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

**Quarterly Meeting via Conference Call**

**Minutes**

**November 18, 2020**

**10:00-11:45 AM**



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

Convened: 10:00 AM Adjourned:11**:**45 AM

**Opening Remarks & Introductions**

**Coalition Info/Updates:**

**Training Updates:**

* TECC & RDTC- yesterday’s class cancelled- due to lack of enrollment
* Next Year: Will be offering ICS Classes, DECON, TECC, Situational Awareness, Triage & Transport, ENPC- Calendar being worked on

**Exercise Updates:**

* There will be a TTX- but will be by WebEx
* MYTEP- needs participation but due to everyone in heavy COVID response mode, has not happened

**Budget Updates:**

* General Budget: no money has been spent yet
* Planning to purchase Stop the Bleed Kits
* Funding for travel may need to be reallocated- not sure if EMAG will happen in April
* Equipment: will spend $62K: on UV Lights for all hospitals and EMS Units (can be mounted or kept loose to move to the front cab or the back)
* Gap Analysis - LOTS of PPE requests- decided to limit it bc of competition with facility supply request, Thermometers, Batteries for Bioesque sprayers
* Waiting on State/UGA OK to start spending
* Carry Over $: Left Over = $278.00
* State added an additional $39,6K for a grand total = $398,047.00
* Bioesque
* has been very useful in the past and will purchase additional sprayers
* Fire & EMS are using Bioesque
* Have product left- place an order & will be dropped shipped to you

**Workgroups for Infectious Disease Plan Update:**

* DPH has contracted a company from Iowa to assist with writing the Infectious Disease Plan template
* Draft expected April
* Jan 2021- they will be reaching out to each coalition to survey and obtaining unique needs

**Community Partner Updates:**

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

* COVID-19 testing continues 6 days a week, by appointment only,
* Continue Vaccine planning-
  + Sign up to be a vaccine provider through the DPH Georgia Immunization Program  
    (Contact DSC if you need the link to enroll)

**DPH- Kelly Nadeau, Hospital Preparedness Program Coordinator**

* Things are changing rapidly- STAY FLEXIBLE!
* Take care of yourself! This response has many “layers”

**DPH Training & Exercises: Frank Daniell**

* There has been an uptick in resource requests- for emergency purposes only- contact your EMA to place a WebEOC request. Need supplies- look towards your vendors
* In Person Training has been extremely limited – TRS is adding a Module to host online trainings

**GHA: Adrianne Feinberg & Lanetta Mathis**

* No DRL next week but this week is jam packed with info and resources
* Everbridge is changing their payment structure- encouraged everyone to download the Everbridge App- us it- it is free and will reduce the cost for phone, paging and text messages.

**DPH: Alex Benoit, Vulnerable Populations Coordinator**

* LTC reminder must report on both DCH & NHSN platforms
* Emergency Staffing needed? Contact your EMA to place a WebEOC formal request- Or contact Alex or Hannah Byers to place the request for you
* All the GEMA Disinfectant foggers have been distributed- there is no more
* Holiday Visitation Guidance coming out soon from CMS & DPH from CDC Guidance

**DPH: LaKieva Williams, Volunteer Program**

* More and more volunteers are joining to help out in this pandemic
* If you need volunteers- contact [LaKieva.Williams@dph.ga.gov](mailto:LaKieva.Williams@dph.ga.gov)

**EMS:** **Brandin Gillman**

* There has been a change in training requirements
* Many provisional licenses have been issued

**North Carolina Coalition – Mark Stepp**

* Seeing a surge- uptick in COVID patients
* BioEsque is working well
* Also seeing “the perfect storm” of COVID & Flu (+) Patients being seen!

**Northeast Georgia Health System – Matthew Crumpton**

* Hospital Surge Update: NGMC=125 (+) in-patients as of 11.13.2020  
  Weekend saw increased death rate (Fri-Sun), today, 11.18.2020- 119 COVID + pts on campus

**Other**

* Mark the DATE: December 1, 2020- Matthew and DSC will hold an Open House at Sherwood Plaza- stop by and receive supplies: BioEsque, Weather radios, pelican lights lanterns, 2 way radios.

**Next Meeting Date: Feb 17, 2020**