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# **NSPA Coalition Business Meeting Minutes**

(July 21, 2022)

Robert opened the meeting up at 2 pm.

• Reviewed agenda, Welcome, Call to order

# Roll call:

 Attending in person: Robert Hawkins, Mary Kathryn Alley, Mark Cromer, Monica McCullough, David Gibson, Ryan Muterspaugh, Joselyn Cutlip, Steven Maffe, Robert Foresman, Michael Martin, Daryl Hatcher, Thomas J. Martin, MD, Teddy Crowe, Mary L. Legg, Beverly Hill, Dale Ellis, Mary Morton, Trevor Shannon, David Linkous, David Fesperman, Vickie Lawson, and Kim Branscome Cromer.

Hospital Representation/Participation included:

### Carilion:

- Roanoke Memorial Hospital: Lori Griffith (Joined late)
- NRV- Tammy Turpin
- Giles- Tammy Turpin
- Franklin Memorial- Betty Underwood

# HCA/Lewis Gale:

- HCA Salem Medical Center- Kim Cromer
- LG Montgomery- Robert (Bunny) Heins
- LG Pulaski -Jason Green
- LG Alleghany- No one

## Centra:

- Lynchburg General Hospital, Virginia Baptist, & Bedford Memorial Hospital -Mary Morton SOVAH:
  - Danville, Martinsville-- Daryl Hatcher

State—Catawba Hosp. and Spehen N

Federal - Salem Veterans Affairs Hospital - Dr. Tom Martin , Michael Martin , Jocelyn Cutlip

State -Catawba Hospital- Stephen Maffe

SVMHI- no-one



- \*\*NSPA Board of Directors- Special Election: Batt. Chief was nominated. Members present voted for Nominations for EMS Rep: Motion to open the vote: Dr Martin.
- \*\*Paige Bordwine, VDH Epi, provided a regional Epi Report to all coalition members. She has reported seeing an increase in VDH caseload overall, and was seeing an increase in hospitals in other parts of VA, not as much vent usage, early in the spread. Seeing more outbreaks in congregate settings, such as houses of worship, schools, jails, etc.

Other Epi updates to include Monkeypox report: Currently, there are 63 cases in VA, and the FSW Region of VA, 2 cases. Inaudible, on the recording. There were some Questions about containment here in VA, such as: "animal to human" exposure, person to person, touching items that were infected, via pregnant women, and getting through the fetus. Paige also reported out on Hep A/B outbreaks and discussed vaccines.

\*\*VHHA report- Matt Allen: Working to get FY 23 MOU's signed, should be getting those signed and returned from Matt Marry. Please continue to report in VHHAS Monday through Friday. Reminder to send compliance reports on Monday. Matt appreciates everyone's efforts on submitting these timely. Matt reported on the activities of the Workgroup, 1700 healthcare members participated in webinars/trainings across the state this past FY.

## **Fiscal year Updates:**

Robert provided a Fiscal year 22-23 Overview

Reviewed Capabilities and corresponding budget earmarked for those programs supporting each capability.

#### **Director's Report:**

Robert spoke on Coalition deliverables and projects to include: Coalition Assessment Tool, Regional HVA Analysis, updated EOP/COOP, Medical Readiness Surge Exercise, Radiological Surge Annex and TTX, Comms tests, CMS Exercise Series, Pediatric Preparedness Annex/Workshop, National Disaster Medical Systems Exercise, Crisis Standards of Care planning/exercise component, Supply Chain Assessment and Coalition Resource Guide.

Annual Theme will be "Getting back to the Basics." What are our core roles and fundamentals?

Coalition Mission Areas: Information sharing, Collaboration, and Coordination

# **Standing Agenda:**

**RHCC Report-** Mark Cromer: Gave an RHCC Overview, spoke about Diversions here in the region for FY 22. There have been 2935 diversions, of one kind or another, for FY 22. (At all hospitals, we've had "on average" 8 facilities on diversion at any one time.) Mark provided information on the upcoming Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) that will be conducted in the Spring of 2023. Hospitals will need to coordinate and include your local EMS agencies that typically interface with your facility. Hospitals will need to work together to exercise "surging" their facility.



NSPA will record all the numbers for everyone in the region. Focused on Communication, Coordination and resource sharing. Per ASPR, hospital Executives must take part in the AAR. (See Mark's slide for details.) Hospital Site Visits all hospitals in the region, mandated/completed. Checked inventory assigned to each facility, (see slide)

VHASS: Mark briefly discussed the importance of updating status boards daily

VHASS changes – Clinical Status Board, contingency status, comments section, Crisis mode will send an alert to NSPA so we can reach outShared percentages of the updates for everyone. Has a goal of reaching over 97%

Mark shared info about the warehouse, what we have how to get it. Reach out!!

New warehouse located at: 1796 Apperson Drive, Salem, 24153 Generously provided to us by LGMC and their very supportive staff there.

Robert added the importance of stocking up for contingencies. Plan for emergencies, surge, etc.

**T&E Report Monica McCullough:** Shared courses that are currently available: BDLS and ADLS being held in Vinton on July 25-27<sup>th</sup>, as well as other courses available through the NSPA Training Center.

**MVP Report- Mary Kathryn :** Theme "Back to the Basics" Comprehensive disaster resource management, world class training center and exercise support, Supporting response through incident coordination, Real-time situational awareness before, during and after an event.

Plans for 2022-2023: Active Shooter/ Aggressor Workshop coming up, Pediatric Workgroup is being reconstituted. A variety of training opportunities, Networking / Relationship Building. MK spoke on the Nursing Home Incident Command System (NHICS) training program we will be rolling out.

Spoke about the LTC-MAP FSE.

Judy Cooling, VDH Regional Coordinator: Spoke on the Buchannon County incident and drinking water. She also reported that Governor Youngkin is placing a focus on SW Va.

#### VDEM:

Region 3: No one

Region 4: No one

Region 6: No one

MRC New staff member: Beverly Hill is assigned to the NRV Health District and will be working with David Linkous and Mary Louise Legg.



# **Upcoming Events:**

Floyd Fest is July 27-31 Floyd, VA

Blue Ridge Rock Festival is September 8-12, Halifax County

#### **Member Announcements:**

Trevor Shannon: Roanoke City EM--Upcoming Training and Exercises working with Carilion, happy to help with any other stakeholders in Roanoke.

Robert asked if anyone participating remotely had any updates. There were none.

Our next coalition gathering will be for an Active Threat/Aggressor in Healthcare Presentation/Workshop delivered by CISA, with DHS, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Vinton War Memorial

Next Business Coalition Meeting: October 20th, 2022, at the Vinton War Memorial

Robert moved to close out the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by Daryl Hatcher and seconded by Dr. Tom Martin, at 3:40 pm

