



<p><b>Attendees</b></p>	<p>Judy Wasik, John Brinkley, Wanda Roberts, Kevin Smith, Beverly Holley, Brennan Mitchell, Christy Cooper, Gary Blazier, David Pittman, Jason Harrington, Jill Hoover, Jim McCammon, Jim Snyder, Karen Jordan, Missy Turner, Marcus Sheppard, Paul Parsons, Phil McDaniel, Sandy Monday, Stephen Smith, Trish Polfus, Wendy Muncey, Oseana Britton, Hal Leftwich, Janet Rowe, Josh Whitfield, Joey Lowe, Jan Brooks, Chris Thomas, Tina Stallings, Taylor Gamache, Darinka Mileusnic.</p>
<p><b>Equipment/Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAPR Breathing Hose</li> <li>• PAPR Filters</li> <li>• Gowns/masks/Faceshields</li> </ul>	<p><b>John Brinkley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have all PAPR equipment in that was ordered last year (including tubing and filters). We will set up some warehouse days for pickup.</li> <li>• We also have PPE available in our cache, if needed. This is items we previously stored, items purchased last year, and deliveries from TEMA. Please let John or Wanda know if you need anything. We are seeing an increase in N95 requests.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HRTS/TNHAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID 19 Reporting</li> <li>• Definitions for Status</li> <li>• Notifications</li> <li>• TNHAN/HRTS Clean-up</li> </ul>	<p><b>John Brinkley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRTS reporting is going well. Yesterday we only had one hospital not at 100%. HHS pulls info on Sunday night at 11:59. Please make sure all your information is in by that time or your facility will show up as non compliant.</li> <li>• Definition Status: We are still working on those definitions. John will share as soon as we have all input from hospitals. We are also updating response chart based on definitions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hospital Staffing Assistance Grant</b></p>	<p><b>John Brinkley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Office contacted our region because none of our qualifying facilities had applied for the COVID staffing funding. We hosted a meeting last week to discuss with central office leadership, hospital reps, as well as other hospitals from Memphis that had applied. Questions were answered about the process and some uses for this funding.</li> <li>• We had 12 hospitals qualify for this period. We will send out an email to let those know who qualified.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Infectious Disease Plan</b></p>	<p><b>John Brinkley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to develop an infectious diseases plan for our region. Robert Newsad will take the lead on this, working with a template from HHS. Draft due on April 1, 2021, final due June 30, 2021. We are asking hospitals to submit subject matter experts to assist. Please contact John or Wanda with recommendations or if you want to serve.</li> <li>• Janet will have one from UT. Sandy Monday will also reach out to someone to represent Covenant.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Review Preparedness Plan</b></p>	<p><b>John Brinkley/All</b> Hospital reps met last week to go over preparedness plan for annual review.</p> <p>Open discussion: no changes/updates noted. Trish Polfus noted the plans were very solid considering what we've learned during this pandemic and shows what a great preparedness job the coalition did in getting this information together. With no additional comments, we will put this on December agenda for official vote to approve with no updates.</p>
<p><b>Review Response Plan</b></p>	<p><b>John Brinkley/All</b> Group met last week and noted some modifications/changes that needed to be made. This is a great response plan for short lived events, but needed some work for long term events, such as a pandemic, earthquake, tornado, etc.</p> <p>Changes from hospital group will be highlighted and sent to group. There are particular changes that need update with mass fatality and morgue use. Chris Thomas will look it over and make sure our plan matches the Regional Forensic Center plan.</p> <p>Changes should be given before our meeting in December so we can discuss then and then bring to January for vote/approval.</p>
<p><b>Budget Update</b></p>	<p><b>Wanda Roberts/ All</b> PAPRS order: Group is interested in additional hoods (tubing if needed), filters and batteries. Discussion on hood types (Brennan will send what he ordered for LeConte that will work for stethoscope use). TR-6710N HEPA filter is the one that comes with Versaflo and the one being requested.</p> <p>PPE order: Currently in our cache, we still have N95s and a limited number of procedure masks (not surgical, but medical). We may need to order additional N95s. (1870+ may not be available until 2022). John will check on box and see exactly what level our procedure masks are. We do have gowns, but they are level 1. We also have gowns made from Hanes T shirts, and some made from polyester. If we are ordering gowns, we need to order level 2, level 3 style gowns</p> <p>Fit testing kits. We should order if we can find them with this 50,000 allotted for PPE. Purchase extra testing solution as well. Jan will send the vender she used.</p> <p>COVID Support Equipment: Lots of discussion between vents and scopes. Methodist does not need ventilators. Original suggestion for ventilators were for hospitals to hold for EMS. Chris Brinkley polled EMS and 3 units requested: Anderson, Sevier, and Campbell. He also requested if there is extra funding to consider funding training or additional vents (Missy Turner suggested Chris check with foundation grants available in Campbell County for training fees). Vents cost approximately 20,000 each.</p> <p>Christy is being asked daily about McGraph scopes. Janet is getting same questions. Scopes are approximately 10,000 each. Scopes include camera, handle and 4 blades. For an additional cost, blade covers can be purchased so they can be reuseable.</p> <p>Wanda will send out survey to hospitals to see who wants either a transport ventilator or 2 scopes and purchases will be made based on response</p>

<b>State Advisory Board</b>	<b>Marcus, Oseana, Tonya:</b> No update
<b>Vaccination Plan TTX</b>	<b>John Brinkley</b> There have been two exercises so far and the State is improving the process as they progress. Last one is Thursday at 10:00. Most of our hospitals are on the ttx on Thursday and many of our other healthcare partners. Regarding vaccine, we will be updating as more information is provided (see powerpoint for phase information). Information is ever changing, and we are not sure right now which vaccine we'll be receiving. Question: For those facilities that are closed PODS, how will the vaccination process work? This is individually based by phases, so hospitals will be vaccinating staff only, family members will not be included.
<b>TACN Radio Project</b>	<b>John Brinkley</b> Thanks to everyone for submitting. All our hospitals completed. We have not heard any updates on this yet from the State.
<b>CMS Exercise Update</b>	<b>John Brinkley</b> Waived. We've received a few questions, so just wanted to share this again in case someone has missed it.
<b>Amateur Radio</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hospital Net Test</b></li> <li>• <b>Communications Trailer</b></li> </ul>	<b>Jim Synder/ John Brinkley</b> Monthly NET test has new management. They are trying to provide after action reports from each test to the hospitals. Jim will make sure each hospital receives. Morristown Hamblen is hooking up last antennae for functionality. Is anyone having personnel difficulty or equipment? Penninsula doesn't have anyone assigned. Jim will try to push these issues up and get help for resolution.  We met with LARC (lakeway amateur radio club), who will be building/deploying the trailer. We reviewed the MOU to make sure everything is in place. We want to all be on same page as far as usage, maintenance, etc. They will be willing to come out to hospitals as well to show functionality. Communications trailer progress will be provided monthly to keep coalition informed. Work on the mobile unit should be complete before March.  For consideration: All hospital amateur radio systems are 15 years old and we may need to need to make plans for future replacement.
<b>CMS 17 Updates</b>	
	<p>Increase in COVID patients in home health and dialysis. (mixture of patient type and many of them are in the rural regions). Fresenius has designated one facility for isolation clinic. Transportation for patients to that clinic continues to be a problem.</p> <p><b>Taylor Gamache (VPC-Vulnerable Populations Coordinator)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of right now, , 41 of 45 long term care facilities are trained on HRTS and mostly active. Still working on 4. For the 61 assisted living facilities, 39 are trained. Many of the facilities are uninterested because reporting through HRTS is not mandated. Taylor is hearing about a lot of COVID cases through the facilities she works with.</li> </ul>

<b>Members Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COVID19</b></li> <li>• <b>Regulatory</b></li> <li>• <b>Critical Needs</b></li> <li>• <b>Other Events</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone having issues getting laboratory supplies? Several facilities (UT and ETCH in particular) are having issues. Seems to be anything that is plastic based or required to do viral media. (Not direct COVID related issue). Home Health/Hospice having issues with syringes and needles.</li> <li>• Please send email to Marcus Sheppard (coalition representative for State Advisory Board) and he will present on next state wide meeting to see how other facilities across the state are doing.</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a vulnerable needs facility (long term care, assisted living, home for the aged), has an outbreak, they can request testing supplies and testing from the state. Also, facilities should check into CARES funding, and insurance for assistance as well.</li> </ul>
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