



Region 6 Healthcare Coalition
Community Healthcare Provider COVID-19 Preparedness Call
August 12th, 2020 – 3pm
Minutes

- Luke started the meeting, he reported that there is nothing major to report from the regional perspective.
- Aaron sent out a few e-mails prior to the meeting. One of these items was a potential fraud of postcards being mailed out to facilities. The other email is about what surveyors are presenting, this is newer entrance items, this will speed up the infection control process.
- It was found out that some of the NHSN numbers were off from what the facility is reporting. You can go in and run a report and update these numbers. Katie reported that NHSN changed their boards on Saturday, EMResource did not get that updated information until Tuesday so they are working to get those boards updated. Due to the items not matching up exactly now you may see it not transferring over to the NHSN correctly, they are working to fix this by end of week. You will want to monitor your NHSN data from Saturday on until this is corrected.
- Luke reported the document he shared out today it was an old document. You can disregard this e-mail.
- The e-mail that was sent out regarding hospice and testing of employees was discussed.
 - o Question was asked about clarifying what bills can be sent to the state for testing. Hospice can not seek reimbursement.
 - o Question asked if any facilities would allow hospice to be testing through their LTC. If the LTC facility tests hospice workers that come into LTC facility the LTC can submit for reimbursement.
 - o Medi-Lodge may be able to help, reach out if you need assistance.
 - o Aaron from mission point said if you reach out ahead of time, they can assist with testing also
 - o Additional question of do contracted staff fall into the realm of seeking reimbursement such as lab, x-ray, etc. Katie from the state looked into how this works. MDHHS will do reimbursement for contractors.
 - o We still have not got answer if surveyors are required to get testing from state
- Surveyors and questions they are asking was discussed
 - o Concerns about lack of consistency across the board have been pushed up with hopes of getting more consistent answers from surveyors.
- Turn around time for COVID testing discussed
 - o People are reporting that it is taking longer, some places reporting up to 7 days. The group is reporting that it is getting worse, seems to be taking longer to get tests.
 - o Discussed that the reagent is what is delaying some of the tests
 - o Quest is supposed to bringing more testing online
- The reporting guidelines will be being updated at MDHHS to match the NHSN updates once completed.
- Continue to monitor PPE and reach out to Region 6 if needed.
- Non-COVID discussion took place
 - o Reminder to group to look over all plans for all disaster related items.
 - o 10 person in person table tops are able to be done along with virtual table tops, you can request these to be done by the region.
 - o COOP train the trainer course will be put on. We will be putting on COOP virtually.
 - o We are going to also look at crisis standards of care and scarce resource education.
 - o If you have any additional education you would like to see send suggestions to region.
- Expect to see draft of AAR out at start of September. Everyone who interacted with region during the pandemic will be listed in an appendix at the end so facilities can use the AAR.