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**Georgia Mountains Healthcare Coalition (Region B) Quarterly Meeting Minutes A**

**February 9, 2023 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Participants:** Please see list of participants posted to <https://www.gha911.org/> and emailed to Reg B with meeting minutes

**Opening comments**

* Donna Sue Campbell, HCF, District 2 Public Health
* Darrell Townsend, HCC, Director of Emergency Preparedness and Security, NGHS
  + NGHS has hired a new staff member who will also be the Healthcare Coalition Coordinator,
  + Lucas Anderson, starts Feb 20
* All participants introduced themselves

**Strategic Development and Preparedness Plan overview**

* Plan is posted on GHA911.org
* Includes Region B Healthcare Coalition long and short term goals

**Response Plan** **overview**

* Plan is posted on GHA911.org
* While all facilities have their own response plan, this plan includes the Region B HCC response activities

**Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Update**

* Coalition members discussed hazards for our region, these were listed
* Members voted on the listed threats
* Results compiled in the 2022 – 2023 HVA

**Training updates including NIMS on TRS**

* Please see Training Registration System (TRS) for courses, dates, and to register <https://training.gema.ga.gov/TRS/courseSearch.do>

**Budget 2022-2023 progress**

* + Rural Trauma Development Course – SCH, Sept 22 completed
  + Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Course –NGHS, Oct 10 completed
  + Trauma Symposium, Oct 28 completed
  + Emergency Management Agency of Georgia Emergency Preparedness Conference – Savannah, Apr 12-14 (sponsored attendees have been notified)
* Trauma Nurse Core Course – Mar 13-14 at NGHS Lanier Park
* Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support Course – NGMC Lanier Park
* Meeting costs including food, location, supplies

**Budget 2023-2024 submitted Jan 2023**

**Sandy Bozarth, NGHS Infection Control**

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

**Project First Line**

* Provided education to participants on infection control, patient safety and PPE
* Annual Infectious Disease Conference is April 21 at Lanier Technical College

**Kim Franklin, Alzheimer's Association**

**Alzheimer's Awareness and Services**

* Provided education on services Alzheimer’s Association offers including advocacy, support groups, training
* There is a POST certified training, contact her is you are interested
* There is a 24/7 Helpline 800-272-3900
* More information at <https://www.alz.org/>

**Community Partner Updates**

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

* Everything that Healthcare Coalitions do is guided by deliverables
* Please note bed count changes in WebEOC EEI boards, hospitals please update Wednesdays by 5 PM
* Kelly introduced other members of HPP team

**Adrianne Fienberg, Georgia Hospital Association**

* Will be revamping GHA911 <https://www.gha911.org/>
* Please check and update your organization contact information and include a 24 hour contact number

**Lanier Swafford, Office of EMS and Trauma – Region 2**

* March 16 is EMS Regional meeting
* Phil Heart Critical Care Symposium is February 21 -22 at Lanier Technical College

**Mark Palen, District 2 Public Health**

* COVID PCR testing continues at Union General Hospital
* COVID take home test kits are available at all Health Departments
* Binax test kits are available at District Office with an MOU
* Vaccinations and other services continue at all health departments

**Deandra Massey, Opioid Public Health Analyst, District 2 Public Health**

* There are 2 Opioid-related Pilot Projects: **Naloxone Access Project (NAP)** and **Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution Project (FTS)** that will focus on Hall, Habersham, White, Lumpkin, and Banks for now
  + **NAP**: Providing Narcan training and Narcan (while supplies last) to the public and to third parties who may witness an overdose (i.e., family and friends of people who use opioids)
    - Providing Narcan training and opioid response kits (Narcan included) to physical establishments that are in high-risk areas of overdoses
    - Providing Narcan carrying pouches, Narcan (while supplies last), and Narcan training (if not previously trained) to law enforcement officers that:
      * 1) Have been trained to use naloxone and currently do not carry it on their person or 2) Have not been trained in the use of naloxone
  + **FTS**: Providing fentanyl test strip kits to the public and to third parties who may witness an overdose (i.e., family and friends of people who use opioids)
    - Looking for any partnering agencies that would like to help with distribution
* Contact information:

**Main: 678-717-4910**

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**Joel Rice, CHOA**

* + DCON Train the Trainer Course is scheduled March 8-10 at St. Mary’s Hospital
* Sign up using TRS Hosting many NIMS and other trainings over the next year, please Training Registration System for courses, dates, and to register <https://training.gema.ga.gov/TRS/courseSearch.do>

**Gary Hulsey, Habersham County Medical Center**

* Habersham County Medical Center will be a NGHS facility July 1, 2023

**Bill Ayers, American Red Cross**

* Shelter list – if you would like to add a shelter location, please contact him

**Paulette Poole, Regional Volunteer Coordinator, Georgia Volunteer Healthcare Program**

* SERVGA is a web-based system for managing volunteers https://www.servga.gov/
* Contact her if you would like more information

**Upcoming meetings or trainings:**

Region B Healthcare Coalition Meetings

* 2023 May 11 at North Hall Community Center, 4175 Nopone Road, Gainesville