

EHPC Q1 Meeting Minutes Feb 18, 2021

- INTRODUCTIONS / HOUSEKEEPING – PHIL RICKS
- MINUTES APPROVED (SHEEHY – MOTION, OGBURN – 2ND)
- 5-10 PLAN REVIEW – CHRIS STARBUCK
- NC OEMS UPDATE – BETH BLAISE (SEE APPENDIX BELOW)
- MEGA VACCINE SITE UPDATE – JACOB PARRISH (SEE PPT)
- THERAPEUTICS AND VACCINE UPDATE – TIME DAVIS
 - WEATHER DELAYS SLOWING VACCINE
 - VACCINE ALLOCATION DISCUSSED
- 120 TO LANDFALL 2.0 TXX – JOHN NEWCOMER
 - LOOKING AT THE END OF APRIL FOR THE EXERCISE
- ESRD PERSPECTIVE ON DISASTERS – JESSICA
 - NEED BETTER NOTIFICATION OF PATIENTS COMING FROM SHELTERS
 - INFORMATION SHARING / EXCHANGE WITH COUNTY EM NEEDED
 - TRANSPORTATION OF PTS (COVID / WEATHER)
 - TRAINING AND EXERCISE NEEDED
- BY LAW REVIEW – CHRIS STARBUCK
 - NO COMMENTS
 - SCOTTY HILL TO FILL VICE CHAIR VACATED BY MARY SPRUILL
- REGIONAL PEDIATRIC ANNEX UPDATE – STEPHANIE SEALS
 - TTX PUSHED BACK TO THE FALL
- REGIONAL UPDATES
 - HOSPITAL EPI – BILL CLEVE
- OTHER BUSINESS – 2021 MEETING DATES

May 13th Aug 11th and Nov 10th

**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation North Carolina Office of
EMS**

Current Events – Talking Points – February 2021

General Info:

- Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, EMS Expo 2021 has been cancelled.
- The updated platform in NC Terms that replaced Serv-NC is functional. All staff should create an account in NC TERMS if one does not exist at <https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/home.do>.
- We would like to encourage EMS agencies and EMS professionals to utilize the TERMS (Training, Exercise Registration and Management System) website to find training and education on a number of topics including Ambulance strike team, ICS classes, disaster related education and a host of other topics. The website is terms.ncem.org.
- Reminder to report EMS violence through Continuum. The reporting portal address is <https://www.carvnc.com/>
- OEMS currently has rules revisions that are published in the registry and are open for public comment. These are related to Trauma, Enforcement and Education Rules.
- OEMS is taking a comprehensive look at all airway related protocols to ensure we have best practices in place. Waveform capnography required for all intubations.

HPP:

- The Office of EMS (OEMS) continues to participate as part of the DHHS Incident Management Team (DHHS IMT) in response to the COVID-19 Outbreak to support efforts specifically related to Healthcare Stakeholders. Current operations are focused on:
 - Working as part of the DHHS IMT in developing guidance/plans, providing situational awareness, and sharing information, to ensure that the concerns of the healthcare community are considered and addressed.
 - Supporting the ordering, receipt, storage, vetting, and delivery of Personal Protective Equipment essential to maintain healthcare and associated operations statewide through the OEMS Support Cell and the NC Healthcare Warehouse in Mocksville.

- Managing the recruitment, onboarding, training, and deployment of healthcare professionals as members of Long-Term Care Strike Teams, or individually, to support the operations of Long-Term Care facilities affected by COVID-19 statewide through the LTC Staffing Team
- Providing planning, personnel, and material support, statewide, for vaccine allocation, distribution, and vaccination operations.
- HPP continues to serve as the main liaison to healthcare sector stakeholders for all things related to COVID-19 vaccine. Responsibilities include providing routine vaccine planning updates to stakeholders, assisting with operational activities such as vaccine provider enrollment, and sharing/providing training and education related to COVID-19 vaccine.
- HPP staff also remain responsible for the weekly allocation of COVID-19 therapeutic monoclonal antibodies. The program plays a lead role in determining allocations of these limited resources to providers and sharing information about their proper storage, handling and administration while under emergency use authorization from the FDA. We continue to seek additional providers willing to administer these products to COVID-19 patients.

Except for the Mocksville warehouse operations, most OEMS staff members are supporting these operations remotely instead of from the Wright Building or the State EOC. Communications concerning these operations should be made through OEMSSupportCell@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-855-4688

- During the month of January, OEMS Support Cell and Mocksville Warehouse staff processed 1062 requests for personal protective equipment (PPE) from healthcare and non-healthcare facilities across the state. These efforts resulted in the coordinated delivery of 3.0 million pieces of PPE with times from orders received to shipped within 1.5 days for healthcare facilities and 2.1 days for non-healthcare facilities.
- The LTC Staffing Team received 43 requests for emergency staffing from long term care facilities in the month of January. Twenty-six (26) of these staffing missions were completed by January 31st. As of Wednesday, February 17, 2021 we had completed 15 more missions and we currently have 2 active.
- MDH staff have submitted to State Surplus, ISO chassis trailers, EDOC units, and surgical tables that are no longer needed to support MDH operations. Also, efforts are underway to purchase a DLX shelter boot to connect the DLX Mobile Medical Shelter to the MDH 5-Bed Emergency Department and the process of purchasing a new 53ft drop deck trailer to transport the new FORTs units continues.
- Roger Kiser received a well-deserved retirement to sunny Wilmington. We want to thank him for his long and successful efforts to improve the MDH and integrate it into HPP operations.

- Huge thanks to David Ezzell for agreeing to cover the responsibilities of the HPP Operations Manager in an interim capacity until Roger's position can be filled. David has been functioning in the operations lead role during the COVID response and has a lot of MDH deployment experience to pull from as he covers this position.
- The EMSC survey is now live. Invitations to the survey were emailed to all 436 respondents in January. We hope to have better than an 80% response rate.

- Important reminders:
 - Utilize the agency Shift Duty Officer [(919) 855-4687/DHSR.NCOEMS.SDO@dhhs.nc.gov] contact information for emergent events or incidents that affect your regions and/or counties