

Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region

Fall Quarterly Meeting
November 15, 2023

Call to Order & Introductions

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 9:30am on November 15, 2023. The meeting was held in person at the Springhill Suites in Wilmington. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

I. Regional Updates

➤ **DRP Update – Heather Griffin**

- Grant awards have been announced for this year's grant cycle. The hospital project for a portable temporary morgue was not approved but it will be moved to a shelf project for next year's grant cycle.
- There were 3 message boards for New Hanover and Onslow County as well as a prime mover for Jones County that were approved.

➤ **PHP&R – Christa Radford**

- The next quarterly PC meeting is December 7 at the Pitt County Ag Building.
- We will be hosting a National Planners Course February 5-7
- There is also Epi Teams Training that is scheduled for the February PC meeting.

➤ **OEMS – David Ezzell**

- The NC EMS Administrators Conference will be held March 4-8 in Wilmington.
- EMS Expo will be April 26-May 4. Registration will open Dec 1. There will be a disaster track this year at the Expo.
- They are working on a new 5-year strategic plan. This plan identifies project areas within the HPP program that are priorities to have funding tied to them.
- MRC Grant – OEMS received some funding to provide education.

➤ **Goshen Medical – Max Barwich**

- They have 12 self-contained mobile medical trailers throughout the state. They also have a dental trailer. If asked to deploy, the mobile medical trailer as well as the dental trailer comes with fully credentialled staff.
- It was discussed that discussions are needed to see if they could partner with shelter operations during hurricanes rather than relying on DSS & HD to staff the shelters.

II. Agenda Items

➤ **SHPR – Hans Edwards**

- M.O.M. Dental clinic in Wilmington – SHRP Provided logistic and equipment support. They saw around 45 patients.

- Our reporting structure has changed within the Novant System. HPP now reports to company police instead of Emergency Management. Doug Monroe is the chief of company police. There is an open position for the coastal region EM position since Catrina Streba has left Novant.
- We still have our part time logistics position open. If you know anyone that would be interested it is \$25/hr at roughly 20 hours/week.
- The HPP program recently had an audit in which they identified a finding. We were not re-inventorying the equipment every year that was purchased with grant funds. We have developed a process to re-inventory all equipment annually moving forward.
- NCDS will be March 13-14 in Winston Salem. Registration is open as well as the call for abstracts. Visit www.nc-ds.com for more information.
- Radio Upgrades for Hospitals – Current technology is being discontinued in Dec 2025. Partners need to have a plan to replace the radios as they will be incompatible and will not operate after Dec 2025.
- We are at the end of our 5-year grant cycle. The 1st year of the new grant cycle will be the same as previous years. After the 1st year, there will be a reorganization of the HPP regions across the state. There is a chance our region will gain additional counties.
- There was a CISM training in Jacksonville last week. There will be another one scheduled in March/April of next year.
- The MRC Grant funding that was awarded will provide 3 CISM courses for the region as well as 7 peer support courses. The funds must be spent, and classes held by May 2025.
- May 30 – OEMS will be in our region during their OEMS roadshow. They want to meet with the steering committee.

➤ **MYTEP Update – Heather Griffin**

- We have changed the MYTEP reporting years from calendar year to budget year. This will give us a better view into planned and expected trainings throughout the budget year.

➤ **HVA Update – Heather Griffin**

- There was not much change in the HVA update this year. The process for collecting information from our partners to develop the regional HVA will be changing next year. We will move to more of a THIRA process to develop our regional HVA to get a more whole community approach.

➤ **Executive Committee Elections**

- We will be sending out a ReadyOp survey to solicit nominations for EMS and Community Hospital positions.
- Hugh Johnson has volunteered to remain as the community hospital committee chair.

III. Adjournment

The quarterly meeting of was adjourned at 11:30am.