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

**Executive Committee WebEx to discuss COVID19 budget and requests**

**October 27, 2020**

**10:00-11:30**

**Participants:**

Casey Ramsey, Hall Co. EMA

Scott Masters, NGHS

Deidre Moore, Banks Co. EMA

Matthew Crumpton, NGHS, HCC

Cecil Solaguren, Union General Hospital

Donna Sue Campbell, District 2 Public Health, HCF

Welcome!

Gap/Analysis was sent out to all members about two weeks ago, results sent to Executive Committee this morning

Many of the Bioesque requests can be supplied from Coalition items in storage, also lights and batteries for assorted things

There are many requests for PPE, type will be determined by vendor supply and availability

PPE requests include masks (N95, cloth masks, surgical masks, thermometers, saniwipes, face shields)

Matthew has reached out to vendors and NGHS supply chain already to get more info

He has a list of items available

Matthew has sent out many emails to clarify what facilities submitted.

* Gloves will be purchased by grant
* N95 masks will be purchased by grant, not 3M as they are unavailable but other brands/types are
* Disinfectant wipes are hard to get, may have to be other kinds instead of CaviWipes

Banks Co. Coroner request body bags

* this will be submitted

Dawson County Fire/EMS, Danny Thompson requested GPS units for search and rescue teams

* more discussion needed as this isn’t directly related to COVID19

Friendship Health and Rehab requested

* requested portable toilets to sit bedside in isolation unit
  + Matthew spoke to them, if their supplier is backordered, Coalition couldn’t get them either
* Batteries for Bioesque spray gun, they are on backorder.
  + Coalition can offer them another sprayer and more Bioesque to use until batteries come in
* Tents for family visitation
  + More info is needed on their cold weather visit plan and needs

Habersham County Medical Center requested Point of Care Ultrasound and a monitor/defibrilator

* These items take up a big part of available funds and aren’t specific to COVID

Magnolia Hills requests masks and gloves

* will be ordered with other PPE
* We need details on number of items and sizes she needs

Mt. Lakes requests med/large gloves

* coalition will order if available

NGHS requests COVID UV light cleaner to disinfect patient rooms, cost is 87,000.

* Present cleaning method requires 2 hr turn around time on room for next pt
* Some discussion on how this would benefit all the region as most people, EMS, and other hospitals use NGHS and quicker cleaning methods may decrease surge

Pruitt Health Toccoa requested

* 1000 gowns any kind
* 5 sets two-way radios, need more info as all facility already received 2 way radios
* Flashlights, need 10, we have those
* We have headlamps
* 10 infra-red thermometers, will order these

Rabun County EMS requested N95s 3M

* These aren’t available, perhaps another kind may suffice?

Stephens County EMA requested sprayers and Bioesque

* Costs have increase, can provide them with one sprayer and more Bioesque

NGHS Medical Transport, Scott Masters requests UV disinfectant lights

* 5 for NGHS EMS
* 5 for White Co. EMS

Union Co. EMS, Wesley Rogers request 7 UV disinfectant lights for ambulances

* Can these items be ordered together at a decreased price?
* Should we offer this to other EMS? Scott says research is good, he would like to see how they work first
* Scott will ask around to others and get opinions and wants and reach out to Wesley

White County EMA request Point of Dispensing system from EMS innovations

* Discussion on vaccine response, still many unknowns
* Will not be purchased by Coalition now

Union General Hospital, Cecil Solaguren and Brian Ensley

* They have FR 57 filters now and request upgrade to a newer system as batteries are discontinued
* Matthew requests more info on upgrade kit
* Short term solution is coalition can supply batteries and chargers so they can use PAPRs they have now

Dec 1, 12:30-3:30 DS and Matthew will have “open house” from 12:30-3:30

* facilities can come pick up lights, Bioesque, weather radios. Info will be shared on Nov 18 quarterly HCC Webinar

Discussion - PPE needs exist still and will continue

* not many facilities are asking for it from EMA request process

Surge predicted based on modeling

* Team decided to focus on surge in hospitals

**Summary**

* Some of the above items will be purchase including
  + UV lights for EMS, may supply more
  + UV strike light system for NGHS will be purchased as vote approved this
  + Purchase and drop ship gloves and N95s
* Bioesque is available

**Overview of Budget**

* Classes are (or will be) scheduled inc TNCC, TECC, ENPC, RTDC
* All out of state travel is moved to other budget items
* Don’t know if EMAG is still on
* In state meetings still in budget, and most of those are virtual now