

Hurricane Gustav Hotwash

9/8/08 1pm – 2:30pm

Attendance: John Carlo – Dallas County Health and Human Services; Michael Darrouzet – Dallas County Medical Society; Wes Dunham – Methodist Health System; Dean Matthys – Methodist Health System; Jennifer McMillian – Dallas County Health and Human Services; Greg Rhine – Baylor Health Care System; Kari Busby – Baylor Health Care System; Bill Boussert – VA Medical Center; Lanie St. Claire – Children’s Medical Center; Charles Whetstone – Texas Scottish Rite Hospital; Debbie Sayles – Texas Scottish Rite Hospital; Dana Suell – Children’s Medical Center; Madge Barnes – City of Dallas

Sustains:

1. Children’s polling their staff and having availability ready if needed to respond.
2. ICS 213 RR process – A request from the shelter clinic was sent to DCHHS, approved and sent to Children’s to be filled. Bill was sent to DCHHS to be included in FEMA reimbursement. Waiting to see if money is recaptured and returned to Children’s.
3. Children’s Transport Team MOA with DSHS allowed them to provide pediatric transportation assets to the State.
4. Email communication for information purposes and Dallas County specific requests.

Quick Fixes:

1. More shelter information provided to hospitals (location) so the information can be passed on to clients – Shelter information changes daily but will provide once a day for hospitals use, can also always contact DMOC if need the information.
2. Better publication of DMOC contact number – will add to my email signature.
3. Pediatrician as part of the Shelter Clinic Command Staff to evaluate need for additional pediatric support – will be added.
4. NDMS process discussed – Understanding that the expectation is the DMOC will be doing placement within Dallas County. A physician will be dispatched to the reception airport to help decide appropriate placement of patients. Patients will be arriving without placements assigned and during Gustav they arrived without any medical records.
5. Better connection between schedulers and the clinic managers.

Improves:

1. EMTALA – Questions about how this law applies during the Gustav event. Will do an analysis of the laws after the event.

2. Repatriation – There were many issues discussed and will need to be addressed with the State at the official AAR.