

Florida Healthcare Coalition Task Force

Meeting Summary

Date: February 6, 2014

Location: Florida Hospital Association Regional Office, 307 Park Lake Circle, Orlando, FL 32803

Members Present:

- Connie Bowles, Lee Memorial Health System; RDSTF 6
- Dr. Brad Elias, Florida Department of Health; RDSTF 3
- April Henkel, Florida Health Care Association; Statewide
- Holly Kirsch, Florida Department of Health; RDSTF 2
- Gary Kruschke, SMRT 1; RDSTF 1
- Dr. John Lanza, Florida Department of Health; RDSTF 1
- Ashley Lee, Florida Hospital Association; Statewide
- Christie Luce, Florida Department of Health; Statewide
- Matt Meyers, RDSTF 5 Regional Point-of-Contact
- Jeanine Posey, Florida Department of Health; Statewide
- Ray Runo, Region 2 Healthcare Coalition
- Terry Schenk, Florida Department of Health; Statewide
- Dan Simpson, Florida Department of Health; RDSTF 4
- Tony Suszynski, UF Health Jacksonville, First Coast Disaster Council; RDSTF 3
- Wendy Wilderman, DeSoto County Health Department; RDSTF 6
- John Wilgis, Florida Hospital Association; Statewide
- Rebecca Creighton, Delray Medical Center/HERC
- Brenda Atkins, Wellington Regional/HERC

Guests Present

- James Allard, Lehigh Regional Medical Center
- Thomas Campo, Lehigh Regional Medical Center
- Bruce Gottschalk, SMRT 6
- Robert Linnens, North Central Florida Healthcare Coalition-Alachua County
- Brad Canon, North Central Florida Healthcare Coalition-Alachua County
- Paul Myers, Florida Department of Health-Alachua County

Objectives:

- Review ASPR Site Visit.
- Discuss FY14-15 HCC expectations.

- Review and discuss regional progress reports on the development and sustainment of healthcare coalitions.
- Discuss regional updates related to HCC contract deliverables.
- Review outstanding issues from previous meetings.

The meeting was started with introductions from the Healthcare Coalition Task Force and guests that were in attendance.

The following information is a summary of discussion topics and information shared:

Review Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

All program managers met with Captain Paul Link from ASPR, during annual site review. This year's review was a huge improvement from the visit a year ago. Captain Link was pleased to hear all Florida counties are covered by a healthcare coalition. Captain Link expressed that he wants Florida Department of Health to oversee functional or full scale exercises. Also discussed fatality management and how to integrate into HCC planning, the meaning of Immediate Bed Availability (IBA) the ability of the healthcare community to collectively surge 20% of staffed beds. There will be reductions in healthcare preparedness program (HPP) funding (expect 30% reduction).

FY 14-15 HCC Expectations

Current work by the department is focused on completing annual objectives. There was discussion about HCC policies and procedures; risk assessment tools, processes and results; and local partner engagement.

There was discussion that DOH recognized HCCs will receive additional funding that will be based on a methodology that has not been finalized. Each HCC will submit a work plan to DOH outlining the use of funds provided.

Regional HCC Reports

Region 1-Emerald Coast Healthcare Coalition is currently working with Florida DMAT 1 and received its first invoice with deliverable agreements completed. Also having their lawyers review the process for becoming a 501(C) (3). First formal meeting had to be rescheduled due to weather. ECHCC is establishing email accounts, a website, and the word is getting out about HCC. Also, working on mass casualty exercise that includes film production-if anyone interested in observing please contact Gary. This exercise is currently on the FDOH Training and Exercise calendar.

Region 2-Big Bend Healthcare Coalition has 38 members now, first meeting has been held. Holly has hired DSI to facilitate HCC. Website under construction, executive board and board of directors selected, drafted by-laws and 501(C) (3) in progress. DSI was able to engage both Tallahassee Memorial

Hospital and Capital Regional Medical Center as members of HCC. May 2014 event planned with plan building exercise capability assessment.

Region 3-First Coast Disaster Council has pulled together to stay a HCC. They elected Tony as vice president, have planned the first meeting to set governance structure and write by-laws.

North Central Florida Health Care Coalition is a fully function HCC that includes Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam Suwannee, and Union Counties. Organizational book handed in for FDOH review.

Marion County Coalition is known as the Coalition of Health and Medical Preparedness (CHAMP). They have hired Trident Consulting Group to help strengthen their organizational structure and update the current by-laws. They have selected Ken Smithgall to represent CHAMP. Work is underway to fulfill deliverables.

Region 4 Health and Medical Coalition has formal commitments from 6 of 8 counties. The HCC has rewritten their by-laws and will submit to FDOH for review. They are holding regular meetings and are continuing to invite essential partners to join. HCC will be holding a Hurricane and Healthcare conference that will target long term care, assisted living facilities, dialysis centers and stand-alone surgery sites. Also, they are under construction to have a HCC website and communication tool.

Region 5- HCC is currently working to establish 501(C) (3) and writing by-laws to be submitted to FDOH. They are also changing primary board members, with adding additional responsibilities to members. The board will include a mix representation, with 50% of executive board being hospital representatives. Region 4 also is planning a multi-juridical exercise and Alternate Care Site tabletop within this year.

Region 6 All HCC's held first meeting. Lee County drafted by-laws; Charlotte/Sarasota set up by-law committees, next meeting to be held on February 19, 2014. The rural HCC needs committee meeting and are getting a slow start. Collier will be meeting again on February 26, 2014 and will be setting by-laws. Lee and Manatee have both been meeting and working to set MOU's with essential partners. All counties are communicating through Health Council-Jennifer Sexton. Jennifer has attended all HCC meetings.

Region 7 Broward County Healthcare Coalition just held a meeting and elected new members to their Steering Committee, they have had a large drop off in Department of Health members attending HCC meetings.

HERC held a meeting this past Monday and elected new officers. They are currently working on a gap and capabilities assessment. The HERC also conducts a weekly communications test.

Miami-Dade held their first Healthcare Coalition meeting this year in January and Christie Luce along with the contract management team were able to attend. It was agreed that Martha Casero who is the Miami-Dade Coalition coordinator would represent the HCC on the HCCTF as a member; she is actively recruiting new members to the MDCHPC. They completed their first CRI Regional Full Scale Exercise the

end of January. They continue to meet on a monthly basis and provide training opportunities throughout the year.

Monroe HCC has had a turnover in staffing, although they continue to move forward on building relationships with healthcare partners.

Conclusion: The department will share additional information as requested. Our next monthly call will be held on Tuesday February 18, 2014 at 0900. Appreciation was expressed to those attending and encouragement was given to continue the good work as we move forward with HCC development across Florida.