

***Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region  
Summer Quarterly Meeting  
May 15, 2019***

**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 9:30am on May 15, 2019 at the New Hanover County Northeast Regional Library. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

**II. Agenda Items**

- **Hospital DPR Subcommittee – Jeremy Jernigan**
  - New projects will be requested for submission in the September timeframe. All projects must be regional, and deployable in nature.
- **High Consequence Pathogens Statewide Exercise – Hans/Kimberly**
  - North Carolina has agreed to participate in a FEMA Region 4 High Consequence Pathogens Table Top Exercise leading up to a Full Scale Exercise.
  - Table Top is June 18, 2019 and the Full Scale is November 4-8, 2019
  - Each Coalition region has been asked to host a webinar type table top for their partners to attend. Discussions will include a patient that presents at one of the 8 front line assessment hospitals, and the process of transportation to one of Ebola treatment hospitals. The HCCs are looking to assess what resources are in the region and where are the gaps.
  - Participants should include Hospitals, EMS, Public Health, Emergency Management and other partners of the HCC.
  - Funding will be available for projects that address any gaps that are found during the TTX.
- **Hurricane Tracking Presentation – Steve Pfaff**
  - Steve presented on how the National Weather Service forecasts and tracks hurricanes and how that information is delivered to emergency managers and the public.
- **OEMS Update – Dale Sutphin**
  - The Training & Exercise position has been filled by Mike Prevatte.
  - All Hazards Medic Program is almost finished.
  - Additional HPP funding is available to HCC's. Projects need to be submitted to the state by June 15.
  - If there are any issues with the VIPER system for any of our stakeholders, please reach out to Dale and he can assist you in getting it fixed.
- **SMSS Shelter Plan Update – Dale Sutphin**
  - The current plan is being updated and each region has been asked to identify 2-3 locations that would possibly work as SMSS locations with the ultimate goal of securing one solid location per region that could be set up across the State.
  - OEMS is working with NCEM to develop a plan to provide telemedicine in the gen pop shelters as well as SMSS. It will lay out the training needed for staff to work with the telemedicine providers.

➤ **emPower Presentation – Kimberly Clement**

- Kimberly presented on the HHS emPower Program and how HCCs can utilize the data to improve planning efforts.
- The public facing website allows users to view de-identified data of Medicare recipients that have DME or rely on electricity-dependent medical equipment and health care services.
- The de-identified data has more detail to the location of the recipients, but has no identifying data for recipients. This data is sent every 6 months and can also be requested during an emergency.
- Identified data, including name and address of recipient is available but can ONLY be requested during an emergency. Additionally, this data can only be delivered through Public Health so that the custody chain of information can be managed. All data must be destroyed after 30 days and cannot be used to build any registries for future contact with recipients.
- Website: <https://empowermap.hhs.gov/>

### **III. Adjournment**

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