



HEART Coalition Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2022, 12:00 PM CT Hybrid

Subject	Discussion	Follow Up
<b>Call to Order, Emory Kidd</b>	Emory Kidd, HEART Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the HEART Coalition at 12:00pm on October 13, 2022 at the Barren River Area Development District. Participants were requested to sign in via ReadyOp. Online participants were instructed to put their name and organizations represented in the chat.	HEART Silo is KY Key is 15870174 Choose #2326 HEART Coalition Meeting, fill in the boxes, and submit
<b>Approval of Minutes from 9/22/2022</b>	Minutes for the September 22 meeting were sent out prior to the meeting, available on the website, and for those in person, available on the Coalition iPads. Emory Kidd, Chair, asked for discussion/corrections needed on the minutes. Seeing none, Tony Keithley made a motion to accept the minutes. Joyce Noe seconded. Motion passed.	Minutes are posted to the member tab entitled “Monthly Meetings” on the <a href="http://www.heartky.org">www.heartky.org</a> website.
<b>EPI Report, Kristen Eggles</b>	Kristen presented the EPI report. COVID cases for 2022 have surpassed 2021. Kristen shared other infectious diseases in the region. The top three are campylobacter, salmonella, and invasive pneumococcal disease. Barren River Region has 6 Monkeypox cases presently. The State has 59 cases as of last Thursday, October 6. Influenza 2022-2023: the CDC recommends most adults to be vaccinated by the end of October for best protection during peak flu season. Last year the highest peak was week 52.	The EPI report is available on the August slides with your sign in at <a href="http://www.heartky.org">www.heartky.org</a> . If you need assistance setting up an account for the member pages of the website, please let Yvette know 502-352-5385.
<b>Long Term Care (LTC) Report, Greg Manley</b>	Greg Manley was out of town. Emory Kidd, Chair, asked if any Long-Term Care representatives had anything to report. No reports.	Next quarterly meeting is December 8 at 10:30 am. The meeting will be hybrid: In-person at the BRADD office and via Zoom.  Please submit items you would like to see on the agenda for next meeting. <a href="mailto:gbmanley@mchealth.net">gbmanley@mchealth.net</a> . <a href="mailto:MariaE.Church@ky.gov">MariaE.Church@ky.gov</a> or

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<b>Communication, Robert Doughty</b>	Robert Doughty was out of town. No new updates to report.	
<b>Training &amp; Exercise, Jim Williams</b>	<p>The Planning and Exercise Committee met Wednesday, October 12 to discuss the exercises and training for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>The committee recommended having the exercises for Active Shooter in the various counties in the region to get the best benefit for the individual counties. Information gathering meetings will take place with the different stakeholders in the counties. Jim is working with another group who is planning similar meetings the region on Active Shooter. He is checking on the possibility of collaborating with that group to gather information about the readiness and response capabilities available throughout the region.</p> <p>The Coalition is looking at a multi-year training plan on Active Shooter. This year’s focus will be tabletop exercises. The plan is to move to functional and then full-scale.</p> <p>The Radiation Tabletop Exercise will take place in May 2023, date to be determined.</p>	<p>Email <a href="mailto:Yvette.coleman@ky.gov">Yvette.coleman@ky.gov</a> with personnel information.</p> <p>Training/Exercise Committee members are: Jim Williams, Chair, James Monroe, Michael Webster, Bob Palmer, and Scott Williams.</p>
<b>Guest Speaker, Troy Walker, Director of Muhlenberg County EMS</b>	<p>Troy Walker shared information and lessons learned about the Muhlenberg County EMS response to the December 11 tornado in Bremen, KY. Some things he mentioned were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the huge quantity of ice packs that were needed</li> <li>• the need for a mechanic to keep the ambulances operating/tires</li> <li>• the need to have access to items on network drives because when the internet is out, there is no access</li> <li>• the need to be prepared to use paper for documentation if the internet/power is out</li> <li>• the need for a mobile incident command post especially for the ambulance service (HEART has a mobile IC post located at Med Center EMS)</li> <li>• the importance of maps</li> </ul> <p>BJ Newbury, the coordinator for West Kentucky Health Care Coalition also attended and she shared the surge experienced by several hospitals and the importance of educating the public on</p>	

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<b>Redundant Communications Drill</b>	<p>Our response to the Redundant Communications Drill was very low compared to all previous months. The decrease is likely due to the fact that so many people were on Fall Break. This brings up the point of having multiple people in each agency to be contacts.</p> <p>All Partners responding to 1 part of the drill – 64%</p> <p>Core Partners responding to 1 part of the drill – 84.4%</p> <p>Core Partners responding to both parts of the drill – 59.4%</p>	<p>Drill results are available on the member pages of the website. If you have difficulty accessing this for your records, please contact Yvette to send you a copy via email.</p>
<b>Training Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links to online radiation training: <a href="https://ritn.net/training/">https://ritn.net/training/</a></li> <li>• EMI Virtual Tabletop Exercises: <a href="https://heartky.org">Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) Fiscal Year 2023 (heartky.org)</a></li> <li>• Webinars on Active Shooter, Bomb Threat Management and Response to Suspicious Behaviors, and Physical Security Considerations for Temporary Facilities</li> <li>• Oct. 22 8am – 4:30 pm Central – KENTENN, a Mid-South Public Weather Workshop. This is a free event. <a href="https://www.weather.gov/lmk/kentenn">https://www.weather.gov/lmk/kentenn</a></li> <li>• Nov. 4-6 South Central KY Firefighters Association’s 2022 Fire School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Link to register: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-central-kentucky-firefighters-associations-2022-fire-school-registration-413178517067">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-central-kentucky-firefighters-associations-2022-fire-school-registration-413178517067</a></li> <li>○ Link for brochure with classes offered, credit hours, and a summary of the classes: <a href="https://www.sckfa.com/files/ugd/f2a6ea_eedba1f864ec4cb1ad3baf17d777f9b4.pdf">https://www.sckfa.com/files/ugd/f2a6ea_eedba1f864ec4cb1ad3baf17d777f9b4.pdf</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nov. 4 – 10:00 am – 11:00 am - Dedication for the new WKU Disaster Science Operations Center (DSOC).</li> </ul>	<p>Active Shooter, Bomb Threat Management and Physical Security Considerations information was sent via email 10/12/22. If you cannot find that information or need it resent please contact Yvette Coleman.</p>
<b>MACH 5 Earthquake TTX #4</b>	<p>SCENARIO: In our original 4:00 am earthquake scenario,, you were heading out the door after ensuring that your family was safe and although there was no phone or electrical service, you home did not suffer any major damage. You made plans with your family as to how you will maintain communications with them while you are away at the EOC and you headed out the door.</p>	



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	<p>While in route to the EOC, you try your cell phone. It does not work. How do you intend to make contact with your staff when their landline phone system and the cell phones are out?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satellite radios. A point was made to</li> <li>• Ham radios – HEART has some go-kits but not enough to go around. BJ Newbury, WKYHCC Coordinator mentioned that in West KY some of the hospitals have HAM people that will go to the hospital and transfer messages for them in an event.</li> <li>• Procedures should be in each agency’s plan to address what staff is supposed to do in an event.</li> <li>• Use the public radio system to communicate</li> <li>• Develop a cluster of homes to have someone to go door to door</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p>	<p>Emory Kidd brought up portable satellite radios. They can be used all the time with no charge per call with others who are part of your talk group. Emory asked the HEART group if anyone would be interested in true portable satellite radios if they could be purchased by HEART, but if the agency paid the annual fee. Janarae Conway shared that the BRDHD would not be able to pay the annual fee for the satellite phones. There is definite interest in the portable satellite radios by the hospitals represented. This needs to go through the Communications Committee.</p> <p>Ronnie Pearson and Dajana Crockett discovered a Mitigation Grant for equipment with the deadline for the grant being today. Based on the deadine for the equipment, Emory asked for a motion to pursue the Hazard Mitigation Grant for portable satellite radios for the medical facilities and a satellite system to incorporate with WiFi cases. Ronnie Pearson made the motion. Joyce Noe seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>HEART is looking at scheduling a work day to work on the trailers. Date TBD.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p>	<p>November 10, 2022 at 12:00 pm BRADD Conference Room at 177 Graham Avenue, Bowling Green, KY A light lunch will be available at 11:30 am with networking opportunities.</p>	