

AGENDA

Rio Grande Valley Healthcare Preparedness Coalition

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Ebola Workgroup Conference Call

Call-In #: 1-888-251-2909
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April 4, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M.

Call meeting to order (Cristina Madrid)

Roll Call (Jessy Hernandez)

Discussion Items (HPP Staff)

1. TSAV update on Ebola activities
 - Approval of minutes (Jan 5, 2016)
 - HCID Response Guidelines for IDRU
 - Bariatric Isolation Chamber
 - Review Regional Ebola Assessment Results
 - Develop and implement a plan that addresses gaps
2. Preparedness Initiative Plan
 - HCID PPE Cache Plan
 - Training Opportunities
 - HPP TSA-V HCID COOP Workshop – April 28-29, 2016 @ The Pearl, South Padre Island, TX | Breakfast & lunch will be provided
FREE EVENT | RSVP @ <https://spiworkshop.eventbrite.com>
 - RGVHPC Meeting April 13, 2016 10:00 AM – Knapp Medical Conference Center
3. Adjourn

This notice was sent on Monday March 28, 2016.

**TSAV Rio Grande Valley Hospital Preparedness Coalition
Ebola Workgroup Conference Call Meeting
Monday April 4, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M.**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Cristina Madrid, HPP Lead Planner at 10:03 AM.

II. Roll Call

Ebola Workgroup roll call was conducted by Jessy Hernandez, HPP Planner

Ebola Workgroup Committee Present

HPP: Marco Lozano, Cristina Madrid, Jessy Hernandez, Luisana Lopez

Cameron County Department of Health and Human Services: Dwayne Gutierrez, Omar Fritzier

Hidalgo County Department of Health and Human Services: Diana Treviño, Lucy Vargas

South Texas Healthcare Systems: Anthony Obinna

STEC EMS: Rene Perez

Elite EMS: (not present)

Brownsville Community Center: (not present)

EMT-11: (not present)

Knapp Medical: (not present)

Valley Baptist Medical Center Brownsville: (not present)

III. Discussion Items

1. DSHS/HPP TSAV update on Ebola activities

Approval of minutes (Jan 5, 2016)

Rene Perez made a motion to accept Ebola workgroup minutes for January 5, 2016; seconded by Dwayne Gutierrez.

HCID Response Guidelines for IDRU

Guidelines for IDRU HCID response were presented to the workgroup for review. Cristina Madrid mentioned the document will be presented at the upcoming coalition meeting on April 13, 2016 for approval. No changes were requested to be made by the Ebola workgroup members.

Marco Lozano provided an update in reference to the pelican cases that will be distributed to IDRU EMS agencies to be utilized during an HCID response. Pelican cases will be distributed to MedCare EMS and City of Brownsville Fire/EMS and will consist of PPE equipment that was approved by the coalition in the February HPC meeting.

Bariatric Isolation Chamber

Cristina Madrid opened the discussion and provided an overview of the status of the bariatric chamber. At the February HPC meeting, HPP requested assistance from the coalition in determining an alternate bariatric chamber vendor to proceed with purchasing the isolation chamber given that Spill Source was unable to complete HPP's request. Marco Lozano mentioned that the demand for bariatric isolation chambers is very low thus cost for a customized isolation chamber has been quoted in the \$20,000 range. HPP and the RGVHPC were unable to locate reasonable priced bariatric isolation chamber vendor before the April 2 HPP amendment request. Therefore, HPP reallocated about \$17,000 to contractual line item to partially cover the regional radio rebanding project.

Review Regional Ebola Assessment Results

Cristina Madrid provided a brief overview of the regional Ebola assessment results as per responses from TSA-V frontline and assessment facilities. The top three gaps identified were:

- About 50% of facilities indicated they do NOT have a written plan for how to handle the remains of someone who dies and is suspected or confirmed to have a HCID, such as Ebola.
- About 50% of facilities indicated they are NOT prepared to receive and isolate a patient under investigation for a HCID, such as Ebola, via transfer from another healthcare facility.
- About 50% of respondents answered that HPP does NOT form part of their notification list in their written plans in the event the hospital receives a patient suspected of having EVD or other HCID

Marco Lozano mentioned that these gaps will be addressed by BCFS at the HCID workshop on April 28-29, 2016. Anthony Obinna suggested working with those facilities that identified these specific gaps to strengthen HCID response readiness and capacity.

2. Preparedness Initiative Plan

HCID PPE Cache Plan

A draft of the HCID PPE cache plan was shared with workgroup members for review. Rene Perez noted a spelling error, which HPP staff noted to correct. Anthony Obinna suggested modifying language to include HPP instead of Cameron County.

Cristina Madrid mentioned the Cache Plan is in need of replacement guidelines and requested recommendations from the workgroup. Rene Perez suggested utilizing Ebola funding to cover replacement expenses when needed.

Training Opportunities

HPP TSA-V HCID Workshop will take place on April 28-29, 2016 at The Pearl, South Padre Island, TX. Breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be provided to attendees. HPP encourages facilities to send 3-5 staff members including emergency management, education, and infection control to attend. Registration is free and those interested are asked to RSVP online at <https://spiworkshop.eventbrite.com>. The following Ebola workgroup meeting will take place after the HCID workshop.

Upcoming RGVHPC Meeting

The next Rio Grande Valley Healthcare Preparedness Meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2016 10:00 AM at Knapp Medical Conference Center.

IV. Adjourn, Cristina Madrid