

2021

Eastern Regional Healthcare Executive Committee Minutes

March 4, 2021



Eastern Regional Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee Meeting
March 4, 2021 via Zoom Meeting 1300 - 1335

Call to Order

Chairman Peter Leyva called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Roll Call

Members Present:

- Peter Leyva, Chair/Prairie Community Hospital
- Todd Opp, Glendive Medical Center
- Julie Brodhead, Richland County PH
- Bridget Norby, Daniels Memorial Hospital/EMS
- Lois Leibrand, Daniels County PH
- Cindia Ellis, One Health/Custer County PH
- James Black, Holy Rosary HealthCare
- Robbie Kavon, MHA
- Casey Driscoll, MHA
- Kitty Songer, MHA
- Cindee McKee, MHA

Guests Present:

- None

Members Not Present:

- Clay Lammers, Garfield County EMS/Sheriff
- Heidi Visocan, Sheridan County EMS/Sheriff
- Deborah French, Rosebud Healthcare Center
- Jessica Price, Sidney Health Center
- Sue Davis, Phillips County Hospital
- Kyrsten Brinkley, MHA
- Jeff Gates, MT DES
- Don McGiboney, MT DPHHS
- Gary Zimmerman, MT DPHHS
- Jacob Brown, MT DPHHS

Minutes – deferred to next meeting

Treasurer's Report – deferred to next meeting

Old Business – deferred to next meeting

New Business

COVID Funds:

- Workgroup of Todd Opp, Peter Leyva, and Julie Brodhead recommends purchasing PAPRs for Critical Access Hospitals as first-receivers of patients with Highly Infectious Diseases.
- Approximately \$100,246.25 left to spend.
- Committee recommend 3M Versaflo PAPRs, with extra batteries and filters, as funding allows. Goal is for universal equipment within the region and filling a gap, as most facilities either no longer have PAPRs or have outdated ones.
- Discussion was to purchase healthcare appropriate PAPRs and filters at this time, and consider purchasing chemical appropriate ones in future grant year, if funding is available.
- Motion by Bridget Norby to purchase five PAPER units appropriate for healthcare use per facility, as well as extra batteries and filters, as funding allows. Motion seconded by James Black and approved unanimously.
- Robbie and Cindee will work on getting ordered and dispersed to facilities.

HPP Funds:

- At the January 7, 2021 meeting, the executive committee voted to purchase Pediatric Broselow Tape, Pedi Spine Board Pads, and Pediatric Stethoscope/BP Cuffs for EMS agencies and Clinics in our area. Total costs - \$12,698.82. Cindee is getting these ordered and Robbie will disperse once received.
- Approximately \$46,300.86 left to spend
- Workgroup recommended pursuing Amateur Radios project in our region:
 - Has been a goal of the Eastern Coalition for several years to fill a gap of redundant communication.
 - Facilities would be asked to have a licensed person in their facility, if possible, or at least in the area as a second option.
 - Operator License is \$15 for first level, an expense the facilities would be asked to bear.
 - Charlie Hanson, Eastern District Field Officer/Montana Disaster & Emergency Services is working with the Southern Coalition with a similar project. He has agreed to assist the Eastern Coalition as well if the committee wishes to pursue this project.
 - He suggested scheduling a separate meeting to discuss the plan and challenges.
 - Charlie offered to assist with classes to get personnel licensed, may be via zoom or in person.

- With interest from the committee noted, a workgroup of Peter Leyva, Todd Opp, and Julie Brodhead was formed. Robbie will set up a meeting with the Workgroup and Charlie. Workgroup will report back at the next executive committee meeting.

EMResource/Teletracking/HHS Data Entry Changes:

In the past, HHS/Teletracking guided facilities to use N/A in place of No for questions regarding supplies or equipment that facilities do not keep in-house. Example would be coding for ventilator supplies for facilities that don't have a ventilator or supplies/medications. They now recommend that facilities code these questions with an N/A.

Coordinators have been contacting some facilities that indicated with answers that their facility is having a problem with getting or maintaining supplies or staff. If problem with either, then we could help direct you to the proper place to request assistance.

Coordinator Update:

Regional coordinators, as well as Don and Cindee will meet next week in Great Falls. Projects include:

- Using the HVA and CAT to develop work plan for FY2021.
- Update draft Highly Infectious Disease Annex.
- Review and update HPP 101 Orientation Tool for new emergency preparedness coordinators.
- Draft Budget for FY2021.

Closing

Roundtable – deferred to next meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will take place:

Funds workgroup – to be determined

Regular meeting on April 6, at 1300.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Todd Opp
- Seconded by Bridget Norby
- Approved unanimously