

HEART Coalition Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2022, 12:00 PM Hybrid Meeting



Subject	Discussion	Follow Up
<b>Call to Order</b>	Emory Kidd, Coalition Chair, welcomed all to the meeting.	
<b>Approval of Minutes from 03/10/22</b>	Motion to accept minutes by Keith Cassady and seconded by Mark Edwards, motion passed.	
<b>Kristen Egges, EPI Report</b>	<p>Kristen shared the latest COVID and infectious disease information. Question raised about tick borne illnesses, is an increase anticipated and is there information that could be shared regarding things to do and watch for. Kristen shared via email several sources about tick borne illnesses, etc. Please see links in the follow up section. Kristen also shared three PDF documents which were sent via email on May 12, 4:55pm.</p> <p>Questions were asked about if we expect to see in increase in Covid, hospitalizations, hospital visits, home tests? If the vaccines are up to date, are we likely to get COVID again? Do we have any case projections by fall? If you had COVID once, can you get it again? Will the booster help?</p> <p>An increase in cases is expected. The CDC is not expecting hospitalizations to go up, but that doesn't mean it will not happen. Other countries are seeing hospitalizations rise.</p>	<p>EPI Report slides are on slide deck and available at <a href="http://www.heartky.org">www.heartky.org</a> with a member's only account.</p> <p>Here are two extremely useful website about tickborne disease. The first one is the CDC's tick page and the second is Kentucky's tick page.  <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html</a>  <a href="https://ky-dph.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=5e1d359ccbf149989186585cf9f41bf1">https://ky-dph.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=5e1d359ccbf149989186585cf9f41bf1</a></p>
<b>Greg Manley, Long Term Care (LTC) Report</b>	<p>Greg reported from online. He is working on the quarterly LTC meetings. There was a meeting last quarter (March 10), but low attendance. The subcommittee was offered the Owls for hybrid meetings.</p> <p>There has been an uptick of COVID cases in some facilities. Greg shared that his facility had not had anything for two months and now they have two positives and two PUI's (person under investigation). They're trying to track the source of the cases. Another facility also has two positives, but they seem to be contained.</p> <p>When asked about any issues with facilities getting PPE, Greg reported that he had not received any calls regarding problems. He said he would work with Yvette to get information on whether there are issues and to suggest that facilities should begin to stock up.</p> <p>Greg asked LTC who were at the meeting to be sure they are working on</p>	<p>Next quarterly meeting is anticipated June 9 at 11 am.</p> <p>Maria Church, the new LTC Coordinator will be in attendance. Please plan to attend as she will be available to discuss various topics of interest/concern.</p>

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	<p>emergency management plans. There have been some updates and he will send out next week.</p> <p>Maria Church is the new LTC Coordinator and will serve as a resource for LTC facilities. This is a new “in house” position within the KY Department for Public Health rather than the previous contract position. Maria will attend the June 9 Coalition meeting and is looking forward to meeting the members of our coalition. Maria started about four weeks ago. She came from Lexington Emergency Management Association.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:MariaE.Church@ky.gov">MariaE.Church@ky.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Robert Doughty, Communication</b></p>	<p>All equipment from last budget request has been received.</p> <p>Robert is working with WKU on mobile hot spots (like plum cases) to check compatibility. Should have cost and specifications to present for the next fiscal year budget. Emory Kidd asked if Western could connect to one or two external antennas to increase coverage. Robert hasn’t seen the specifications on that so was not sure. Jim Williams will be in Florida when WKU tests the capabilities of their mobile hot spots. He will get some pictures and any further information he can for the coalition.</p> <p>The state has several empty Pelican cases that the coalition may be able to use when putting the hot spots together.</p> <p>Terry Massey asked if there was any explanation of why all three frequencies in Edmonson County would be going down. No apparent reason. It depends on the system to determine how old it needs to be before it starts to go down.</p> <p>When ask if Warren County is the only county with a HAM supported web interface, Robert said initially, yes. As the system is build out it will go into other counties, but it will need equipment and tower space. Ham Wi-Fi coverage is zero right now other than some personal equipment. Once bigger microwaves are in place, we can reach 25-30 miles with line of sight. This is the Arden Network.</p> <p>Emory mentioned that he has several new HAM operators and is sending the contact information Robert’s way.</p>	

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<p><b>Yvette Coleman, Training &amp; Exercise</b></p>	<p>Upcoming training in our area as well as in surrounding coalitions UofL Trauma Burn Course, 10am – 2pm May 26, in person at Whitley County Health Department, open with CEUs, KBN hours and KBEMS hours. Contact Tracie Burchett at UofL to register. Email address at right. Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations within the Community Infrastructure (MGT-341), June 15-16, in person, Highland Heights, KY. Use this link to register. <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccYbsj9fGBmW87Ex2T6v0jilFfN6f5vyoWsCtGy7xnRkLI5A/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccYbsj9fGBmW87Ex2T6v0jilFfN6f5vyoWsCtGy7xnRkLI5A/viewform</a> Community Resilience Training, June 21, 8am-4pm, in person at WKU Center for Research and Development, Bowling Green, KY Lunch provided <a href="https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3130/">https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3130/</a> Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in Disaster Management, June 28-29, 12:00pm-4:00pm Central Time, ONLINE - Must attend both days. <a href="https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3139/">https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3139/</a> Gary Sullivan suggested contacting the SKYMAC Club as a local resource.</p>	<p>To enroll, contact Tracie Burchett, BSN, RN, TCRN at <a href="mailto:Tracie.Burchett@uoflhealth.org">Tracie.Burchett@uoflhealth.org</a></p>
<p><b>Janarae Conway, Preparedness Summit Update, Atlanta, GA</b></p>	<p>The Preparedness Summit is primarily for Public Health, but Janarae did get some information from vendors that could be beneficial for the Coalition. There was an Ambubus vendor that the Coalition may want to investigate. Janarae shared that our Coalition’s excellent partnerships, particularly when responding to COVID, were apparent when hearing about other areas. She said there was a CDC representative who spoke of lessons learned and admitted that early in the response they were behind on testing because they “dropped the ball”.</p>	

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<p><b>Terry Massey, Yvette Coleman, EMAG Conference, Savannah, GA</b></p>	<p>Terry shared that many states in Region 4 are beyond us in training and accountability for training. Georgia Emergency Management Association (GEMA) is associated with the health department and that drives their training, unlike Kentucky’s association with Military Affairs. When it comes to response, though, Kentucky is unmatched.</p> <p>The best seminar Terry attended was the one for first responders which emphasized making sure your family is secure before disaster strikes so you can do a better job in response. Make sure your family is prepared and taken care of so you can concentrate on the response.</p> <p>Terry shared that he would like to see Kentucky get into the position to do these events and hopefully Director Slinker will get the state there again.</p> <p>Yvette attended several sessions on cybersecurity. The Coalition Agencies can access CISA to assist with both physical and cyber security. Colin Glover and Kyle Wolfe cover Kentucky. They are valuable resources that are available at no cost to an agency.</p>	<p>Contact for Cybersecurity: <a href="mailto:colin.glover@cisa.dhs.gov">colin.glover@cisa.dhs.gov</a> Contact for physical security: <a href="mailto:kyle.wolf@hq.dhs.gov">kyle.wolf@hq.dhs.gov</a></p>
<p><b>HHS emPOWER and Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)</b></p>	<p>HHS and CMS have partnered to provide de-identified data to help in planning for emergencies. This data is available on the HHS emPOWER Program Platform. (See right for link)</p> <p>The emPOWER Map drills down to each county and is updated monthly.</p> <p>Additional resources available for planning are:</p> <p>Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Link to fact sheets, webinars, tools: <a href="https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/atrisk.aspx">https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/atrisk.aspx</a></p> <p>Planning for an Emergency: Strategies for Identifying and Engaging At-Risk Groups – A guidance document for Emergency Managers <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/disaster/atriskguidance.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/disaster/atriskguidance.pdf</a></p>	<p>HHS emPOWER Program Platform: <a href="https://empowerprogram.hhs.gov">https://empowerprogram.hhs.gov</a></p> <p>HHS emPOWER Map: <a href="https://empowerprogram.hhs.gov/empowermap">https://empowerprogram.hhs.gov/empowermap</a></p>

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<b>Redundant Communications Drill</b>	<p>The next drill will be May 24. Notification will go out through ReadyOp alert, simulating a disaster communication. You should receive a text, phone call, and email alert.</p>	
<b>Committees Member Introductions</b>	<p>The communications committee, the finance committee, and the planning and exercise committees are now active. The following are the representatives for each committee. If you have an interest in serving, please let Yvette know. Each committee includes a member of a hospital, public health, emergency management, and EMS agency. Other healthcare groups are encouraged to serve and provide input to help the coalition meet the mission of our healthcare members.</p> <p>Communications Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janarae Conway, Barren River District Health Department <a href="mailto:janarae.conway@barrenriverhealth.org">janarae.conway@barrenriverhealth.org</a></li> <li>• John Holder, Logan County EMS <a href="mailto:jholder@logancoems.com">jholder@logancoems.com</a></li> <li>• Keith Cassady, Tristar Greenview Hospital <a href="mailto:loid.cassady@hcahealthcare.com">loid.cassady@hcahealthcare.com</a></li> <li>• Robert Doughty, Amateur Radio <a href="mailto:kk4avi@yahoo.com">kk4avi@yahoo.com</a></li> <li>• Terry “Moose” Massey, Edmonson County EMA <a href="mailto:ecemmassey@yahoo.com">ecemmassey@yahoo.com</a></li> </ul> <p>Finance Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garland Gilliam, Barren-Metcalf EMS <a href="mailto:g.gilliam@bmems.net">g.gilliam@bmems.net</a></li> <li>• Jill Ford, Monroe County Health Department <a href="mailto:JillA.Ford@ky.gov">JillA.Ford@ky.gov</a></li> <li>• Joyce Noe, Logan Memorial Hospital <a href="mailto:joyce.noe@lpnt.net">joyce.noe@lpnt.net</a></li> <li>• Robert Doughty, Amateur Radio <a href="mailto:kk4avi@yahoo.com">kk4avi@yahoo.com</a></li> </ul>	

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<b>Website Roll-out</b>	<p>The HEART Coalition website is now live. The front-facing page has information that anyone who has the website can see. HEART Members only will have access, upon creating a log in, to information such as meeting minutes and slides, attendance, plans, bylaws, etc.</p> <p>Yvette requested feedback on functionality and/or items members would like to see.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.heartky.org">www.heartky.org</a></p> <p>Steps to create log in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Click on red “sign in here” button at top left of page or in middle near bottom of page</li> <li>2. Click “sign up with email”</li> <li>3. Type email and create a password</li> <li>4. Submit</li> <li>5. Any questions? Call Yvette at 502-352-5385</li> </ol>
<b>Burn Surge Annex</b>	<p>The Burn Surge Exercise was conducted April 12. The Burn Surge Annex includes the updated TriStar Skyline Burn Center information and contacts. Yvette emailed the roles and responsibilities to each member group to be sure agencies were willing and able to perform the roles addressed in the Annex. The AAR/IP will be sent out for review and discussion and vote will occur during the June 9 meeting.</p>	<p>Yvette will send the Annex and AAR/IP for vote in June.</p>
<b>In-Kind Reports</b>	<p>In-Kind reports are due by June 29. The form can be found on the website Member’s Pages at <a href="http://www.heartky.org">www.heartky.org</a> Please let Yvette know if you have</p>	

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	trouble accessing or downloading the form.	
<b>Grant Year 2022-2023</b>	Notice of funding was received. The FY 22-23 budget is the same as last year, \$85,998. The preliminary budget for FY 22-23 was submitted in January 2022. This budget will be reviewed and prioritized prior to final submission. It is not too late to submit projects to address gaps identified.	
<b>Future Meeting Times and Refreshments</b>	A suggestion was made to change the Coalition meeting time back to 1:00 pm and provide lunch once a quarter. After discussion among member, a motion was made by Ronnie Pearson that the meetings be held at 12:00 pm the second Thursday of each month and lunch will be provided at no more than \$10 per person. The food will be ready at 11:30am so that people can get their meal, settle, and be ready to begin the meeting promptly at 12:00 pm. Robert Palmer seconded. The motion passed by a majority of members, one “no” vote was recorded.	
<b>ReadyOp Patient Tracking Overview</b>	Due to the time, this was tabled. Yvette will reach out to coalition agencies to schedule time to meet and review.	
<b>Questions</b>	Ronnie is working on the AAR/IP for COVID and requested the state’s AAR. He requested information/data regarding Warren County COVID deaths, including comorbidities. The AAR needs to be completed by the end of the fiscal year. Dr. Winter, the state epidemiologist is the POC for this.  Keith Cassady requested information on agencies with Satellite Radios.	Yvette will poll to get a directory.
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	June 9, 2022, HYBRID, lunch requires RSVP and arrival prior to 12:00 pm. Meeting will begin at 12:00 pm	