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

**Quarterly Meeting via Conference Call**

**Minutes**

**February 17, 2021**

**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:**

* We continue to update plans and HVA as required by HPP grant
* Region B calendar is on the website
* Emails sent to all members frequently with lots of information
* Winter storm alerts going on now
* State contracted with Emory University for midterm COVID19 After Action Report (AAR)
* Also contracted with consulting firm for regional Infectious Disease Plan
  + We sent them our regional plan as requested so they are doing their research

**Training Updates**

* Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) Mar 1-2 at Union General Hospital
* Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (ENPC), May 10-11 at Habersham County Medical Center
* Rural Trauma Team Development Course Apr 29 at NGMC Lumpkin
* Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Course (TECC) Apr 19-21 in White County
* All courses are on GEMA Training Registration System (TRS) <https://training.gema.ga.gov/TRS/>
  + Requires log in and a Federal ID number
* Look for email soon regarding these training opportunities:
  + Incident Command Class
  + Situational Awareness and Common Operating Picture

**Exercise Updates**

**Tabletop Exercise April 7 thru WebEx, scenario is severe weather**

* Situational Manual (SitMan) will be shared at the next NGHS Emergency Management Meeting on March 17 which will also be the final exercise planning meeting
* During Tabletop Exercise on WebEx Matthew will guide participants through the questions and scenario
* Survey Monkey will be sent out by email soon for those participating to complete
* Please register every person at your facility who is participating if they want a certificate

**Full Scale Exercise**

* In October, still in planning stages

**Review of Budget**

**Carryover Budget**

* Received carryover funds, this spent on supplies and equipment for facilities

**COVID budget**

* UV light system for infection control for NHGS and all EMS ambulances.
* Numerous needs for PPE, discussed, ordered but hasn’t come in yet

**2020-2021 Healthcare Coalition Budget**

* Reallocated miney from travel, meetings to PPE and disinfectant
* Purchased backpacks
* Hosting annual Infectious Disease Conference via WebEx
* Third wave digital website

**Other Coalition Updates**

* Recall on Bioesque electrostatic sprayer batteries, Matthew has more batteries, we would like you to let us know if you need the new battery
* Another open house in the works, may be a survey in advance asking your needs
  + Items allotted will be based on bed counts
* Remember if you need 3-day emergency supply of PPE contact your EMA who will enter info in WebEOC

**Community Partner Updates**

**Matthew Crumpton, NGHS**

* Presented graph of covid inpatients at NGHS (all campuses) -surge and dips with dates
* COVID positive census peaked Jan 8 with 355 pts with covid
* Now decreasing
* Now taking surgical consult transfers outside region, have some beds open this week
* Decrease in ED visits
* Matthew has the NGHS AAR to share, let him know if you would like copy
* Real world incident recently – nitrogen leak at plant, NGHS deployed MD and nurses for triage
  + Over 100 people transported to NGHS

**Community Partner Updates:**

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

* PH now transitioning from testing to vaccination
* District 2 has administered 55,000 vaccines
* Vaccination have moved out of Health Departments to offsite locations
* Using volunteers, part time staff, nursing students, National Guard, EMTs, and EMAs
  + Thanks to all EMA’s assisting and supporting vaccine clinics
  + We had 3 second dose clinics this week with 600-1000 vaccines given each site
  + Use call center or links on <http://phdistrict2.org/> to make appointments or find out when appointments will be available
* The Georgia Department of Public Health <https://dph.georgia.gov> “interactive dashboard” with info on total numbers of vaccine statistics including shipped and administered
  + DPH contracted with MAKO Medical for COVID19 testing
* Information and link to registration is on District 2 PH website <http://phdistrict2.org/>

**Public Health District 10 – Elizabeth Wilson**

* They have one large drive thru open Monday - Saturday
* All Health Departments are vaccinating several days a week
* Vaccine site at Jackson County Agricultural Center is the next 2 Wednesday, then several more times to be determined
* Also using temp workers, EMS, student nurses
* Appointments are scheduled online
* Fill out the request and you will be called to schedule appt,
* Currently planning for vulnerable populations
* COVID testing is Monday - Wednesday

**Frank Daniell, Training and Exercise Coordinator, GDPH**

* Kudos to adjusting to training due to restrictions
* State may have module to host trainings via TRS which will include on line self-paced training
* EMAG 2021 conference is cancelled, already planning for 2022
* DPH dashboard, go to site and explore all the information available
* The SNS warehouse is working with partners to open GEMA mass vaccination sites in several locations Feb 22

**Alexandra Benoit, Vulnerable Populations Coordinator, GDPH**

* Please continue to update DCH daily reporting by 2 PM

**Hannah Byers, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Georgia Health Care Association**

* No updates, please email her if you have question hbyers@ghca.info

**Lanetta Mathis, Georgia Hospital Association**

* Schedule for training for WebEOC, Everbridge, GHA911
  + GHA911 - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GHA911forAdministrators](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.surveymonkey.com%2Fr%2FGHA911forAdministrators&data=04%7C01%7CDonnaSue.Campbell%40dph.ga.gov%7C42d2db40584c4f06f9b408d8c9db606e%7C512da10d071b4b948abc9ec4044d1516%7C0%7C0%7C637481291347305539%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=u9W47at%2Fibrea%2B3mO2%2BeOuBtY%2FPxCkVZ5V%2BuaRQeFsA%3D&reserved=0)
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* Look for the Disaster Readiness Line weekly newsletter

**ARES**

**Bob Herrin Banks County ARES**

* moved radio room, putting up new antenna

**Ron Harris, ARES**

* First Sunday Monthly GHA radio net checks are still being done at home instead of at the hospital radio rooms due to COVID19

**Cassandra Hunter, Viewpoint Health**

* Provide Behavioral Health wraparound services for youth diagnosed with Mental Illness age 5-21
* Providing telehealth services
* accept all individuals regardless of ability to pay
* She will send info to Matthew and Donna Sue, we will distribute it out to you

**Wendall Farmer, Chatuge Regional Hospital**

* Incident at Chatuge recently where a person opened fire at outpatient PT department
* Team reacted appropriately
* Completing AAR, will share when finished

**Adrienne Feinberg, Georgia Hospital Association**

* There is a Community Coalition created with a federal grant with Alliant and Georgia Hospital Association
* It involves quality initiatives to promote a coalition of healthcare
* It is in seven states including Georgia

**Next meetings/WebEx:**

* May 19, 2021
* Aug 18, 2021
* Nov 17, 2021

**Review:**

* NGHS Emergency Management Committee March 17, email with info sent out 2-17-21
* Registration link for TTX if you want to participate will be coming out soon in an email
* GDPH web address <https://dph.georgia.gov/> Select “Interactive Dashboard”
* Complete bioesque disinfectant interest survey by Friday Feb 19, email sent out again 2-17-21 and find survey here:
  + <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/regionbbiossurvey>