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

**May 11, 2023 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

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

**Opening comments**

* Donna Sue Campbell, HCF, District 2 Public Health
  + Retiring June 30, Luke and DS are discussing budget, plans, and transition
* Luke Anderson, HCC, Manager, Emergency Preparedness, NGHS
  + Introduced to the Members
  + Started Feb 2023
  + Shared past work experiences
* All participants introduced themselves

**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**

* All training has been completed but one course
* Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support Course – NGMC Lanier Park, May 30-31
* Meeting costs including food, location, supplies
* Travel costs including EMAG costs for 12 sponsored attendees
* Supplies purchased
* There will be money left in this budget, it will roll over to Carryover Budget 2022-2023

**Carryover Budget 2022 – 2023**

* Supplies purchased

**Budget 2023-2024 submitted Jan 2023**

**Annual Site Visit**

* Held Feb 9, 2023
* Deliverables are on track

**Radiation Surge Annex**

* Completed and is on GHC911

**Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)**

* Required annually
* Formerly the Coalition Surge Test (CST)
* Some years skipped due to COVID10
* Completed May 3
* 9 hospitals participated including NGHS Barrow in Region E
* Goals is to surge Region B hospitals 20% of staffed beds (225 patients)
* No actual patients or pt movement, placement made via discussions
* 254 patients placed

**Sandy Bozarth, NGHS Infection Control**

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

**Project First Line**

* Provided education to participants on PPE, right and wrong way to wear it
* Included top reasons why healthcare workers don’t wear PPR

**District 2 Public Health Epidemiology**

**Marie Brown, Sierra Towery, Maria Britez**

* Provided information on Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease
* Discussed prevention, risk factors
* Case counts are increasing everywhere

**Patrick O’Neal MD, UGA, Institute for Disaster Management**

**Georgia CNA Career Pathway Initiative**

* Grant funded program to increase and support the CNA workforce
* Includes:
  + stipend programs, networking initiatives, resource kits, continuing education programs
* Focus is on building resilience and stress management in LTC workforce
* Increase access to CNA testing
* Gathering a network of LTCF interested in speaking with individuals about careers in the LTC field
* Will continue with LTC Infectious Disease Education Program

**Community Partner Updates**

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

* Discussed Training Registration System and WebEOC

**Mallory Garrett, Georgia Hospital Association**

* Provided demonstration of the new GHC911 website <https://ghc911.org/>
* Showed how to register, where calendar of events is, Region B Healthcare Coalition documents
* Hurricane season is approaching, please review the Patient Placement Boards on GHC911

**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
* COVID and Flu vaccinations and other services continue at all health departments
* Still coordinating testing at LTC facilities as needed
* Activating new inventory program
* Still working on Emergency Preparedness trailers
* Portable morgue is currently in use in Coweta County
* ESF 6/8 updating POD annexes.
* Acknowledged Donna Sue Campbell and her contributions to Public Health and Region B Healthcare Coalition

**Chuandelai Harris, Georgia Health Care Association**

* Summer Convention June 4-8 at Ritz Carlton Amelia Island
* More info: <https://www.ghca.info/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=6%2F4%2F23&eventid=563>

**Jackie Payne, NGHS**

* May is Trauma awareness week
* Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support course is May 30-31 at NGHS Lanier Park Learning Center, still have openings

**Rebecca Harkness Stephens County Hospital**

* May is Stroke awareness month
* SCH is inventorying supplies and equipment, lessons learned from recent surge exercise

**Brian Ensley, Union General Hospital**

* UGH is undergoing renovations and expansion in surgery and OR

**Luke Anderson, NGHS**

* Recently participated in Drill with US Army Rangers from Camp Merrill
* Participating in Hall/Jackson Co. Hazardous Material FSE June 2, will involve DCON
* NGHS Braselton is building new surgery center
* Habersham Medical Center will be a NGHS facility July 1
* NGHS Lumpkin is building new facility off GA 400, scheduled to open end of 2023
* Luke would like to have DCON games, these were held in the past and are good training opportunities and increase teamwork, also lots of fun. Details coming soon

**Bill Ayers, American Red Cross**

* Disaster action team is seeking volunteers- 10 hrs/month
* Red cross sheltering education to EMA’s how to request, set up, sustain

**Karly Thomas, MedLink**

* Opening 2 clinics in Athens

**Dr. J. Patrick O’Neal, UGA Institute for Disaster Management**

* Appreciation and kudos to GHA for their work for past 20 years helping hospital work together and promoting and leading the Healthcare Coalitions in Georgia

**Kerry Smith, NGHS New Horizons Lanier Park**

* It’s National Skilled Nursing Facility week

**Region B Healthcare Coalition Meetings** to be determined

Please share meeting minutes and other information with your executive team