

Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region
Winter Quarterly Meeting
February 21, 2024

Call to Order & Introductions

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 10:00am on February 21, 2024. The meeting was held virtually via zoom. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

I. Regional Updates

➤ **DRP Update – Heather Griffin**

- No meetings have been scheduled since July 2023. Melissa Green the Executive Director for DPR 3 has retired and there has not been any information given about who will replace her.

➤ **PHP&R – Monica Ricks/Lori Boykin**

- May 22 will be the next CHEMAK tabletop exercise in Durham. They have completed a TTX in both the Eastern and Western regions and this will be the final TTX in the series.
- Reminded everyone of the Test to Treat program that is still ongoing throughout the State. Free covid/flu tests and free telehealth care available. More information is available at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/testing-treatment>
- PHP&R symposium is scheduled for April 30 – May 1 in Greensboro. More information to come.
- Next eastern region PC meeting is March 7.
- IPPW is scheduled in Downtown Raleigh on April 23 from 9-3. More information on TERMS.

➤ **OEMS – Joe Comello**

- The NC High Consequence Pathogens plan update is underway. There is a planning meeting scheduled for March 21 in TERMS. This meeting will be a presentation of the new plan updates. The plan includes information about UNC Health as a treatment hospital.
- EMS-C – EMS Childrens readiness project is doing a readiness assessment survey to identify the pediatric care capabilities throughout the state. Contact Greg Edwards with HPP with any questions.

II. Agenda Items

➤ **SHPR – Hans Edwards**

- NCDS is March 13-14 in Winston-Salem. Registration goes up to \$100 at the end of the month. Hotel blocks have all ended with the exception of the Courtyard – Hanes Mall which ends 3/27.
- Training in the region: CISM – Wilmington – March 25-27, NC Peer Support – Wrightsville Beach Fire Dept. – April 10-11, both are in TERMS.
- Kevin Gore has accepted the logistics position. He is a full-time firefighter with New Hanover County Fire Department.

- Starting July 1, 2025 HPP will move from 8 healthcare coalitions to 6. Triad and Metrolina will combine into one region, and Duke and CapRac will absorb Mid-Carolina. No significant funding changes for our region. We will gain Robeson County as well as Onslow Memorial Hospital and ECU Care Duplin.

➤ **Regional Communications Testing – Hans Edwards**

- We have begun to test our ability to push notifications out via the ReadyOp notification system. This system will help to supplement notification procedures that are already in place.
- A ReadyOp test was conducted during the meeting to demonstrate how the system works.

➤ **Regional Burn Surge Exercise – Hans Edwards**

- We will be conducting a discussion-based burn surge tabletop exercise at our next quarterly meeting. The goal of the exercise is to review plans that are in place and to identify ways to enhance them. It will help to identify recommended triage, transport, equipment, and coordination strategies for the mass surge of burn patients after a catastrophic, no-notice mass casualty in the region.

➤ **SHPR Warehouse Showcase – Hans Edwards**

- May 1 – 10am-12pm. This will take the place of the regular quarterly meeting.
- We will go over the Mission Ready Packages as well as provide an overview of the SMRS/SMAT capabilities.
- More information will be coming soon.

III. Adjournment

The quarterly meeting of was adjourned at 11:00am.