

## **Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region**

### **Winter Quarterly Meeting**

**June 18, 2024**

#### **Call to Order & Introductions**

The quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region was called to order at 10:00am on June 18, 2024. The meeting was held virtually via zoom. A roundtable introduction of the meeting attendees was conducted.

#### **I. Regional Updates**

- **DRP Update – Stacie Miles**
  - Currently waiting on the feds for funding information. We are expecting decreased federal funds allocation for next year.
- **Staffing Changes – Various**
  - Aaron Kasulis is the new Emergency Manager for NH-NHRMC. Emergency Management and SHPR have now moved under Company Police with Doug Monroe as the director.
  - Zackary McGee is the new Emergency Management Planner in Onslow County.
  - Terri Medlin and Rory Helpin are new to New Hanover County Emergency Management. Rory Helpin has replaced Audry Hart and will be working with LTC facilities and Special Medical Needs planning.
  - Hannah Gompers has recently taken a new position as the HPP Business Manager with OEMS. Hannah's former position was the Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator for the Metrolina HPP.

#### **II. Agenda Items**

- **SHPR – Hans Edwards**
  - Starting July 1, 2025, HPP will move from 8 healthcare coalitions to 6. Triad and Metrolina will combine into one region, and Duke and CapRac will absorb Mid-Carolina. No significant funding changes for our region. We will gain Robeson County as well as Onslow Memorial Hospital and ECU Care Duplin.
  - SHPR had an audit on the grant program and there was a finding that was identified during the audit. The finding was that we did not physically inventory every single item that was purchased with HPP funds annually, which is a requirement of the grant from the feds. Unfortunately, this requirement was not identified and put into the contracts from the State. Moving forward, SHPR has a plan in place to physically inventory all items purchased with grant funds annually.
  - NH-NHRMC has moved to a new reporting system and all grant programs will now be under the NH-NHRMC Foundation.
  - DPR 3 project update – SHPR was awarded DPR funding to purchase bariatric cots to be placed in all counties in the region with Emergency Management to be used in shelter operations. They will be coming in next week and will be distributed to the counties within the next 3 weeks.

- SHPR deployed the mobile medical trailer to Burgaw for the Blueberry festival. NH NHRMC staff worked out of the trailer to provide medical care during the festival. There were no major medical issues throughout the day.
- We will be deploying the same trailer to Southport for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival. Southport will be providing the staff for that event.

➤ **Steering Committee – Hans Edwards**

- There are 2 positions open on the steering committee. Hugh Johnson from Dosher has taken a new position, which has opened the Community Hospital position. Audry Hart with NHC EM has also taken a new position, which has opened the Emergency Management seat on the steering committee.

**III. Adjournment**

The quarterly meeting of was adjourned at 11:00am