**Georgia Mountains (Region B) Healthcare Coalition**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**July 25, 2019**

NGHS – Security Suites

10:00-1:00

**Attendees:**

Matthew Crumpton, NGHS, HCC

Chief Steve Nicholson, Banks County. Fire Chief

Kerry Smith, NGHS Lanier Park Nursing Home

Donna Sue Campbell, District 2 PH, HCF

Scott Masters NGHS Medical Transport

Mark Palen, District 2 PH EC

Pam Desrocheres, NGHS Limestone Nursing Home

Cecil Solaguren, Union General Hospital

Absent:

Casey Ramsey, Hall County EMA

This meeting is to discuss Ebola Grant Funding and gap analysis from recent survey

Review of spent funds so far:

* The Healthcare Coalition has already purchased a number of TR600 PAPRS and given these to NGHS Braselton, NGHS Gainesville and Habersham County Medical Center
* $1800 was spent on Infectious Disease Transportation Network TTX in May 2019

GHA is the fiduciary agent for the Ebola grant.

Overview of survey results and discussion – Infectious Disease and Bioesque

* Over the past two years, a survey was sent to all Coalition members asking what were identified gaps in infectious disease response and what would help fill that gap.
* The second survey asked who wanted Bioesque, a botanical disinfectant.
* These were shown on the wall monitor

Discussion:

* Using Bioesque is complex at some facilities because EVS is contracted and they use their own supplies
* Matthew Crumpton recommended a formula for Bioesque for facilities, maybe based on beds, square footage, or cubic footage.
* 1 handgun holds 32 oz, covers 3200 sq ft.
* Cecil Solaguren offered feedback regarding pros/cons of Bioesque:
* Some situations require precleaning
* Bioesque has a strong odor

 The product currently used at UGH kills CDiff and Bioesque doesn’t

* Scott Masters envisions a “cleaning station” in the Emergency Department and any ambulance that comes in with a person with a suspected infectious disease would then be cleaned before leaving site.
	+ Some one would have to take responsibility for maintaining the “cleaning station”
* Will the cost of supplies increase or will there be a set price for a year?
* One suggestions is to give 5 gallons of disinfectant and a hand held sprayer to each NH and Hosp and they would all have capability for Infectious Diseases.
	+ Or will just folks who requested Bioesque and other items receive them?
* Is there PPE required for those applying Bioesque? No

**Tasks:**

* Matthew will reach out to Mt. Lakes Hospital as they didn’t respond to survey
* Matthew will reach out to Amanda, representative for Bioesque and ask if long term pricing is available.
	+ This done 7-31 and price will remain the same until the end of the year
* Matthew will ask if there was research on kill time and effectiveness of product
	+ No response yet on this

Reviewed some examples of what other HCC are purchasing with Ebola funding

* robot to clean an area
* Clorox sprayer
* Skytron
* Bioquell

Overview of HCC budget 2019-2020 – training, etc

* In 2019-202 Healthcare Coalition Budget is a Regional Infectious Disease conference in March 2020, Dr. Mannapali will be one of the speakers

Other items

**Upcoming Exercises:**

Nov 4-8 IDTN FSE

Pediatric TTX 3rd week of Jan

**NGHS – Lumpkin** opened last week with an inpatient capacity of 9