

NORTHEAST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE COALITION

FDOH - State Laboratory & Vital Statistics Complex

1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

June 19, 2019 @ 1:00 PM



General Membership Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order

- Validation of voting members present [accept designees, if required]
- Introductions
- *Approval of minutes from 4/24/19 meeting

II. Financial

- *Budget Report (April 2019 & May 2019)
- Expenditure Requests
- Management and Administration
 - Project Funding Update
 - Finalized Meeting Dates, Times, Locations for FY 19-20
 - Active Assailant Plan Development Workshops
 - COOP Plan Development Workshops

III. Business

- *Approval of General Membership Requests (May/June) – via forms
- *Year End Review to Include Plans for Approval
- *Officer Elections (next 2-year cycle)
- Coalition Spotlight – Home Health with Kristy Siebert
- Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network (FIDTN) – Terry Schenk
- Upcoming Events
 - AmeriCares – Health Center Resiliency Bootcamp (2-day)

IV. Member Reports

- Board Member Reports
- Open Discussion

VII. Adjourn

Next **Executive Board** Meeting – July 17 @ 1:00pm
St. Vincent's Southside (Bryan Auditorium) - 4201 Belfort Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32216

Next **General Membership** Meeting – September 18 @ 1:00pm
State Laboratory and Vital Statistics Complex - 1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202



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Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition Voting Members & Designated Alternates

As of 6/7/19 – Six Voting Members = Quorum

Representation	Voting Member	Alternate Name	Alternate's Agency	Appointing Authority
Baker County	Jose Morales	Bek Parker	Baker County Sheriff's Office	ESF 8 Partners
Clay County	Sonny Rogers	Luis Herrera	FDOH - Clay	ESF 8 Partners
Duval County	Richard Ward	Winston Gibbs	FDOH – Duval	ESF 8 Partners
Flagler County	Edwin Baltzley	Bob Pickering	Flagler County EM	ESF 8 Partners
Nassau County	Ronnie Nessler	Mike Godwin	FDOH - Nassau	ESF 8 Partners
St. John County	Noreen Nickola-Williams	<i>Greta Hall</i>	St. Johns County Fire/Rescue	ESF 8 Partners
Emergency Management	Tim Connor	Jim Schaudel	COJ EPD	Regional Emergency Managers
EMS	Joe Stores	Tim Devin	Orange Park Medical Center	First Coast EMS Advisory Council
Hospitals	Rich Ward	Dave Chapman	St. Vincent's	First Coast Disaster Council
Public Health	Robert Snyder	<u><i>Alternate Needed</i></u>		Regional Public Health Officers
Long-Term Care	Jeff Markulik	Micah Barth	River Garden Hebrew Home	Florida Healthcare - District
Home Health	Kristy Siebert	Lori Tipton or Teresa Gates	Allegiant Home Care Beyond Home Health Care Services	



Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition

NEFLHCC Executive Committee Meeting

April 24, 2019

Meeting Notes

The monthly executive committee meeting of the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition was held at Orange Park Medical Center in Orange Park, Florida at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rich Ward with a validation of a quorum, with the following Board members present:

Baker County – Jose Morales

Clay County – Luis Herrera (alternate)

Duval County – Richard Ward & Jim Schaudel (alternate)

Flagler County – Ed Baltzley (via phone)

Nassau County – Mike Godwin & Ronnie Nessler (alternate)

St. Johns County – Tim Connor (via phone)

Hospitals – Rich Ward & Dave Chapman (alternate)

EMS – Joe Stores & Tim Devin (alternate)

Long Term Care – Jeff Markulik (via phone) & Micah Barth (alternate)

Public Health – Robert Snyder (via phone)

Home Health – Kristy Siebert & Lori Tipton (alternate)

Absent

Emergency Management – Jeff Alexander

A sign in sheet is attached for all other attendees.

Introductions

Mr. Ward called for introductions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting were made available online and provided at the start of the meeting.

Mr. Ward called for a motion for approval of the March 20, 2019 meeting minutes. Richard Ward moved approval; Joe Stores seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

***Budget Report**

The finance report for March 2019 was presented by Mr. Mike Godwin.

With no questions, Mr. Ward called for a motion to accept the March 2019 budget report, Micah Barth moved approval, with a second by Ed Baltzley. Motion carried.



*Expenditure Requests

None at this time.

Management and Administration Update

Mr. Anderson presented the following:

- Project Funding Update – The Coalition has managed to identify unspent management and administration money. As a result, there is more money available for Coalition programs through June 30, 2019. The Coalition has a very busy Training and Exercise schedule so a logical place to reallocate this money is to coalition project funding. There was a total of nine (9) recipients that had partially funded projects.

A motion was made to enter negotiations and allocate additional project money with partially funding project recipients, with the understanding that (1) they can amend their MOU to include additional funding and (2) can execute and provide receipts for reimbursement by June 15, 2019.

Mr. Ward called for a motion, Jose Morales moved approval, with a second by Ed Baltzley. Motion carried.

- The Coalition conducted a CMS Tabletop Exercise at the St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center on April 4th. A total of 62 people participated in a pandemic flu scenario. This was the final pandemic flu exercise hosted by the healthcare coalition for this year. New tabletop exercise opportunities will be developed for delivery following July 1, 2019.
- The Coalition sponsored eight (8) scholarships to assist people with attending the Emergency Management Association of Georgia (EMAG) conference on April 17-19, 2019 in Savannah, Georgia. This conference is known for their healthcare specific focus and is attended by people from throughout the Southeast United States. The Coalition is committed to sending members to the EMAG conference on an annual basis.

BUSINESS

*Approval of General Membership Requests

As required by the bylaws, the Board must approve all membership requests. There have been 32 membership requests since the last meeting. The list was provided in the meeting packet.

A motion was made by Jose Morales and seconded by Joe Stores to approve the membership list as presented. Motion carried.

Operations Plan Update

The Coalition has a contract deliverable to produce a draft Operations Plan. The draft Plan was distributed during the March meeting of the Coalition. A few comments have been received from membership regarding the Plan.



The Operations Plan will come before the Coalition Executive Committee for their review and approval at the May meeting. Attached to the packet is a draft of the Operations Plan for review and final comment.

Supply-Chain Assessment and Survey Update

The Coalition has a contract deliverable to produce a draft Supply Chain Assessment. The Assessment will come before the Coalition Executive Committee for their review and approval at the May meeting.

Leigh Wilsey has distributed the survey but there has been a small response. Recent survey outreach efforts have been targeted through the coalition's hospital and long-term care chairs. The survey will stay open for a few more weeks so that we can allow for more responses from the inpatient care community.

Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance Update

The Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance met at FDOH Bradford-Union in Starke, Florida on April 22nd. This body brings together the elected officers of the three healthcare coalitions in Region 3. This meeting was meant to discuss the upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year. The Alliance agreed to maintain the same funding allocations as previous years and will continue to review allocations on an annual basis.

Major Initiatives for 2019-2020 are:

- Active Assailant Tabletop
- Regional Healthcare Evacuation and Transportation Alternative Plan
- Report on Infectious Disease Best Practices to inform Ebola Plan
- COOP plan
- Update JRA, HCC Strategic Plans & Alliance Strategic Plan

Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network (FIDTN)

The Florida Department of Health, in partnership with public health, private healthcare providers, hospitals, and emergency response teams such as Jacksonville Fire Rescue has developed the FIDTN. The purpose of the FIDTN is to send specially trained Emergency Medical Services units to conduct transport of highly infectious disease patients from a hospital to a local airport, a designated treatment hospital, or to the Regional Treatment Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jacksonville Fire Rescue was recently added to the FIDTN network of supporting agencies. Coalition staff will work to secure a presentation on FIDTN for a general membership meeting.



AHCA's Emergency Status System (ESS) Update

Coalition staff had the opportunity to meet with AHCA representatives go over the capabilities of the ESS system. Coalition staff expressed their concerns on lack of access and ability to develop reports using the ESS system. AHCA staff went out of their way to provide an in-depth tutorial on ESS capabilities. These capabilities are extremely important to ESF-8 (Health & Medical) and the Coalitions during an event. The ESS system now has tools that can assist us with information sharing and coordination across the coalition region.

AHCA will be giving a presentation to the Region 3 Emergency Managers at their next quarterly meeting in Cedar Key on June 13th.

VA Mobile Resources

The VA recently gave a presentation to the healthcare coalition administrators regarding deployable assets that are maintained by the VA in the State of Florida. Staff highlighted the following resources:

- Multi-Use Vehicles (MUV)
- Logistics Support Vehicles (LSV)
- Very Small Aperture Satellite Trailer (VT)
- Fold Out Rigid Temporary Shelters (FORTS)
- Mobile Medical Units (MMU)
- Dual Use Vehicle (DUV) – Large
- Dual Use Vehicle (DUV) – Small
- Mobile Vet Centers (MVC)
- Mobile Pharmacy Unit (MPU)
- Mobile Emergency Nutrition Unit (MENU)
- Western Shelter Units
- Mobile Command centers
- Zummro Tents

Upcoming Events

The Coalition will be conducting multiple training and exercise opportunities in the coming months. Training and exercise opportunities will be posted on the “Training and Exercise” tab of the Coalition’s website (http://www.neflhcc.org/Training_Exercises.html), as well as distributed through our newsletters and direct emails from staff.

❖ **May 2019**

○ **Nursing Home Incident Command System (NHICS)**

- Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 0900 - 1630
- Student Limit: 35 Students
- Location: Flagler County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
1769 Moody Blvd., Building #3, Bunnell, FL 32110
 - Registration - <https://nursing-home-incident-command-system-nhics-5-30-19.eventbrite.com>



- **Active Assailant Plan Development Workshops**
 - May 31st, 2019 - 0830 to 1230
 - WJCT Building – Community Room, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32002
 - Registration link: <https://active-assailant-plan-development-workshop-5-31-19.eventbrite.com>

- ❖ **June 2019**
 - **COOP Plan Development Workshops**
 - **June 3, 2019 - 0830 to 1230**
 - WJCT Building –100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32002
 - Registration link: <https://coop-plan-development-workshops.eventbrite.com>

 - **COOP Plan Development Workshops**
 - **June 11, 2019 - 0830 to 1230**
 - WJCT Building –100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32002
 - Registration link: <https://coop-plan-development-workshops.eventbrite.com>

 - **Active Assailant Plan Development Workshops**
 - June 12th, 2019 - 0830 to 1230
 - St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 100 EOC Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32092
 - Registration link: <https://active-assailant-plan-development-workshop-6-12-19.eventbrite.com>

MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Joe Stores provided a report on the EMS Advisory Council. They are currently monitoring state legislation (SB 302) to see how that will impact medical transportation provider service if passed. He also reported that the state is prepared to amend the current State Ambulance Deployment Plan.

Open Discussion

There was a staff reminder that Officer Nominations will be on the May 15th agenda.

With no additional business, the NEFLHCC meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. The next meeting has been scheduled for May 15th at 1:30pm.

Northeast Florida Health Care Coalition
Financial Report
As of April 2019

NEFHCC 18/19	Budget	April 2019	Project To Date	% of Budget Spent	Funds Available
Revenues					
State Contract	\$ 265,551.00	\$ 14,850.68	\$ 149,926.23	56%	\$ 115,624.77
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Expenses					
Staffing Cost	\$ 157,393.00	\$ 7,532.46	\$ 107,371.88	68%	\$ 50,021.12
Telephone	\$ -	\$ 19.82	\$ 82.75	0%	\$ (82.75)
Office Supplies	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ 137.76	4%	\$ 2,962.24
Printing	\$ -	\$ 1,367.66	\$ 2,056.91	0%	\$ (2,056.91)
D&O Insurance	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 202.76	41%	\$ 297.24
Travel	\$ 10,758.00	\$ 5,860.74	\$ 9,124.17	85%	\$ 1,633.83
Meeting Expenses	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,080.00	28%	\$ 5,420.00
Marketing	\$ 34,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,360.00	51%	\$ 16,640.00
Professional Services	\$ 52,300.00	\$ -	\$ 11,440.00	22%	\$ 40,860.00
State Corporation Fee	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	0%	\$ (70.00)
Expenses	<u>\$ 265,551.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,850.68</u>	<u>\$ 149,926.23</u>	<u>56%</u>	<u>\$ 115,624.77</u>

PROJECTS FY 18/19	Budget	April 2019	Project To Date	% of Budget Spent	Funds Available
Revenues					
State Contract	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 5,048.50	\$ 17,089.77	20%	\$ 68,910.23
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Expenses					
Contractual Services	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 5,048.50	\$ 17,089.77	20%	\$ 68,910.23
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Financial Report
As of May 2019

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Expenses					
Staffing Cost	\$ 157,393.00	\$ 4,244.13	\$ 111,616.01	71%	\$ 45,776.99
Telephone	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82.75	0%	\$ (82.75)
Office Supplies	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 637.92	\$ 775.68	25%	\$ 2,324.32
Printing	\$ -	\$ 3.42	\$ 2,060.33	0%	\$ (2,060.33)
D&O Insurance	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 202.76	41%	\$ 297.24
Travel	\$ 10,758.00	\$ 800.01	\$ 9,924.18	92%	\$ 833.82
Meeting Expenses	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,080.00	28%	\$ 5,420.00
Marketing	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 19,840.00	58%	\$ 14,160.00
Professional Services	\$ 52,300.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 12,340.00	24%	\$ 39,960.00
State Corporation Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.00	0%	\$ (70.00)
Expenses	<u>\$ 265,551.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,065.48</u>	<u>\$ 158,991.71</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>\$ 106,559.29</u>

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Revenues					
State Contract	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 24,289.77	28%	\$ 61,710.23
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Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

The Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee will conduct their regular meetings at St. Vincent's Southside (Bryan Auditorium) - 4201 Belfort Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32216. This will be the new home for the Executive Committee meetings.

Quarterly General Membership Meetings will take place at FDOH – State Laboratory and Vital Statistics Complex located at 1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

- July 17, 2019 @ 1 – Executive Committee @ St. Vincent's Southside
- August 21, 2019 @ 1 – Executive Committee @ St. Vincent's Southside
- **September 18, 2019 @ 1 - Quarterly General Membership Meeting** at State Laboratory and Vital Statistics Complex located at 1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida

- October 16, 2019 @ 1– Executive Committee@ St. Vincent's Southside
- November 20, 2019 @ 1– Executive Committee@ St. Vincent's Southside
- **December 18, 2019 @ 1 - Quarterly General Membership Meeting** at State Laboratory and Vital Statistics Complex located at 1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida

- January 15, 2020 @ 1– Executive Committee@ St. Vincent's Southside
- February 19, 2020 @ 1– Executive Committee@ St. Vincent's Southside
- **March 18, 2020 @ 1 - Quarterly General Membership Meeting** at State Laboratory and Vital Statistics Complex located at 1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

- April 15, 2020 @ 1– Executive Committee@ St. Vincent's Southside
- May 20, 2020 @ 1– Executive Committee@ St. Vincent's Southside
- **June 17, 2020 @ 1 - Quarterly General Membership Meeting** at State Laboratory and Vital Statistics Complex located at 1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

New Member Requests - May/June 2019

#	Last Name	First Name	Facility Name	Facility Type	County
1	Bosh	Stephanie	River Region Human Services, Inc.	Behavioral Health Services & Organizations	Duval
2	Allen	Nancy	Solutions for Care, Inc.	Support Service Provider (i.e Pharmacy, Radiology, Clinical Lab, Blood Bank)	Duval
3	Blanchard	John	Baker County Sheriff's Office	Emergency Management Organization	Baker
4	Cason	Emily	Florida Department of Health in Nassau County	Public Health Agency	Nassau
5	Courson	Sandi	Florida Department of Health	Public Health Agency	Alachua
6	Daniels	Mark	Heartland Health Care Center of Orange Park	Skilled Nursing, Nursing & Long-term care facility	Clay
7	East	Glenn	Clay County EOC	Emergency Management Organization	Clay
8	Flores	Hector	Flagler Health and Rehab	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social work services, faith based organizations)	Flagler
9	Hall	Greta	St. Johns County Fire Rescue	Fire/Rescue/EMS	St. Johns
10	Hamilton	Paul	Moosehaven	Skilled Nursing, Nursing & Long-term care facility	Clay
11	Hartman	Jeffrey	St.Catherine Laboure Place	Skilled Nursing, Nursing & Long-term care facility	Duval
12	Hernandez	Frederick	Saint Augustine Health & Rehabilitation center	Skilled Nursing, Nursing & Long-term care facility	St. Johns
13	Hobdy, BSN RN	Angela L	Fresenius Kidney Care-Orange Park Kidney Center	Dialysis Centers & Regional Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-funded end-stage renal disease (ESRD) networks	Clay
14	Latasha Darden	Latasha Darden	People 1st Home Care LLC	Home Health Agency (including home and community-based services)	Duval
15	Lichtman	Joseph	Baptist Medical Center South	Hospital	Duval
16	Martinez Padilla	Zayra	Fresenius North Jacksonville	Dialysis Centers & Regional Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-funded end-stage renal disease (ESRD) networks	Duval
17	Sharon Brown	Sharon	Cathedral Gerontology Center, Inc.	Skilled Nursing, Nursing & Long-term care facility	Duval
18	Stuart	Ashlea	Fresenius Kidney Care - Lake City West	Dialysis Centers & Regional Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-funded end-stage renal disease (ESRD) networks	Columbia
19	Wagenblast	Tammy	Precise Home Care	Home Health Agency (including home and community-based services)	Duval
20	Wiley	D. Jenipher	Wright Manor	Assisted Living Facility	Clay
21	Young	Sam	Baptist Health	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social work services, faith based organizations)	Duval
22	Young	Sam	Baptist Health System	Hospital	Duval
23	Fortes	Patricia	Utopia living llc	Other (e.g., child care services, dental clinics, social work services, faith based organizations)	Duval
24	Hawthorne	Andrew	Brooks Rehabilitation	Health Care Professional Organization	Duval
25	Clayton	Jennifer	Jacksonville Beach Surgery Center	Outpatient Health Care Delivery (e.g., ambulatory care, urgent care centers, clinics, freestanding emergency rooms, stand-alone surgery centers, community and tribal health centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)	Duval
26	Hoffer	Michael	Shands Starke Regional Medical Center	Hospital	Bradford



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Chairperson: Rich Ward, OPMC

Year-End Review and Plan Approval

The following items will be addressed as part of the year-end review and plan approval presentation.

- 1) Operations Plan**
- 2) Outreach Plan**
- 3) Project Approval Process**
- 4) Year-End Report**
- 5) Preparedness Plan Update
- 6) Supply Chain Assessment Update
- 7) Coalitions Surge Test (CST) Exercise: After-Action Review

** Requires Approval

Jacksonville joins regional transport system to handle infectious patient transport to Emory

By [Dan Scanlan](#)

The Florida Times-Union

Posted May 2, 2019 at 5:13 PM Updated May 2, 2019 at 5:13 PM

The image remains a scary one — American missionary Kent Brantly, wearing a fully-sealed biohazard suit because he was infected with Ebola, stepping out of a specially-equipped ambulance Aug. 2, 2014, at Emory University's Serious Communicable Diseases Unit.

Contracting the deadly viral disease in West Africa and flown to Atlanta for care, he was the first of four patients successfully treated there at one of the nation's designated Regional Ebola Treatment Centers.

Now the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department is the latest transport hub in the Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network, used to transport a patient with Ebola or some other highly infectious disease to Emory.

Two rescue units are being equipped with AeroClave decontamination units and isolation capsules for safe transport of an infectious patient across Northeast Florida and into Georgia. A third AeroClave unit to spray a special disinfectant that kills bacteria and viruses will soon be part of a Jacksonville fire department supply truck that can decontaminate other rescue units for overall safety, Division Rescue Chief David Castleman said.

"We didn't seek to be part of this. We were recruited by the coordinator of the Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network because the Northeast Florida region had no one in the area to continue the link of patient transport to Georgia," Castleman said. "They sought us out because we were a natural link. ... And the reason behind the AeroClave is the diseases that it kills. It uses Vital Oxide disinfectant cleaner. This is EPA-approved and very safe to the environment."

The Florida Department of Health has a plan to safely transport a highly infectious patient from one of the state's medical facilities to the Regional Treatment Center at Emory, or within the state to a hospital that can handle it.

The best mode of transport would be by airplane to avoid causing any infection, Castleman said. But ground transport might be necessary due to the patient's condition, or circumstances like bad weather. So the plan is to transfer the patient from South to Central Florida by an equipped rescue unit, then to a second unit for the trip to Northeast Florida. Jacksonville would transport the patient into Georgia, where another unit would take the victim up to Atlanta, Castleman said.

Each unit is \$15,000 and includes one year of the disinfectant chemical.

“It’s a continuity of trained transport agencies,” Castleman said.

Only six other agencies in Florida are participating in the network. The next closest is Alachua County Fire Rescue.

To ensure the sterility and safety of the rescue unit before and after it is used to transport the infectious patient, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue will be using the AeroClave. Made in Winter Park, the 48-pound unit is self-contained in a plastic box and can treat up to a 5,000-cubic-foot space. Set inside a rescue unit with spray nozzle extended, it mists up the interior in a few minutes. The system has a hand sprayer to treat the outside to Occupational Safety and Health Administration specifications. [AeroClave’s own video shows it in action at facebook.com/AeroClave/videos/1571233439598303](https://www.facebook.com/AeroClave/videos/1571233439598303).

The Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition has funded the purchase of one AeroClave decontamination unit and a year’s supply of Vital Oxide, while a Florida Department of Health EMS grant will purchase another.

“Our HazMat teams are already equipped to handle these kinds of patients and scenarios and have the skills already, so we have designated Rescues 7 and 21 to be the designated transports,” Castleman said.

Emory University will also provide an AeroClave to the Florida Department of Health for Jacksonville’s use, while St. Johns County Fire Rescue also has one.

Jacksonville’s HazMat teams will be trained on the gear next week. That also includes a removable “isolation capsule” for the back of each unit to seal patients and paramedics inside for safe transport.

“It seals everything off,” Castleman said. “Not only are you the caregiver in a type of protective suit, but the unit itself will be encapsulated. You will be sealed off so nothing can get out. It is a soft pliable material capsule they put in the back and hangs on the walls. They will teach us how to deploy it in the back of a rescue so there is no chance of a virus getting out airborne or otherwise.”

The third AeroClave will be used on a fire department truck that brings medical supplies and uniforms to each of the fire stations’ 53 rescue units, soon to be 56 by June 1. Each station would set the AeroClave inside and let it do its 7-minute cycle for full decontamination, Castleman said. The disinfectant dries in about 10 minutes and the rescue unit is back in service as the supply truck goes to the next station.

“There is no telling what the potential uses could be,” he said. “For now our plan is to use it to decontaminate rescues, and we may deploy in bunk rooms. They say it helps reduce illnesses, which reduces sick leave and is a benefit for taxpayers. It prevents hepatitis, HIV, all the different types of tuberculosis and all those viruses that live on surfaces.”

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Preparedness Health Center Resiliency Bootcamp

Offered by Americares and hosted by the Healthcare Coalition

August 22-23, 2019

FDOH – State Laboratory and Vital Statistics Complex
1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Registration link:

https://preparedness_health_center_resiliency_bootcamp_jax.eventbrite.com

The Health Center Resiliency Bootcamp is a 2-day training designed for organizations with existing emergency plans or mandates requiring plans be developed (such as FQHCs). Participants complete documents throughout the training that are specific to their organization and can be integrated into existing plans. The training will conclude with a tabletop exercise that meets CMS requirements.

Course Schedule

Day 1

- Planning Strategies - Foundational preparedness concepts and the importance of improving effective and efficient decision making
- Program Management - Emergency Management Committee, Incident Command System, Succession Planning and Emergency Operations Center
- Communications - Internal and External Communications
- Essentials Services - Defining essential services during and immediately after a disaster, limitations and expansions in services

Day 2

- Staffing - Identifying staffing needs and operations with limited staffing
- Resources - On-hand resources, procuring resources, supply chain
- Partnerships - Discuss partnerships with local organizations and other health facilities
- Tabletop Exercise - Discussion based exercise to test emergency plans created during training

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