

## ***Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region***

### ***Summer Quarterly Meeting***

### ***August 16, 2023***

#### **I. Call to Order & Introductions**

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 9:30am on August 16, 2023, via zoom. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

#### **II. Regional Updates**

##### ➤ **DRP Update – Heather Griffin**

- July 10 there was a vote for EM, EMS, Municipal Fire, Municipal Police, Hospitals, and Communications. Heather is now the new Hospital subcommittee chair.
- This year there is a total of \$170,000 available for each DPR region across the state. Projects are due to the subcommittee chair by August 25, 2023.
- Hospital committee is putting in for a mobile temporary morgue capable of being rapidly deployed and can hold 12 decedents.
- Next DPR meeting will be September 20 in Wilmington where we will review project proposals.

##### ➤ **PHP&R – Christa Radford**

- At the last PC meeting, they reviewed sheltering operations and strategies.
- There has been lots of turnover with County PC's, so they are doing a lot of onboarding of new PC's throughout the region.

##### ➤ **OEMS – Billy Langston**

- **VIPER system update** – the requirements for 800MHz radios to be TDMA (P25 Phase II) technology will be in effect by July 1, 2025. Any radios purchased before 2015 will not be able to be upgraded to the new programming and will have to be replaced. Any radios purchased between 2015-2021 will be able to operate with the TDMA technology but will most likely need to be flashed with an upgrade prior to the TDMA deadline. Dale Sutphin is going to be sending out a survey to see where partners are at with their readiness level with the transition.
- **NEMESIS v3.5** – NC is now accepting NEMESIS v3.5 data elements. If your agency has not transitioned to the new version, they need to reach out to their vendor. All agencies must transition by August 31, 2023.
- **HPP** – New grant cycle is 2024-2029. We are currently working through new funding formula revisions and a new 5-year strategic plan.
- **MRC STRONG grant** – we have received \$1.8M over 2 years. Projects will focus on volunteer management plans, training, new MRC coordinator position and SMRS training & exercise.
- **Medical Care Commission Funding** – \$620K - Approved purchases include 2-250kw generators, 800 Amp transfer switch, DLX Shelter Package, 8 ED stretchers. Equipment will be purchased to enhance the Mobile Disaster Hospital (MDH)
- **Trauma** – The state trauma system plan workgroup is working on new ACS standards. The new 2022 standards go into effect 9/1/23. State RFP is being updated to reflect the new standards. Updates are being reviewed to the data dictionary for a January 2024 effective date.

➤ **SHPR – Hans Edwards**

- **NCDS** - The 2024 NCDS will be held in Winston-Salem at the Novant Health Convention Center at the Forsyth Medical Center on March 13-14. This year we are moving to 2 full days and a single-track format. We are actively looking for speakers. The call for abstracts form is available on the website at [www.nc-ds.com](http://www.nc-ds.com).
- **SHPR Staffing** – The SHPR Logistics Coordinator position is still open. The position is for 20 hours a week. We are looking for someone that has experience with equipment maintenance and asset management.
- **MYTEP** – We will be sending out a survey to capture what the training needs are in the region. The coalition must complete the updated MYTEP by December 1, 2023.
- **HVA** – Surveys will start to go out next month to partners to participate in the annual regional HVA update. We will be working with the steering committee to finalize the update and it will be distributed prior to the November HCC meeting for approval. The regional HVA update is due to the state by December 1, 2023.
- **Information Sharing Plan** – A ReadyOp form was sent out to all partners to capture up to date contact information for the region. We will use this data to not only update the Information Sharing Plan, but we will also be using it to create rapid notification lists through ReadyOp. This will allow us to quickly send out information to the appropriate people during an event, or request for assistance. If you have not already done so, please fill out the form. If you didn't receive it, let us know and we can make sure you get it.

➤ **National Weather Service – 2024 Hurricane Season Update – Adam Weiner**

- Adam gave a presentation on the recently updated 2024 hurricane season outlook. The NWS has increased the number of named storms to 14-21 with 6-11 being hurricanes, and 2-5 being major storms. The outlook now indicates a 60% chance of an above normal hurricane season.

### **III. Adjournment**

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