# Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region

# Summer Quarterly Meeting

# February, 19, 2020

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 9:30am on February 19, 2020 at the New Hanover County Northeast Regional Library. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

1. Regional Updates

* Hospital DPR Subcommittee Update – Jeremy Jernigan
  + There was a DPR call recently that focused on building relationships with subcommittee partners to gain more participation.
* Hospital Association – Jeremy Jernigan
  + Patient Movement Plan – Duke and UNC are working with OEMS to develop and update the patient movement plan based off of the Hurricane Florence After Action and lessons learned.
  + Looking to update the Mutual Aid Agreement for Hospitals in the coming months
  + The EM Subcommittee for Hospitals is working on an assessment of the communications capabilities throughout NC.
* OEMS – Mike Prevatte
  + HPP staff have been monitoring the recent corona virus outbreak in China. Coordinating with HCC’s and DHHS.
  + December 2019 there was a SMRS deployment to Grady Hospital in Atlanta to support them after their water main break force them to evacuate several floors of their hospital.
  + The draft AAR for the Region 4 Ebola Exercise in November is out, and they are currently working on a separate AAR for North Carolina.
  + Daily emails are being sent to all Hospitals to gather information about bed availability and try to identify trends across the State. Please make sure to fill out the form daily so we are able to capture accurate information. Currently, the participation has been low and they are asking the Hospital EM’s to assist the State in helping them gather this data. A weekly snapshot
* PHP&R Update – Christa Radford/ Tim Davis
  + Public Health is heavily involved in the Incident Management Team at the State in response to the current Corona Virus outbreak in China.
  + Still waiting to hear from the NRC about how to handle the expiring KI.
  + Current COVID-19 case count is more than 70,000 worldwide and 2012 deaths. There are currently 15 cases in the US with an additional 14 patients that were repatriated from the cruise ship.
* SHPR Update – Hans Edwards
  + Weekly calls are being coordinated with Hospitals and EMS as well HCC’s on the coordination and planning efforts.
  + N95 masks are not in a shortage at this time, however healthcare facilities are not able to order any additional PPE over what their facility currently orders.
  + SHPR has to be out of our current warehouse by March 31st. We will be temporarily moving our equipment to the 23rd Street NHRMC warehouse until our space is built.
  + 120 to Landfall series is going to be continuing in coordination with Eastern HPC.
  + NCDS 2020 will be held March 4 & 5 in Greenville. Register at [www.nc-ds.com](http://www.nc-ds.com).

1. Agenda Items

* FAST Teams – Christina Bowman, NC Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
  + NCEM has created a Disability Integration Specialist position. This position is filled by Sherri Badger who is working on the development of the FAST teams across the State.
  + These teams are located across the State that can be requested through EM to help with assessing the needs of people in general population as well as County functional needs shelters.
  + There is an 8-hour FAST team training that is available and is being delivered across the State. This will assist with building of the FAST team’s capabilities overall.
* SHPR By-Laws Update – Heather Griffin
  + There was a vote brought forward for a vote with the recent annual updates. Jeremy Jernigan made the motion to approve the By-Laws as updated and David Ransom seconded Jeremy’s motion. This motion was approved unanimously.
* Regional Work Plan Update – Hans Edwards
  + We will be working on developing a regional Pediatric Surge Annex and will be reaching out to our partners to put together a planning committee to work on the development of this plan.
  + We are also going to be required to do a regional supply chain assessment that will be due in June of this year.
  + There is some funding available that is left over from the 2019/2020 budget that we will be able to put towards a few small projects. More to come on this.
* VIPER Update – Matt McMahan
  + Currently there are about 14,000 users on the current system. Radios that are in use now will eventually have to be replaced. Motorola will not be supporting or maintaining their XTL & XTS radios. They will be moving to the new APX radios. Eventually the old radios will become unusable on the system.

1. Adjournment

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