

HEART Coalition Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022 1:00 PM via ZOOM



Subject	Discussion	Follow Up
Call to Order	Janarae Conway, Coalition Chair, welcomed all to the meeting.	
Approval of Minutes from 1/13/22 and the special budget meeting on 1/27/22	Motion to accept the January 13 th regular meeting and the special budget meeting held on January 27, 2022 was made by Emory Kidd. Keith Cassady seconded. All in favor.	
Janarae Conway, EPI Report	Janarae shared the COVID 19 data for the region, a comparison chart of COVID and Flu cases, and other reportable diseases. Allen County shared their slide with vaccination rates, their total cases, and current tracking. Kristen Eggles, our regional epidemiologist, provided a slide to give some perspective on the Omicron surge as compared to the Delta surge.	All information shared will be in the slides sent out with the minutes
Greg Manley, Long Term Care (LTC) Report	<p>Greg has set the quarterly LTC Region 4 meetings, Mar 10, Jun 9, Sept 8, Nov 10. If HEART meets in person, LTC will meet from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at the same location. If HEART is meeting via zoom, LTC will meet via zoom just before the normal HEART meeting.</p> <p>Greg mentioned the need to keep up with the new updates from OIG and the state regarding LTC as it is continually evolving. The changes seem to be slowing down, but definitely want to stay aware of new requirements. Some emergency management guidelines have been changed based on CMS guidelines.</p> <p>Betty Prochaska reported that they are trying to allow caretakers to be able to come into facilities to care for the residents even if there is COVID. At this time, long term care facilities cannot stop visitation for any reason according to OIG. Janarae Conway reported that the Governor had signed into law the bill allowing caretakers to come into facilities.</p>	<p>Yvette will send out the links for LTC meetings.</p> <p>https://www.wlky.com/article/kentucky-bill-that-allows-designated-caregivers-to-visit-long-term-care-residents-becomes-law/39016475#</p>

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Robert Doughty, Communication	Robert reported that we are having difficulty getting products from vendors for items that have already been approved. No other updates.	
Janarae Conway, Training & Exercise	<p>Yvette reported that it is not guaranteed that the tornado response will count for the MRSE. More information to come.</p> <p>New training opportunities were shared through LSU. Emory Kidd shared that when you go to the website, you can register to get an email when they have new classes available.</p> <p>The Region 4 HCC Conference in Georgia, April 13-15. The Coalition can pay (reimbursement) for two members to attend.</p>	<p>Training and exercise link for LSU is on the slides that will be sent out with the minutes.</p> <p>Those interested in the conference in Georgia April 13-15, please let Yvette know as soon as possible.</p>
Old Business: Budget Update Yvette Coleman	<p>Yvette shared update for the budget. Prices for some of the items approved are greater than originally approved.</p> <p>Yvette asked for those interested in the FEMA conference to let her know as soon as possible.</p> <p>Airmates batteries will need to be removed from the budget. The UV lamps for the ambulances are going to be installed lamps in the ambulances.</p>	Yvette will send out the budget with the new increases.
New Budget Request	LTC has requested a feeding pump for residents for emergency. Emory Kidd asked how many people can use the feeding pump at one time. Betty Prochaska said that only one person at a time can use the pump. There was a question about the ability to truly use it across the region. The vote was postponed until we find out whether or not the feeding pump can be universally for regional use.	
Misc. Items: Gary Sullivan	Gary Sullivan shared info re: Joint Commission or CMS surveyed. In July, all hospitals have new standards for emergency hospital. One change is exercise requirements. The hospitals used to be able to meet all requirements through exercises. The new standards require two true exercises; one full-scale or	Yvette will forward the new standards from Gary Sullivan.

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	<p>functional and other can be TTX, seminar, or workshop that is led by a facilitator. The proof that the hospitals are meeting requirements went from 124 to 60. To meet the Joint Commission requirements, you do not have to have a minimum or maximum number as far as a mass influx of patients. The tornado was an actual emergency that qualifies under the Joint Commission requirements.</p> <p>Bill Edwards shared another change that went in effect in January. Previously a facility could count their real-world exercise and not have to do the drill. Now if the facility has a real event, they're exempt from the drill for the next year, not the previous. It's just a wording issue but it could cause a timing issue for some facilities.</p>	
<p>New Business: New Officers</p>	<p>Officers for the HEART Coalition are: Chair - Emory Kidd, Metcalfe County Emergency Manager Director Vice-Chair – Janarae Conway, Barren River District Health Department Clinical Advisor – Tammy Waggoner, Medical Center Franklin Member-at-Large – Garland Gilliam, Barren-Metcalfe Ambulance Service</p>	
<p>Question & Answer</p>	<p>Joyce Noe asked about conducting an active shooter drill in the hospital. Gary Sullivan shared potential situations that could go wrong and actual problems some facilities encountered. He mentioned working with each individual unit or department, one at a time, and rehearse the run, hide, fight options of each area.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn made by Janarae Conway. Gary Sullivan Seconded. All in favor.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>March 10 at 12:00 pm at Barren River Area Development District Conference Room 177 Graham Avenue, Bowling Green, KY 42101</p> <p>Attendance is preferred as we will have special guests conducting ReadyOp Patient Tracking and WebEOC Training.</p>	<p>Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP! ReadyOp Patient Tracking and WebEOC Training</p>