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# Western Regional Healthcare Executive Committee Minutes

February 16, 2022



## Western Regional Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee Meeting

February 16, 2022 0930-1130 Zoom Call

Call to order 0934

### Documents provided prior to the meeting

- WRHCC Meeting Agenda, Feb 16, 2022
- WRHCC Meeting Minutes, Jan 5, 2022
- WRHCC Burn Surge Annex draft
- WRHCC HVA draft
- WRHCC CAT status

### Roll Call

- **Members Present:**
  - Audrey Walleser, MT DES Western District
  - Casey Driscoll, MHREF SRHCC Coordinator
  - Cindee McKee, MHREF HCC Director
  - Don McGiboney, MT DPHHS HPP
  - Jen Phillips, St. James Healthcare
  - Kelly Bilau, Brendan House
  - Kitty Songer, MHREF CRHCC Coordinator
  - Kyrsten Brinkley, MHREF WRHCC Coordinator
  - RJ Nelsen, Chair, Providence Health
  - Richard Sine, Two Bear Air
  - Robbie Kavon, MHREF ERHCC Coordinator
  - Tammy Matt, CSKT Public Health
  - William Torres, Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital
  - Nick Holloway, Missoula County DES
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- **Members Absent**
  - Sue Hansen, Beaverhead Co PH
  - Luke Fortune, MT DPHHS PHEP
- **Guests Present:**
  - None

## Old Business

### Pediatric Supplies

- Kyrsten Brinkley provided an update on the Pediatric supplies
  - Broselow Flying Carpets

- Waiting on arrival of some items
- Recipients are transporting agencies with staffed, qualified personnel and critical access hospitals

## **HPP PPE Cache**

- Vendor in Billings is unable to manage the inventory
- It will arrive in late February for repacking to send out to a priority list
  - LTC
  - Rural, Primary Care, and Federally Qualified Health Clinics
  - Dialysis

## **New Business**

### **Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)**

- Completed in January as a HPP Team effort in eICS
- Provided prior to the meeting
- Merged similar topics to reduce replication
- In discussions with other County Emergency Management personnel the topic came up that water disruption could cripple a hospital in another Region within 8 hours.
- Final will be provided at next meeting for Committee vote

### **Coalition Assessment Tool (CAT)**

- Completed in January as a HPP Team effort
- Current status of all deliverables
- Will send out to everyone

### **Burn Surge Annex**

- This is the latest EOP Annex required by ASPR
- Kyrsten asked and received several County DES personnel for input on THIRA scenarios that could impact a Burn Mass Casualty incident
- The Burn team from Banner Health will review the Annex when they are in-state

### **Upcoming Training & Education**

- Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS):
  - March 8, 10, 15, 17 from 7-9 pm each evening
  - See the Weekly HCC Newsletter
- Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS):
  - May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Fairmont

- See the Weekly HCC Newsletter
- Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS):
  - 2 trainings were approved in a previous meeting
  - Three potential dates have been presented (April 25, May 10, May 12) for a decision to finalize with 2 dates based on venue availability; Silver Bow County DES and one other
- MRSE (formerly called the Coalition Surge Test): This exercise will be accomplished as a survey to fill out by the participants. It is scheduled to be distributed February 23, 2022

## **Coordinator Update:**

Kyrsten Brinkley – There have been regular meetings between all Regional HCC Coordinators to tackle deliverables that have been delayed due to the COVID19 pandemic:

In Billings we worked on the Burn Surge Plan Annex and Coalition Assessment Tool (CAT).

Casey Driscoll (Southern Region HCC Coordinator) worked on a task project tracking process to provide status updates of all deliverables. Also reformatted the weekly HCC Newsletter format.

While in Helena we attended a DES Orientation and left with numerous notes/take-aways to pursue and opportunities for improved partnering. We then worked on the required Supply Chain Integrity Assessment and COOP.

Planned for March includes a Zoom meeting in March to work on AAR/IP progress, future solutions for bed availability visibility. Also participation in some LEPC meetings, PPE disbursement from the HPP cache, and another in-person work session.

Casey Driscoll (Southern RHCC Coordinator) – Same as Kyrsten as well as continuation of the Amateur radio project.

Kitty Songer (Central RHCC Coordinator) – Same as Kyrsten as well as working on oxygen concentrators and pulse oximeters with some funds that are available.

Robbie Kavon (Eastern RHCC Coordinator) – Same as well as a Amateur radio project with the SRHCC. Working on some planned Advanced Burn Life Support trainings in Glasgow and Miles City.

Cindee McKee (HCC Director) and Don McGiboney (HPP)– In addition to the already mentioned, we are working tracking all deliverables status, finished an annual HPP report to ASPR, HPP Capability Planning Guide, planning for Regional Meetings this coming May which will likely have a training session on Compassion Fatigue, ABLS in multiple regions, BDLS, ADLS, Supply Chain Integrity Assessment, and the Medical Response & Surge Exercise. We are still awaiting the release of the next grant cycle continuation guidance for Budget Period 4.

**Member Roundtable:** (Jen Phillips and Kyrsten Brinkley asked for a perspective on visitation)

**RJ Nelsen (Providence):** Visitation varies by each Department. We struggle with the Public concerns.

**Jen Phillips (St James Health):** Sisters of Charity hospitals in Colorado are opening up. They have screeners at entrances. Visitation policy varies by Department. The School Board is receiving a lot of pressure. Numbers are still high. Meetings are mostly virtual still.

**Audrey Walleser (MT DES Western District):** Healthcare might be still restricting, however the State is open now. Meetings do still remain mostly virtual. Offering a ICS 300 and 400 class this May in Flathead County. Regarding COVID home testing she is expecting lower than 25% reporting; however real numbers could be around 5%.

**Tammy Matt (CSKT Public Health):** - Expected 25% response rate from home testing however mostly around the 5% range. They are still offering 80 hours COVID leave. They are moving away from contact tracing and toward electronic reporting. Not many people are coming to the clinic anymore. Vaccination Clinics are still going on along with an incentive for youth.

**Dick Sine (Two-Bear Air):** in the midst of the annual EMT licensing cycle.

**Kelly Bilau (Brendan House):** visitation at Logan Health is for 2 visitors. Screening at entrances. Masks are required everywhere. Meetings are okay if there is still distancing of attendees. Vaccines are mandatory for all vendors.

**Willie Torrez (Bitterroot Health Daly Hospital):** One visitor is okay but must be masked. They are mostly holding meeting over TEAMS; in-person is rare. The hospital is the primary driver for COVID19 presence. They are due an evacuation drill. Collaborating with Rocky Mountain Lab for an exercise.

**Sue Hansen (Beaverhead Co Public Health):** The hospital still requires masks and visitors are on a limited basis. There are still staff shortages. The LEPC is meeting again. The McPHEP group (SW Montana) hasn't met for a long time and she hopes to get a meeting scheduled this Spring. Test rate positivity is the same as others have reported and they are now using electronic reporting. They do have lots of home test kits available. The Public Health Office is short-staffed.

Kyrsten thanked everyone for their ongoing hard work and sticking this out.

**Next meeting:** Will coordinate with RJ to set this up.

Adjourn Meeting at 1028

Motion: Jen Phillips

Second: Nick Holloway

Motion approved unanimously