

## SCKS HCC Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2024

### Meeting Opening:

- Call to Order (Karla Ball)
- Welcome
- Approval of previous Meeting Minutes (03/20/2024) Approval of today's Agenda

### Presenters:

- National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference Report Out (Karla Ball)-Karla spoke about the information that she learned regarding Emergency Preparedness for Pediatrics. She spoke about the various components that tend to lack enough preparedness when it comes to pediatric patients. Some of these are family reunification requirements, gaps in training and equipment for pediatric patients, decline in funding for pediatric disaster preparedness, lack of pediatric disaster training, and decontamination standards for training. She indicated that a lot of great resources can be found on the National Pediatric Disaster Coalition website: [www.npdcoalition.org](http://www.npdcoalition.org)
- Rapid Credentialing System (Derek Montgomery, KDEM)-Derek gave a high-level overview of the rapid credentialing and tagging system that is used in emergencies. He explained the various purposes that the system can be used for as well as the need to sometimes use different colored cards to indicate different groups of individuals. The system is able to scan information from various sources including driver's licenses to create a quick tag for individuals.

### Change in SC HCC Leadership:

- Tom Donnay asked for HCCP of KS to discuss the recent change in the SC HCC Readiness and Response Coordinator, and why the Executive Committee was not involved in the decision made.
- Danielle Marten and Tami Wood (Co-Owners of HCCP of KS) advised that Jaime is now a full-time administrator for an EMS agency in Harvey County, and she did not have the capacity to commit to both jobs full-time. Danielle advised that legal counsel was consulted prior to the decision made by the company, and as HCCP of KS is the employer personnel matters are not able to be discussed. Danielle and Tami advised that a process to review the Governance and By-Laws will be reviewed to ensure that the process is clearly defined. It appeared that many attending did not get the email communication that was sent out, and Danielle advised that there was an issue with distribution of emails and communication that is being worked on currently. Please email [coalitionpartners@hccpkansas.com](mailto:coalitionpartners@hccpkansas.com) or [jonathon.blackburn@hccpkansas.com](mailto:jonathon.blackburn@hccpkansas.com) to ensure we have the proper email addresses for you and those in your organization that need to be included.

#### Four Core & Healthcare Report:

##### ➤ Public Health

Had a report that working on getting funding spent and finishing up the work plan requirements.

##### Julie Kallas Reno County HD

I am finishing up the work plan and MRC work plan this quarter. Will be working on many projects to engage the community to be actively prepared. Some activities include videos about how to cook without electricity and other preparedness things and doing presentations at community engagement activities on how to help those that need a little extra help and/or the unhoused population.

##### Rice County Health Department and Health Officer

EMS is planning a Kids EMS Day Camp in a few weeks, and the health department will be creating go bags and doing a tornado safety class. The kits will include first aid kit, hygiene kit, bottles of water, batteries, flashlights, hand warmers and a blanket.

##### Cheryl Wright, Sumner County HD

Working on local health department work plan items and developing a business preparedness workshop for local businesses within the county. Have different speakers for them on various topics such as workplace violence, weather, safety and other topics.

##### Sedgwick County HD

Having the ESF 8 meeting and going over the new infectious disease plan that now has combined several plans together.

##### ➤ Hospitals

##### Tom Donnay (Wesley Medical Center)

We are working on an MCI event this fall and would like to have some healthcare coalition assistance and people to be players for the exercise.

##### Stuart Bevis (Ascension Via Christi)

Working on the recovery from the recent cyber-attack and everyone is having to use paper documentation for everything, currently have some systems back however still a lot of areas impacted.

##### Aaron Herbel (Mercy Hospital, Moundridge)

Had an active shooter community-based exercise 5/21; only played out the first 15 minutes of an active shooter event; the hospitals and several businesses performed lockdown measures due to report of violent individual firing shots in town and unknown intent; 911 Dispatch and Emergency Management were involved and unfortunately could not get EMS and 1<sup>st</sup> Responder buy-in; Aaron asked how to improve that—it was suggested that he discuss the exercises at the LEPC meetings and get them on the training calendar with the EM and hopefully the other agencies will follow through with participation.

Danielle Marten (HCCP of KS)

Danielle advised that when you have a cyber security incident at your facility, it is the policy of the State of KS IT Department (not KDHE) that they will cut ties with anyone that has been experiencing a cybersecurity incident. Due to this you will want to make sure that you have the EMResource app downloaded on your phone as that is cloud based and not tied to your facility server.

Barber County Hospital  
Planning a drill for June 28<sup>th</sup>

Scott Brazil (St. Luke's Hospital)

Setting up a triage station for the big race in Florence this weekend as this will provide First Aid versus patients automatically being taken to the ER at St. Luke's. As this is the first time doing this, treating it as an exercise for the hospital to see how it all works out.

➤ Emergency Management

Dan Schafer, Marion County EM: Had a Kids Safe Day at three of the area schools, took the command trailer and had preparedness activities for the kids.

Skip Cowan, Harvey County HD/ Em Mgt: Recent storm brought significant damage and significant power outages. EM was getting calls from EMS Directors and Hospital that community members were showing up at the Emergency Room not to be patients but to get power for their oxygen although not all were bringing their own oxygen. The Red Cross came to set up shelters to assist community members needing power for their oxygen. Kathy with St. Luke Hospital in Marion stated that they have those individuals go to other areas out of the ER such as the PACU for power and/or oxygen, and that the individuals have an agreement that they are not there as patients so they will not have the traditional care of a patient (such as bathroom assistance, medications, food, etc.).

➤ Clinical Advisor

Nothing to report

Business Session:

➤ KDHE

Danielle gave a report on behalf of KDHE. Amber Kelly will now be Operations Director or Operations Specialist, replacing the Deputy Director of Preparedness position that Ed Bell had. KDHE will also be handling the distribution of about 140 radiation monitoring devices that will need calibrated. A survey has been sent to hospitals and clinics that would be interested around the state that closes in a couple of weeks. Several hospitals in attendance advised they didn't receive the survey so a sheet was passed around to get emails and the survey will be sent 5/23 to them.

- KDEM Nothing to report
- KHA Nothing to report

#### SCKS HCC Updates:

- Interim SC RRC  
Jonathon Blackburn introduced himself to the attendees. Jonathon is the Lead Readiness and Response Coordinator for HCCP of KS as well as the Readiness and Response Coordinator for both the NW and SW HCCs. Expressed appreciation in those reaching out to provide email addresses so that we can work through getting the communication links reestablished. He advised that he would make calls to facilities to get correct information for the emails that continue to be returned as undeliverable.
- Cache Items  
Discussed the final amount to be spent for the SC HCC and the items to be purchased include solar generators, cases and check sources for the Ludlum monitors currently in the cache for the region, Evac Chairs, trailer repairs and winch system for the trailer, tools for maintenance of cache items and trailer. The HCC already has a water filtration system located at Wesley in a trailer so that will not need to be purchased. It was suggested to get the Portacount machine calibrated. Discussion was also had about getting some bariatric and adult med sleds that can assist with patients in MCI or evacuation needs.
- Cache Inventory  
Jonathon will work with Jonathan Halley in regard to the Binder Lifts to make sure that those are distributed and not still sitting in the cache location. Jonathon was under the impression that they had already been distributed out.
- HCC Sustainability  
Jonathon discussed that the HCC is always looking for ways to ensure the sustainability of the SC HCC in the event that the grant funding is ever lost. We are fortunate that another 5-year grant cycle has been awarded out.
- HCC Meeting Times  
It was proposed that due to no longer serving meals at the HCC meetings going forward that the meeting times be adjusted to account for that. It was voted that adjusting the meeting time to 10-12 on the third Wednesday of the month will be best for the majority of the membership that was present.

Received a motion and second to end the meeting.

