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

**Quarterly Meeting via Conference Call**

**Minutes**

**Feb 16, 2022**

**10:00-11:30 AM**



**Participants:** Please see list of participants posted to GHA 911.org and [www.garegionb.org](http://www.garegionb.org), and emailed to Reg B with meeting minutes

**Opening**

**Coalition Info/Updates:**

**Matthew Crumpton, NGHS, Emergency Preparedness Manager**

* Matthew gave updates on NGHS COVID19 numbers
* There is still some wait in ED for admission to inpatient

**Exercise Updates**

* Active Shooter ttx tentatively scheduled March, mid planning meeting follows this WebEx
* Burn TTX exercise tentatively in the Spring, plan annex and exercise required for grant year, may be combined with Active Threat above

**Training Updates**

* Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Course (TECC) is May 3-5 in Hall County
* Trauma Life Support is March 2022, this course is full
* Trauma Nurse Casualty Care Course is completed
* Matthew continues to teach Incident Command as requested
* Watch for emails and check the TRS (Training Registration System) for other trainings offered statewide

**Other updates**

* Hazard Vulnerability Analysis has been updated for 2021-2022 and posted to Region B Website and GHA911
* All response plans have been updated and accepted. They are posted on GHA911.

**Frances Franks, NGHS**

**Region B Clinical Advisor**

* Burn Plan is due this budget year
* We are awaiting more guidance
* Thank you to those volunteering to be on Work Group for Burn Surge Annex
  + Frances Franks
  + Pam Knepp
  + Keith Smith
  + Mallory Danner
  + Mark Savage
  + Donna Sue Campbell

**Sandy Bozarth, NGHS Infection Control**

**Region B Infection Control and Prevention Education Expert**

* Project First Line
  + Goal is to increase in the preparedness of Frontline Workers and to increase the Number of Infection Control Practitioners
  + For more information and links to available on line training, please see <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/index.html>
* “Bug Bites” Infection Prevention and Control newsletter sent out to all members monthly
* Annual IPC (Infection Prevention and Control) Education Conference is March 18, 2022
  + Here is more info including registration link [www.nghs.com/ipc-symposium](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nghs.com%2Fipc-symposium&data=04%7C01%7CDonnaSue.Campbell%40dph.ga.gov%7Cc5097254e4224d0ae70e08d9e4ba2eb2%7C512da10d071b4b948abc9ec4044d1516%7C0%7C0%7C637792310572101545%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=tRiulxEkOizF3DUnOuwoiQl2XFu5xxGGKJwmPuUWGaM%3D&reserved=0)

**Budget 2021-2022 updates**

* EMAG conference email sent out recently, please let us now if you want to attend on Coalition sponsored slot
* Budget allows 25 slots

**Community Partner Updates**

**Kelly Nadeau, Hospital Preparedness Program Director, Georgia Department of Public Health**

There are WebEOC updates, please follow new guidance

**Frank Daniell, HPP Training and Exercise Manager, Georgia Department of Public Health**

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* Skilled Nursing Facilities will be phased in to data reporting requirements on the EEI board in WebEOC
* Ventilators loaned to Hospitals from the Strategic National Stockpile need maintenance and shouldn’t be used.
  + Facilities have been notified to send these back for maintenance
* Training Registration System (TRS) will soon have a virtual learning platform
* Pediatric DCON class is being developed with Kris Mattson, CHOA

**Lakeiva Williams, Volunteer Coordinator, GDPH**

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* Serv.ga ([www.servga.gov](http://www.servga.gov)) is available if organizations want to use it for volunteer management
* New staff member introduced:
  + **Blanca Lewis**, **Medical Reserve Corp Coordinator**

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**Alexandra Benoit, Vulnerable Populations Coordinator- DPH**

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* Survey sent out to LTC facilities regarding access to Monoclonal Therapies
  + GDPH will match facilities up with local pharmacy as needed if they want to provide the treatments
* HHS is still distributing BinaxNOW test kits directly to LTCF’s.
  + contact the HHS Binax Team at [Binax.Team@hhs.gov](mailto:Binax.Team@hhs.gov)
  + Include your CLIA Certificate in the email when requesting kits
  + Introduced new staff member:
    - **Chuandelai Harris, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator**

**Georgia Health Care Association**charris@ghca.info678-386-3739

**Kerry Smith, New Horizons LTC**

* The 2022 GHCA Winter Convention and Expo is at the Hotel at Avalon next week
  + Sign up information is on the GHCA website <https://web.cvent.com/event/745572d8-3265-4871-bdb9-5a176e90d7cc/summary>

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

* 9 COVID19 testing site open in District 2 Public Health
  + Registration and information is on District 2 PH website <http://phdistrict2.org>
* COVID vaccine and other vaccines available at all County Health Departments
* Binax rapid testing kits available for LTC, EMS, Detention Centers

**Adrienne Feinberg, Georgia Hospital Association**

* Mutual Aid Task Force meeting in March 18 is cancelled
* Next one scheduled June 17

**Mallory Garrett, Georgia Hospital Association**

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* Training for GHA911 and Everbridge is on Tuesdays, please see GHA911 website under “calendar of events” for dates and registration links

**Cassandra Hunter, Viewpoint Health**

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* View Point Health provides Wraparound Services for individuals between the ages of 5 -21 years old who has a Mental Health diagnosis. We accept referrals throughout the state of Georgia.
* View Point Health Autism Crisis Stabilization Unit serves adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder between the ages of 10 - 14 years old. The crisis stabilization unit accepts referrals throughout the state of Georgia. Located in Conyers, GA.For additional information, please call: (678) 209-2560

**Scott Masters, NGHS**

* There are several extra UV lighting systems for EMS decontamination that are available
* If you would like one, please contact Matthew Crumpton or Scott Masters

**Lanier Swafford, Office of EMS**

* EMS renewals are being accepted
* Next Regional EMS meeting is March 17 at 5:00

**Closing**

**Matthew Crumpton, NGHS**

* EMAG conference is April 13-15 in Savannah, please let us know if you are interested, Donna Sue will send out the email with information again today
* Active Threat/Burn Tabletop exercise before the end of May is in planning process
* Annual IPC (Infection Prevention and Control) Education Conference is March 18, 2022
  + Here is more info including registration link [www.nghs.com/ipc-symposium](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nghs.com%2Fipc-symposium&data=04%7C01%7CDonnaSue.Campbell%40dph.ga.gov%7Cc5097254e4224d0ae70e08d9e4ba2eb2%7C512da10d071b4b948abc9ec4044d1516%7C0%7C0%7C637792310572101545%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=tRiulxEkOizF3DUnOuwoiQl2XFu5xxGGKJwmPuUWGaM%3D&reserved=0)
* UGA Long Term Care Infectious Disease Foundations Course
  + May 18 Lanier Technical College, Ramsey Conference Center
  + To register: <https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4TunOY1HORuSfSC>

**Next meetings/WebEx:**

* May 25
* August 17
* November 16