

Southeast Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council

Administrative Director's Report

October 20, 2008

ASPR Year 6

The ASPR Year 6 budget was edited and submitted to DSHS in late July, including an update of our Financial Status Reports (FSRs) allowing for the final grant funds to be released. Due to the immediate nature of these filings it is expected that some funding will be returned based on the financial reports submitted to DSHS this month. Additionally, all program and financial reports have been submitted, including:

- ASPR 6 Program Year End Report
- ASPR 6 Financial Close Out Report
- ASPR 6 Hospital Final Award Letters

ASPR Year 7

The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Year 7 budget has been developed and reviewed by the Regional Hospital Preparedness Council. The majority of the funding continues to support sustainment of the region's preparedness initiatives. Many of these programs will require significant attention and funding as a result of the region's responses during Hurricane Ike. Additionally, hospital level funding amounts will be released this week.

ASPR 7 Financial Budgets have been submitted to the accountant for inclusion into QuickBooks. These budgeted expenses and revenue amounts will facilitate monthly reporting capability and provide actual vs. budgeted financial statements going forward.

Tropical Weather Response

Facility specific, local, regional, and state-wide After Action Reviews (AARs) are on-going following the season's tropical weather responses. The Regional Hospital Preparedness Council's activation of the CMOC has requested on four (4) occasions by the Texas Department of State Health Services as well as three (3) activation of RCV-Q. These reports will be forthcoming. Agencies or individuals tasked by the RHPC should contact Doug Havron for reimbursement instructions.

Web-EOC / EMSystem

In conjunction with the Houston Office of Emergency Management, monthly educational offerings will continue. Course information is available on WebEOC in the calendar board. These educational sessions will be held in the Catastrophic Medical Operations Center exposing users to the facilities, technology, and access to computer facilitated training.

Service Extension

Patient tracking continues to be a discussion item for the Texas Department of State Health Services. As a result, the service extension from EMTrack will be held pending DSHS discussion. However, our field technology software service extension, provided by Salamander, will be renewed this month.

Program Implementation Specialist's Computer

The Program Implementation Specialist's computer was stolen during an automotive break-in. Police reports were filed and action taken with our insurance provider. The claim recently processed and closed. The stolen items have been replaced.

Institute of Medicine Presentation

Administrative Director presented to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) for a US Senate investigation on "Assessing Medical Preparedness for a Nuclear Event" at the beginning of August. Plans to share information received from other jurisdictions have been delayed secondary to tropical weather responses.

Asset Tracking Software

Staff are currently assessing several products to enhance our asset tracking abilities. All current products being evaluated will interface with our financial accounting applications, allowing for enhanced reporting of SETTRAC's net worth.

Technical Site Visits

