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

**Quarterly Meeting via Conference Call**

**Minutes**

**August 12, 2020**

**10:00-11:15 AM**



**Attendees:** Please see list of participants posted to GHA 911.org and [www.garegionb.org](http://www.garegionb.org)

Convened: 10:00 AM Adjourned:11**:**15 AM

**Coalition information/updates**

**Matthew Crumpton**

* Instructions and link for sign in shared
* Please check the Georgia Mountains Health Care Coalition Website

[www.garegionb.org](http://www.garegionb.org) for past meeting minutes, calendar and other updates

* Contact Donna Sue Campbell if you need assistance.

**Budget has been approved for 2020-21**

* Budget is $151,999.40
* Includes Infectious Disease Conference, tentatively in March.
* Budget includes training and travel to meetings (Region B, MATF), Conferences (National Healthcare Coalition Conference, EMAG, PREP) and other trainings.
* Limited amount of supplies and branding items
* PAPR filters- FR57 replenishment and triage tags
* We will re-evaluate budget if social distancing continues as travel needs will change

**Updated Infectious Disease Plan required this grant period**

* Frances Franks is our clinical advisor and the lead on the plan.
* Volunteers -
  + Brandin Gillman, Regional Office of EMS
  + Casey Ramsey, Hall County EMA
  + Pam Knepp, NGHS
  + Mark Savage, Banks Co. Coroner
  + Alexandra Benoit, Georgia Department of Public Health Vulnerable Populations Coord.
  + Sandra Brown, Suncrest Home Health
* Thank you!

**Partner Updates:**

**Matthew Crumpton, NGH**S

* Continuing elective surgeries
* Seeing an increase in Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) in various NGHS locations

**Data requests from hospital.**

* WebEOC will incorporate some of the Federal teletrack data.
* This is used to allocate remdesivir from feds
* Data submission and collection is important
* Goal is to get all data combined into one portal
* Please have multiple staff in your facility that can enter data as it is required daily

**Georgia Coordinating Center (GCC) 404-616-2300**

* The State has established an overflow facility at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) in Atlanta to relieve the burden of the COVID-19 virus on overwhelmed Georgia hospitals statewide.
* Hospitals that are at capacity should use the COVID-19 Georgia Coordinating Center (GCC) to request transfer of COVID-19+ patients to the GWCC.
* The GCC is staffed by paramedics and emergency medical technicians who will facilitate the transfer process.
* Call Matthew Crumpton if you have questions

**Adrianne Feinberg, Georgia Hospital Association**

* More information on the above GCC - they facilitate transfer of COVID pts who need care that the facility cannot handle
* All hospitals are asked to enter data into the RCC system on bed availability
* Hospitals also requested to continue entering data into WebEOC
* Long Term Care are to enter bed data into GHA911
* Resources for staffing discussed
  + The [**GHA Resource Pool**](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Felink.clickdimensions.com%2Fc%2F6%2F%3FT%3DNjg2ODA0OTY%253AMDItYjIwMjI0LWU2NmMxNmU1Y2NiMzRmMWZhMWIxNTNmZWExZDFkYzQw%253AYWZlaW5iZXJnQGdoYS5vcmc%253AY29udGFjdC0wZjI1YWIzYWM3Y2ZlODExODBkMTAyYmZjMGE4MDE3Mi1iOTVmMTA2ZjFiZDY0N2VlYTFlOTZkYmRlNjA1NzExZA%253AZmFsc2U%253AMjA%253A%253AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYXlhaGVhbHRoY2FyZS5jb20vc3RhZmZpbmcvZ2VvcmdpYS1ob3NwaXRhbC1hc3NvYy8_X2NsZGVlPVlXWmxhVzVpWlhKblFHZG9ZUzV2Y21jJTNkJnJlY2lwaWVudGlkPWNvbnRhY3QtMGYyNWFiM2FjN2NmZTgxMTgwZDEwMmJmYzBhODAxNzItYjk1ZjEwNmYxYmQ2NDdlZWExZTk2ZGJkZTYwNTcxMWQmZXNpZD02OTFlYzI4NC0yN2RjLWVhMTEtODBlNS0wMDBkM2EwZWU0ZWQ%26K%3Deb8gziKGgk0ToivIesWepQ&data=02%7C01%7Cdonnasue.campbell%40dph.ga.gov%7C945a6028e0ca4c63af8c08d83eceec65%7C512da10d071b4b948abc9ec4044d1516%7C0%7C0%7C637328405758266131&sdata=Vcrd4uwTAHqil26J67BcbG13uuumQzNtv4Er5usC518%3D&reserved=0)by Aya Healthcare is helping match qualified furloughed clinicians with facilities that need additional local staffing during the COVID-19 crisis. **Health care facilities** needing more information should email [**staffing@ayahealthcare.com**](mailto:staffing@ayahealthcare.com) or GHA Senior Vice President of Business Operations [**Bill Wylie**](mailto:bwylie@gha.org).
  + If you have exhausted all resources for staffing call your county EMA
* PPE resources
  + [**PPE Exchange**](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Felink.clickdimensions.com%2Fc%2F6%2F%3FT%3DNjg2ODA0OTY%253AMDItYjIwMjI0LWU2NmMxNmU1Y2NiMzRmMWZhMWIxNTNmZWExZDFkYzQw%253AYWZlaW5iZXJnQGdoYS5vcmc%253AY29udGFjdC0wZjI1YWIzYWM3Y2ZlODExODBkMTAyYmZjMGE4MDE3Mi1iOTVmMTA2ZjFiZDY0N2VlYTFlOTZkYmRlNjA1NzExZA%253AZmFsc2U%253AOA%253A%253AaHR0cHM6Ly9maWxlLXVzLmNsaWNrZGltZW5zaW9ucy5jb20vZ2hhb3JnLWF0eGljL2ZpbGVzL2ludHJvZHVjaW5ncHBlZXhjaGFuZ2UwNzI4MjAucGRmP209Ny8yOC8yMDIwJTIwOToxMDowNCUyMFBNJl9jbGRlZT1ZV1psYVc1aVpYSm5RR2RvWVM1dmNtYyUzZCZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1jb250YWN0LTBmMjVhYjNhYzdjZmU4MTE4MGQxMDJiZmMwYTgwMTcyLWI5NWYxMDZmMWJkNjQ3ZWVhMWU5NmRiZGU2MDU3MTFkJmVzaWQ9NjkxZWMyODQtMjdkYy1lYTExLTgwZTUtMDAwZDNhMGVlNGVk%26K%3DQQn1YjnjCgJrOxm49CsXBw&data=02%7C01%7Cdonnasue.campbell%40dph.ga.gov%7C945a6028e0ca4c63af8c08d83eceec65%7C512da10d071b4b948abc9ec4044d1516%7C0%7C0%7C637328405758216332&sdata=76vGvRXFOjulPguriK7%2BPVbC3Cxkf3BQ48VLp9l%2FFno%3D&reserved=0) is a [**marketplace**](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Felink.clickdimensions.com%2Fc%2F6%2F%3FT%3DNjg2ODA0OTY%253AMDItYjIwMjI0LWU2NmMxNmU1Y2NiMzRmMWZhMWIxNTNmZWExZDFkYzQw%253AYWZlaW5iZXJnQGdoYS5vcmc%253AY29udGFjdC0wZjI1YWIzYWM3Y2ZlODExODBkMTAyYmZjMGE4MDE3Mi1iOTVmMTA2ZjFiZDY0N2VlYTFlOTZkYmRlNjA1NzExZA%253AZmFsc2U%253AOQ%253A%253AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucHBlLmV4Y2hhbmdlLz9fY2xkZWU9WVdabGFXNWlaWEpuUUdkb1lTNXZjbWMlM2QmcmVjaXBpZW50aWQ9Y29udGFjdC0wZjI1YWIzYWM3Y2ZlODExODBkMTAyYmZjMGE4MDE3Mi1iOTVmMTA2ZjFiZDY0N2VlYTFlOTZkYmRlNjA1NzExZCZlc2lkPTY5MWVjMjg0LTI3ZGMtZWExMS04MGU1LTAwMGQzYTBlZTRlZA%26K%3DNfw28J5J0HoKaeO53jhRGw&data=02%7C01%7Cdonnasue.campbell%40dph.ga.gov%7C945a6028e0ca4c63af8c08d83eceec65%7C512da10d071b4b948abc9ec4044d1516%7C0%7C0%7C637328405758216332&sdata=5JgfKcX9sUG2ewRfBe8LTXE4vIHJoVD6pXNY1n4bfqM%3D&reserved=0) of verified suppliers where hospitals can search for items, schedule orders, compare prices and complete transactions.
  + If you are unable to obtain PPE from your vendors you may request from Georgia Department of Public Health <https://ga.readyop.com/fs/4cMi/8d3e>

**Alex Benoit, GDPH Vulnerable Populations Coordinator**

* GEMA purchased disinfectant foggers for AL, PCH, and NH with over 25 beds
  + Those facilities will receive several packages from UPS that include fogger, spray bottle and coveralls.
  + These are being shipped now so be on the lookout
* There are still LTC facilities requesting mass testing.
  + National Guard is no longer helping with this
  + Please reach out to a private lab or District 2 Public Health if you need assistance with testing
* All facilities are to report COVID counts daily in the DCH daily reporting platform

**Lanetta Mathis, Georgia Hospital Association**

* Everbridge Mass Notification system has changed, so please encourage everyone to download the app to receive text messages or send via email as the program is charged less “credits” for those methods
* Managers please limit text and phone for emergency messages only
* She’s creating a training schedule for WebEOC, Everbridge and GHA911 and we’ll send this info out or let you know when and where it’s posted

**Donna Sue Campbell, District 2 Public Health**

* There has been good feedback regarding the change in PPE distribution
* Specimen Point of Collection sites continues in numerous counties
  + Anyone wanting testing are to call your local health department for an appointment
* District 2 Epidemiology team has three different email addresses to address all COVID questions according to facility or organization type. These will be included in email with minutes

**Hannah Byers, Georgia Healthcare Association**

* Some Long-Term Care facilities will be getting Point of Care testing supplies.
  + CMS guidance will be sent regarding this
  + Fulton county is the first area identified

**Scott Masters, NGHS Medical Transport**

* Approx. 13,000 notifications have been sent to all 911 agencies with confirmed COVID positive addresses to alert first responders before getting to scene

**Matthew Crumpton, NGHS**

* Bioesque disinfectant is available for facilities
  + We still have several hundreds of gallons and several backpack sprayers and handheld sprayers
  + Reach out to Matthew to arrange a time for pick up
  + If money in budget is available it will be allocated for more Bioesque
  + Sprayers and backpacks have increased in cost
* We will have virtual platform for meetings soon, UGA is researching this for grant funds

**Closing**

* Please share information and meeting minutes with Executives and co-workers at your facility