

**CMS 17 Meeting Minutes**  
**21 December 2023**

- Intro to ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease) emergency hub
  - Dialysis – Connie Harig
    - App for dialysis
    - Mediator between CMS and patients, and providers of dialysis
    - Katrina 2006—gap in care for dialysis patients → kcer was formed and developed an app.
      - App has interactive screens with emergency alerts/warnings.
      - Evacuation routes
      - Medical history on app
      - General EP education
      - Has alternate locations for dialysis.
  - Who could provide this service for us in our region?
    - Looking to bring it to East TN
    - Diane Fox, MBA & Shannon Wright, IPRO contacts in SC
- Regulation Updates
  - “At least once per year, each licensed nursing home shall coordinate a fire drill with its local fire department. The local fire department shall observe the fire drill and provide input to the facility relative to the fire safety of the facility.”
    - KFD was unaware of this.
    - Facilities will be cited if not completed by the end of 2024.
    - Does not specify home health but would not hurt to ask to make sure.
      - Likely just for those who house patients overnight (in-house hospice?)
- CMS 17 Group leads
  - LTC – Kim Mountz
    - Behavioral health: seeing a lot of substance abuse residents come into the facilities.
    - Make sure you have Narcan is in your facility and that there is a prn order in place.
  - Home Health/Hospice – Jan Brooks
    - Convention in Vegas
      - Rural areas in East TN do not compare to others out West which are much farther away from hospitals or medical clinics (one hospital/trauma center/dialysis center was 3.5 hours away one way)
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row East TN Healthcare Coalition has been represented nationally.

- Contact John, Brenan, or Wanda if you would like to go to an event and present.
  - Next year's national healthcare coalition is Dec 10—12, 2024, in Orlando, FL
    - DEADLINE is February 9, 2024
  
- Dustin Phillips (former state life-safety surveyor)
  - Doing Life safety survey consulting now.
  - Information from the Amy Linkes on Teams. *"I am not sure if anyone knows this, but I wanted to pass along that Dustin Phillips, former Life Safety Surveyor, has started a Consulting company. One of the services he offers is Life Safety Mock Surveys. We just had him complete one at our ASC and was very helpful. I thought this may interest some in this group. and wanted to share. His contact information is 423-215-2938 or email at [dustin.phillips.consulting@gmail.com](mailto:dustin.phillips.consulting@gmail.com)"*
  
- Coalition Update
  - Office of Healthcare Facilities (OHCF) trying to find a database for primary contacts for each facility.
    - Not for regulatory issues, but for education/information
      - Can information be sent out to your groups?
  - Survey sent to hospitals on cyber security tabletop.
    - As-long-as primary people are at tabletop along with completion of a facility specific after-action review, this could be used for tabletop exercise.
      - Logan Farr- Program manager for homeland security district 2
        - Journal interest survey on cybersecurity tabletop exercise sent out to everyone.
        - Exercise is focused on education and prevention.
        - Relies heavily on Emergency Response Coordinator and IT staff.
        - Bring someone extra from facility to take notes to put in after action report.
        - Tabletop is a good way to get information/ideas from other facilities.
  
- Communications
  - HRTS V3.0
    - Healthcare Resource Tracking System
    - NEW HRTS LINK: link on PowerPoint is updated version.
    - HRTS training class—Brenan will send out survey on this.
    - Quarterly HRST event: testing will begin on January 16, 2024
    - EMA also has access to HRTS which can be helpful for resource allocation during disaster.

- EMS Call Down
  - Can be activated if needed.
- ReadyOp
  - Please update contact information or register for an account.
- ASPR Emergency Survey
  - 92 total responses from CMS 17 group
- Med-Sled Train the Trainer
  - Trained facilities how to use med sleds.
  - Trainers are now available, or local fire department may assist in training staff.
- New KETHC Resources
  - Emergency Quick Reference Guides
    - 193 remaining
  - Evacuation/Rescue packs
    - 44 remaining
  - Med-Sleds
    - 24 remaining
  - Coming Soon: LTC IC Kits – HICS training required
- ***Generators are not intended to be used for planned power outages.***
- Push Partner POD Plans
  - Fill out push partner forms so the county can send out medications to facilities in case of emergent event (antibiotics, vaccines, etc.)
  - Only have a few submitted.
  - Closed POD - keeps community healthy.
- Exercises & Events
  - Great Shakeout – Some facilities participated, not facilitated by healthcare Coalition.
  - 2024 Functional Exercise and Tabletop
    - Functional Exercise Thursday April 11, 2024
    - Annex Tabletop Exercise Friday April 12, 2024
      - Times TBD
    - Will activate a HRTS event.
    - Transportation accident with chemical release
      - Hospitals will have to receive pts involved in accidents plus those exposed to chemical.
      - CMS 17 group: event will happen near your facility.

- Will need to go through shelter in place or evacuation plan.
  - EMS/Fire will respond and triage/treatment/transportation.
  - Would like to have representation at planning meeting.
  - Will count as community exercise.
- Training opportunities
  - Check KET coalition calendar.
- Open Discussion
  - Locations for alternative shelters/MOUs for POD plans?