

Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region

Fall Quarterly Meeting
November 20, 2024

Call to Order & Introductions

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 10:00am on November 20, 2024. The meeting was held in person at the SEAHEC Building in Wilmington. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

I. Partner Updates

- **DRP Update – Heather Griffin**
 - Projects have been submitted for this year's grant cycle. The committee chairs will be ranking and prioritizing the submitted projects at the next DPR meeting on December 2nd.
 - The state has indicated that the allocated funding this year will be the same as last year at \$170,000. There were 6 projects submitted with funding requests over \$500,000.
- **NCOEMS – Mick Stewart**
 - The ongoing SMRS deployment to WNC has been very successful. We would like to thank everyone from the coastal area that assisted with the deployments. If you have any after action items that you would like to give, please reach out to Kimberly Clementt.
 - There will be several O-305 All-Hazards IMT classes offered throughout the State in the coming year. These classes will be listed in TERMS
 - New EMS protocols have been updated. Please continue to review these within your agencies. The new protocols must be adopted in April 2025.

II. New Grant Requirements for 2024/2025 – Hans Edwards

- **Readiness Assessment**
 - The reporting system that has been required by the feds is changing to a new platform. The Readiness Assessment is a data collection spreadsheet intended to assess the readiness of the healthcare coalitions by evaluating the coalitions response plans and training efforts. This assessment will now be required to be completed annually.
- **Readiness Plan**
 - After the Readiness Assessment is completed, we will also be required to develop a readiness plan. The main components of the plan will be pulled from the completed assessment. The goal is for the coalition to identify its gaps and develop a plan on how they intend to address them.
- **Supply Chain Integrity Assessment**
 - This assessment is intended to identify healthcare facilities ability to maintain an adequate level of supplies needed to deliver quality and effective healthcare services. The assessment will capture current par levels of supplies and identified vendors as well as any vendor contracts each agency has in place.
 - We are in the process of completing the survey that will go out to healthcare providers. We expect this survey to go out to our partners in the next couple weeks.

III. By-Law Update – Heather Griffin

- A review of the changes and updates to the By-Laws was done. Once the edits have been completed, we will send out the completed draft with a vote to adopt the updated by-laws.
- One item that was discussed was to adjust the time frame of when new Steering Committee members would be voted in. The consensus was that it would make more sense to align the terms with the budget year rather than the calendar year.

IV. HVA Update – Heather Griffin

- A review of the hazard vulnerability assessment survey that was completed was conducted. The next step of the HVA update is to complete the risk assessment for the region.
- More information will be coming out for additional data needed from our partners.

V. Steering Committee

- Nominations for the 4 open Steering Committee positions was done via ReadyOp survey that was sent out to regional partners. Voting was done via an electronic survey that was given during the meeting. The survey will remain open through 11/27 to allow members to vote that were not present for the quarterly meeting.

VI. SHPR Updates – Hans Edwards

➤ **Regional Education**

- We had Peer Support classes scheduled to take place in October, however due to the Hurricane Helene response, those classes had to be postponed. We will push out more information on when those classes will be rescheduled.
- We also had CISM G.R.I.M and group crisis classes scheduled that had to be rescheduled as well. The new dates for these classes will be February 24-28, location TBD but will most likely be held somewhere in Wilmington.
- Mini Burn Response classes will be brought to the region in Spring 2025 that will be taught by Derick Miller with the UNC Burn Center. These will not be certification classes.
- MGT-348 – Response to Bombing Incidents is scheduled for January 8-9 at the SEAHEC Building in Wilmington.
- MGT-381 – Business Continuity Planning is scheduled for April 24th at the SEAHEC Building in Wilmington.
- NCDS 2025 will be held in New Bern on March 25-26. More details to come on this. Scholarships will be made available to attend.
- Two O-305 All-Hazard IMT classes are scheduled in the Eastern region of NC. One will be held in Greenville on April 7-11 and the other will be held in Bolivia on April 21-25.

VII. Hurricane Helene Response

- A roundtable discussion was held with discussions on response to hurricane Helene. Lessons Learned were discussed amongst various agencies.

VIII. Adjournment

The quarterly meeting of was adjourned at 12:30pm