

Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region

Winter Quarterly Meeting

February 15, 2023

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 9:35am on February 15, 2023. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

II. Regional Updates

➤ **DRP Update – Diana Hills**

- Projects have been submitted. The last DPR meeting was in March in Jacksonville. Focus on all projects will be on bioterrorism.

➤ **PHP&R – Christa Radford**

- PHP&R has an excess amount of COVID tests. There is a link on their website that points to LTC/EMS/HP/community based organizations point of care tests.
- Updating the CHEMPACK plan – Exercise in Greenville on June 20th.
- ERO will have a planner position soon as Shanae has moved to a different position.

➤ **OEMS – David Ezell**

- There will be upcoming rule changes in their regulations.
- The pipeline for ordering any new ambulances is started to open and more are starting to come in. Delays have been upwards of 12 months to receive new ambulances.
- Scope of practice changes are coming soon. The waiver for a single provider to ride on an ambulance is coming to an end, but they have changed the wording so that the OEMS director has the ability to enact this waiver regardless of declared disaster.
- We are starting to get out across the state to conduct HPP engagement visits. The 1st one is in Greenville last week. SHPR visit will be March 16.
- EMS Expo is the 1st week of May. They are adding a Healthcare Preparedness track.

➤ **SHPR – Hans Edwards**

- We will be providing a Peer Support training in May/June.
- NCDS Symposium is March 21-22 in New Bern. Registration is open and we have spots available for partner sponsorships.
- Our Logistics officer is retiring, and we will be looking to replace his position. It will be a 20 hour a week PRN position.
- 120 to Landfall functional exercise is scheduled for May 24th. This is a new date as we are now coordinating with State OEMS on their annual hurricane exercise. The focus of this exercise is to evaluate the patient transfer process from evacuating hospitals.

III. Agenda Items

➤ **HVA – Heather Griffin**

- The HVA has been completed and we will be sending it out to the group following the meeting.

➤ **NC Office of Rural Health – Beth Blaize**

- Beth gave an overview of the NC Office of Rural Health and the programs that they provide.
- There was a presentation on the history of the programs.
- Brunswick, Bladen, Duplin and New Hanover all have Rural Health Centers.

IV. Adjournment

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