# Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region

# Summer Quarterly Meeting

# August 21, 2019

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 9:30am on August 21, 2019 at the New Hanover County Northeast Regional Library. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

* + Hans discussed the announcement of the intent to investigate the possibility of the County to sell NHRMC. There are lots of questions at this point, and not a lot of concrete answers regarding the potential sale.
1. Regional Updates
* Hospital DPR Subcommittee Update – Jeremy Jernigan / Tommy Batson
	+ Projects are due. $170 - $200,000 in funding available for DPR 3. The DPR committee chairs should be reaching out to solicit potential projects to be submitted by middle of October. Each committee will vote on the submitted projects to move forward.
	+ During Hurricane Florence, there was not a DRP resource that was not deployed. A reminder that the requesting agency is responsible for returning the resource in the same condition as it was originally deployed.
* PHP&R Update – Christa Radford / Tim Davis
	+ High consequence Pathogens / Ebola PC meeting series. Working through the planning process working up to and including a table top exercise. This exercise is completely separate from the Region 4 patient movement HCP exercise.
	+ CHEMPACK State plan is being updated now. Will be presenting at the OEMS Expo with the training container with sample materials. Will be reviewing the changes in the plan.
	+ Will be working with EHPC to do a C CHEMPACK exercise taking the CHEMPACK from the hospital to a remote location in Eastern North Carolina.
1. Agenda Items
* WPS / GETS Priority Service Presentation – Dale Moushon
	+ Governmental agencies can use these services and get priority service during a disaster. Large events will automatically overload the system and this service can help with overcoming these issues.
	+ Originally started with only landlines, but has grown to different services and now works on radios, cellular, landline and satellite networks.
	+ Goal of GETS is to have over 95% completion rate for calls & 90% for WPS.
	+ No fee for GETS calls, and most WPS call fees are waived except Verizon at this time.
	+ Agencies can sign up at [www.dhs.gov/gets or 866-627-2255](http://www.dhs.gov/gets%20or%20866-627-2255)
	+ Dale Moushon contact info – 727-341-9971 – dale.moushon@associates.hq.dhs.gov
* Carolinas Amateur Radio Emergency Services (C.A.R.E.S) – Brian Piccirilli
	+ Monthly tests are conducted on the network, and maximum participation is requested for these tests.
	+ C.A.R.E.S. classes are available to get certification needed. They are done annually, followed up by a testing session. There is a local class scheduled for October 11 with the testing date on October 19.
* SHPR Multi-Year Training & Exercise Plan – Heather Griffin
	+ - * SHPR will be developing a MYTEP for the region. We will be collecting any scheduled training and exercises throughout the region. We will be sending out a survey to attempt to collect this information. We will be reaching out to all of our stakeholders to collect this information
* Columbus County ESF-8 Coalition – Jeremy Jernigan
	+ - * Columbus County hosted a County wide ESF-8 meeting and invited partners throughout the County.
			* Gave a presentation on the Healthcare Coalitions and the CMS requirements. Gave them a thumb drive with lots of information and templates to assist with their CMS requirements.
			* They did a presentation on HVAs for healthcare facilities. The goal for the next quarterly meeting is to collect all of the HVAs from all of the agencies in Columbus County to develop a Countywide Healthcare HVA.
			* Working closely with County Emergency Management and Health Department to work towards building relationships to better plan for emergency events.
			* Other Counties in the region are holding similar meetings and developing workgroups to better facilitate and coordinate Countywide and regional resources.
* **Hospital Command Center Assessment – Hans Edwards**
	+ - * A survey will be going out that is intended to assess hospital command centers within the region. We want to get a better idea of what is out there and what tools and resources are needed to improve the functionality of the command center.
			* We are working on our FY 2020/2021 budget already and looking ahead for potential projects to submit in the work plan.
* High Consequence Pathogen / EVD Region 4 Full Scale Exercise – Hans Edwards
* Exercise is scheduled for November 4-8, 2020
* Focusing on patient movement from the field to a receiving hospital to front line assessment hospitals to the treatment facilities.
* If any agencies are wanting to participate, or if we could help your facility with any training, reach out to us and we would be glad to come assist in any way we can.
* **OEMS Update – Dale Sutphin**
	+ - State is requesting that all Florence reimbursement packages be submitted by October 1. We are coming up on the 1 year anniversary of Florence, and we want to make sure that we take care of as much documentation as we can for reimbursement.
		- New employee with the HPP program. Will be the new SMSS coordinator working on updating the plans.
		- Focus this year on information sharing and working towards better ways of collecting and discriminating pertinent information during events.
		- Viper Updates – the time to update your 800 MHz radios is now. It will be required that all radios on the system have TDMA capability within 5 years. There may be available grants to help assist with the cost of upgrading or purchasing new equipment in the future.
* **SHPR Update – Hans Edwards**
	+ - One of the projects for SHPR for this year was the purchase of the Air to Ground radios. They have been purchased, but still waiting on the cases for them. Once we receive them, we will deliver the equipment.
		- ACF equipment will be delivered to the Counties this week. Includes wheelchairs, bariatric cots and other needed supplies.
		- O2 manifold system for hospitals for surge capacity. Will have the ability to hook up to “E” cylinders
		- 120 to Landfall Exercise – we are putting out an RFP for contractors to facilitate a table top exercise. Focus is on LTC facilities and Home Health Agencies evacuation and placement of patients.
		- NC Disaster Symposium – March 4-5, 2020 in Greenville, NC. Website for NCDS is [www.nc-ds.com](http://www.nc-ds.com)
1. Adjournment

The quarterly meeting of was adjourned at 12:30pm.