric MCI Bags- John Brinkley met with Region II EMS. They requested Pedi-Sleeves for each unit, instead of the Pediatric MCI bags. John received 2 bids, one for \$89.00/each, the other for \$85.00/each. Everyone was agreeable to purchase the pedi sleeves. John will work on ordering for the lowest bidder.
  - Decon Supplies- David Walton researched appropriate PPE for our regional needs and brought the cost of this project down about \$40,000. The extra funds will go towards the overage on the pediatric surge supplies project and evacuation kits.
  - Connections for fire departments- There has only been one submission for this project. UTMC has an estimated cost of \$17,000 for their site. Tonya Shott was advised they do not need this. After some discussion, the group decided to wait on any installs until more information was gathered. If there is a need for this, we can roll it over into a project for next year.
  - Remote Heads- Will check on progress of this project
  - Codes Books- We will be putting this project off until next year.

#### Pediatric Surge Tabletop Exercise

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- Date for the exercise will be April 27, 11:30-4:00 at Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's BBQ). Christy Cooper will come up with a list of supplies that will be used during this exercise. She would like each hospital to bring a list of their current inventory of these items to the exercise so your facility can gauge when on hand supplies are exhausted. Disaster mental health and reunification will also be included in this exercise. The goal for each facility will be to treat a large number of pediatric patients and only transfer those who are in greatest need. For exercise purposes, Children's and UTMC will be full. Lunch will be provided.

### **HVAs**

- 2017 HVA has been completed. It is on website for review. It is similar to last years. We will send out voting form for group to approve once they've had the opportunity to look it over.

### **HRTS Update**

- HRTS 5.0 has been in the process of being updated for a long time. It will finally go live on March 15<sup>th</sup> at midnight (tomorrow night). Instructional videos for the new system did not work earlier today. The new system is easier to navigate, but will take some time to get accustomed to. It will now be accessible to EMS as well.

### **HAM/Winlink/Hospital Net**

- Jim Snyder announced that all 20 people who took the first technicians class have now passed. They will be offering another class on April 21, 22. Will send out details later. If the hospital would like to send a representative for their facility, the coalition will pay their testing fees and provide them with a radio. There are a limited number of slots so let Wanda know soon if you have someone interested. Jim advised that if anyone who took the class last time would like to return during this new class time for training, they will train them on how to use the specific radio they received.
- Jim asked if any facilities are having issues with their operators? No response. If there ever is an issue, please let Jim know.
- Jim asked if anyone needs help with Winlink installation. Turkey Creek Medical Center, Sweetwater and LeConte do. We will contact Rick Frost and see if we can get him scheduled to do programming at those facilities.

### **BlueWing Update**

- Everyone did a great job filling out the surveys. Blue Wing will now review the survey results and provide feedback. They will present on April 12. We will let everyone know when that meeting is scheduled and it will be open to anyone interested/vested in communications.

### **MOU**

- If you haven't submitted, please do so.

### **Upcoming Trainings/Meetings/Exercises**

- 2017 Emergency Management Summit and Training Session April 19-21 Savannah, Ga.
  - Emergency Management of Radiation Accident Victims. This course provides awareness level information and is intended for all levels of emergency healthcare providers, emergency management, and public health professionals. The course includes an overview of health physics and emphasizes the practical aspects of initial pre-hospital/hospital management of irradiated and/or contaminated patients through lectures and a hands-on exercise. Four sessions will be provided. Specific information can be found on the KET HC website at
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<http://www.ketcoalition.org/calendar/emergency-management-of-radiation-accident-victims/>. Please email Wanda Roberts ([etrhc.health@tn.gov](mailto:etrhc.health@tn.gov)) to register

- March 21: 0800-1200
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  - April 5: 0800-1200
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- The Fort Loudoun Medical Center in conjunction with TEMA, and Knoxville/East Tennessee Healthcare Coalition (KETHC), is offering **Hospital Emergency Management of Radiation Accidents**. This course will provide instruction for those that may be called upon to assist in receiving patients in your ED in the event of a radiological incident in your area. Over and above your ED staff, this could include nursing, physicians, security, engineering, or others that may be part of your Hospital Emergency Response Team. If you are interested, or have staff that you would like to send, please contact David Walton ([Dwalton2@covhlth.com](mailto:Dwalton2@covhlth.com) or call 865-271-6065) as soon as possible as we expect this course to fill quickly. The intent is to have multiple staff from each of the area hospitals attend so we can improve the regional response to mass casualty incidents. Please pass this on to others in your areas that may be interested in attending.
  - EVD funding will be used to provide and upcoming Environmental Hygiene Cleaning and Disinfectant Training. This will be sent to long term care facilities as well as hospitals. More information to follow when training date is set.
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		July (CA) 07/14/15	Aug 08/10/15	Sept	Oct (CA)	Nov	Dec (CA)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
<b>Hospital- Knox</b>	East Tennessee Children's Hosp.	Christy Cooper		X	X		X		X	X	X		
		Bill Thurman											
		Steve Bohanan							X	X			
	Fort Sanders Regional Hospital	Robert Laney		X			X		X	X	X		
	North Knoxville Medical Center	Brenda Gray		X	X		X		X*	X	X*		
		Heather Cumberland					X		X				
	Parkwest Hospital	Paul Parsons		X	X		X		X		X		
	Physicians Regional Med. Center	Dan McGraw		X	X				X*	X	X		
Turkey Creek Medical Center	Tonya Shott			X		X*		X	X	X			
U.T. Medical Center	Janet Rowe		X*	X		X		X	X	X			
	David Pittman												
	Brian Hitch					X							
Pennisula Hospital	Todd Roberts												
Covenant Health	Phil McDaniel		X	X				X		X			
<b>Hospital-East</b>	Blount Memorial Hospital	Marcus Sheppard		X	X			X	X				
		Ann Henry											
	Claiborne County Hospital	Mike Campbell		X	X								
	Fort Loudon Medical Center	David Walton		X	X		X		X	X	X		
Jefferson Memorial Hospital	Larry Gilbert		X*										
	Debbie Justice			X*		X*							
	Wanda Fisher							X	X	X			



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EMS	TN Dept. of Health, Office of EMS	Steve Hamby	X				X						
	Rural Metro EMS	John Brinkley	X	X*		X*	X	X	X				
		Chris McLain											
	LifeGuard Ambulance Service	Bernie Hayes	X*				X	X	X				
	Monroe County EMS	Gary Smith	X	X			X*	X	X				
	Anderson County EMS	Nathan Sweet											
Other	Medic Regional Blood Center	Steven Smith	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
	Medlink 2- RMCC	Tim Taylor	X	X		X		X*		X			
		Phyllis Walker											
	Knox County Examiners Office	Robin Slattery											
		John Lott											
		Jody Persino	X			X		X	X				
	Tennessee Air National Guard	Lisa Godsey											
	Knoxville Police Department	Nathaniel Allen											
	American Red Cross- East TN	Kendra Taylor		X				X	X	X			
	TN Emergency Serv. For Children	Oseana Bratton						X	X	X			
	REAC/TS	Angie Bowen							X				
		Wayne Baxter							X				
Cherokee Health	Karen Clawson						X	X					
Premier Surgical	Steve Ross					X		X*					
Amateur Radio Communications	Jim Synder						X	X	X				