

BLUEGRASS HEALTHCARE COALITION MEETING

APRIL 25TH, 2024

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved without questions or changes – motion by Gene Thomas; 2nd by Shane Bussell. 	
Coalition App Development Continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The app development discussed in previous meetings continues. JT working on adding in branding components and content. The plan will be to have it piloted with the executive team first to become more familiarized with its functionality and then share it with all other members. Still determining the best method of sharing this with members – opt in link? Manual enrollment? 	
2024 EMAG Report-Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tara noted that there was a large emphasis regarding cybersecurity at this year’s EMAG conference, including during the keynote presentation. This is something that organizations have really started putting a focus on as this risk continues to rise. Tara and Mike Hennigan attended a decon. presentation and it was clear that our region’s CSEPP involvement has greatly prepared our organizations for this challenge compared to other areas, though it was interesting to see what was part of that conversation in anticipation of a post-CSEPP environment. Ken and Angela Kik presented on collaboration across borders with which Kentucky is often involved. Our southern and western regions regularly collaborate with Tennessee, northern Kentucky is strongly tied to preparedness and response efforts in Cincinnati, and Louisville is part of a Cities Readiness Region with regions in Indiana. We also, as a state, are part of FEMA Region 4 and surrounded by many other FEMA regions, so our federal involvement and responsibilities require cross-border collaboration as well. Ken and Abby Bailey presented on pediatric readiness which is a priority for Kentucky given the limited number of pediatric trauma beds available for patients. ASPR-Tracie had a good presentation on patient surge and utility outages. Mike Hennigan mentioned having enjoyed a presentation on working with faith-based communities to help support healthcare and emergency mgmt. efforts. Mike also noted that, with a smaller KY contingent attending the conference this year, it kind of forced more networking with the various states and regions attending and that he reached out for documents and materials regarding some of the pre-planned responses that those states may do very well and regularly from which KY could learn more and improve. 	
HPP Notice of Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the time of this meeting, we are still waiting on the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) which will guide our next 5-year budget cycle. The PHEP NOFO has recently been released, but HPP’s is still being finalized. Not yet certain what requirements will be included, but it’s assumed that cybersecurity 	

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	<p>will be a primary focus in the coming budget period. One known change involves a broadening of the expected coalition membership beyond just the “core membership” of hospital, EMS, EMA, and LHDs which had been the emphasis of previous years. This expansion will include other agencies like dialysis clinics, blood banks, NGOs, etc. which the BGHCC is already well ahead on including as part of our membership.</p>	
<p>Olivia Gregory – Internship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have truly appreciated having Olivia involved in our coalition efforts as she has been an integral part of building our LTC and other senior living communities’ participation. After her internship ends with us before summer, she will be working toward utilizing her CNA in an LTC setting, which is her passion. In a show of our gratitude, the executive committee gave her a gift and much thanks for her hard work. 	
<p>ReadyOp Presentation – Davis Moore</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis presented on some of the newer features available in ReadyOp and what capabilities are on the horizon while using the system. • Roster creation and updating can be streamlined utilizing self-registration forms and even API (application program interface) connection to HR systems. A new feature allows for rule-setting to automatically assign individuals to ReadyOp dashboard “objects boxes”, rather than having to manually add each contact to these lists. This can be set to update on multiple dashboards and tabs at once. • Notification capabilities have become more streamlined as well whereby you can send text, voice, and email alerts simultaneously, rather than create separate templates for each. • More API connectivity allows for form completion to upload into other platforms, such as WebEOC. • Forms can now help better facilitate response efforts: status report creation and ongoing Incident Action Plan updating, contacting individuals directly from the form itself, hyperlinks to associated documents or websites, text and email notification of form completion, dashboard updates, and improved export function. • A new feature that’s yet to be released involved taking form completion data and have GIS (geographic information system) layering functionality that pins entries to a map. Map icons can be modified to visually represent the data of interest coming from the completed form. This will become an innovative component of patient tracking, allowing for GIS tagging of patients and responder vehicles, as well as weather radar, all in real-time. In addition, data can be pulled directly from hospitals’ EHRs using API or an automated CSV that adds data to a ReadyOp form that then populates a map of hospital bed data. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deployable Asset Resource Tracking is also a newer capability that other coalition have been utilizing to have a centralized location for listing, monitoring, and updating asset deployment. Asset tag barcodes work the same as patient-tracking barcodes, allowing for immediate recall of previous form data when scanning the asset tag. This asset data can then be GIS coded, just like the other map functionality discussed so far, for visual representation of asset location on a map. • Radio interoperability allows for any cell phone, tablet, or computer to talk directly to any radio in the world using radio over IP or VOIP (voice over IP): the ReadyOp DT app patches through the ReadyOp dashboard using a physical ReadyOp gateway which then connects directly to any radio type, including simulcast to multiple different radios and radio types at once. This functionality also allows for real-time GIS mapping of associated radios and devices with the DT app. • All this functionality should be live within the next couple months, though it will begin as separate programs to facilitate the API/CSV capability until it is eventually all under the ReadyOp “umbrella” in a little over a year. • For more info or questions: Davis Moore, Eastern Region Director for ReadyOp Communications Inc. – mooredq@readyop.com, 803-391-9612, www.readyop.com 	
Trainings/Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS 300: April 23rd – 25th • ICS 400: July 22nd & 23rd at UK • Homeland Security and Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP): June 3rd & 4th at UK • Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE): May 16th • Region IV Special Pathogens Training Course: June 20th at Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, KY for frontline hospitals and EMS biosafety transport • NDMS Bed Reporting: May 9th • Redundant Communications Drill: May 21st • ALICE Active Shooter Training: reach out to Dave or Rebecca Lynn to schedule 	
LTC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Living Communities Mtng.: May 14th at Sayre Christian Village, 9:00am-10:30am 	
RPC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronnie Ghosh filled in for Rebecca Lynn and provided an update on RPCs/LHDs: will be performing inventory and training certificate audit; Preparedness Summit to take place Aug. 20th and 21st in Lexington - a calendar invite has been sent for those who should attend; Rebecca will be attending a train-the-trainer for psychological first-aid for adults in order to then be able to teach staff and volunteers – she will need to schedule 2 courses soon thereafter in order to also attend the psychological first-aid for children train-the-trainer course. 	
Epi Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Region: COVID-19 and flu cases decreasing with no LTC outbreaks at this time; 	

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	<p>a confirmed rabid bat exposure occurred in Woodford Co.; legionella cases are likely to increase as we head into warmer months with recreational water activities - working with local agencies/hospitals to prepare and get communication out for prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lexington/Fayette Co.: COVID-19 and flu also decreasing in this region; creating a lab repository for all supplies for environmental specimen collection – this is in response to lessons-learned following last year’s legionella cases; monitoring the measles cases (and other vaccine-preventable diseases) identified throughout the country and anticipating we will eventually have to respond to local/regional cases that are found. 	
MRC Updates	<p>***Stacy Blacketer traveling to western KY to attend the MRC Summit. Cathy Akins attempted to provide updates, but we were unable to hear her audio in the conference room.***</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave was able to provide some updates on her behalf: our region has the greatest number of MRC volunteers (121) in KY, 35 of which have had their background check performed and are fully approved for volunteer response; volunteers are not just those with clinical backgrounds, so these volunteers can help assist in many different capacities, whether during exercises or real-world events; MRC Summit taking place at Lake Barkley; working with Red Cross to facilitate some trainings for MRC volunteers. 	
NDMS Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elliott discussed the preparation taking place in advance of the NDMS full-scale exercise at the BG Airport: a TTX with the exercise steering committee was held on Mar. 26th; another TTX will be held in May with all exercise participants; final planning meeting to also occur in May followed by weekly status check meetings as the exercise date approaches; more specific details to be provided to hospitals in the breakout session which will hopefully also involve finalizing the participant list (either today or no later than May 1st) and their extent of play (real patients? paper patients? other ideas?). Reiterated the upcoming bed-reporting exercise on May 9th which hospitals will be notified about through ReadyOp notification. 	
Next Coalition Mtng.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 27th at the EASTSIDE LIBRARY in Lexington 	

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ATTENDEES

JT Moore	Dave Carney	Jackeline Almaraz	Ashley Powell	Shaun Caldwell	Tara Long	Amanda Coomer	Elliott House
Tonya Watkins	Shane Bussell	Skip Castleman	Jenny Bardroff	Stacy Blacketer	Davis Moore	Olivia Gregory	Michelle Groves
Candie McMaine	Christy Nentwick	Hollie Sands	Gene Thomas	Stacy Crase	Freeman Bailey	Bethely Morton	Carl Hinson
Joey Howard	Paul Link	Cassie Prather	April Anderson	Mia Williams	Ronnie Ghosh	Mike Poynter	Amy Sullivan
Amber Burkhart	Kala Adams	Keri Noe	Michael Hennigan	Lindsay Ames	Marti Burton	Jacob Cook	

