



Region 6 Healthcare Coalition
Community Healthcare Provider COVID-19 Preparedness Call
September 16th, 2020 – 3pm
Minutes

- Regional updates:
 - o Discussed **EMResource alerts that were sent out, if you did not get these last week please make sure you check what notifications you are getting.** We did not get response from regional partners. We had an AFC home that was at critical staffing, we ended up having to evacuate the facility. There were gaps that were identified.
 - Discussion took place about MOU's and the ability to share staffing throughout the region. We did not have anyone respond and offer anyone to help.
 - Question was posed if having staff help in other locations during critical staffing situations is still something that partners are willing to do.
 - One problem is that staffing at other facilities is short and there is a concern that if staff go into another facility and are exposed, they may bring it back into their facility.
 - Discussed that if proper PPE is used there should not be a concern of transferring it from facility to facility. Social settings without PPE is a larger concern.
 - Some facilities have policies against allowing people to work in multiple locations.
 - Luke discussed that they attempted to use 7 staffing agencies, only 1 agency committed to sending someone to work and they did not show up.
 - A model of rapid response staffing pool was brought up.
 - Discussed if this was a LTC facility that was making the request that they would have been more likely to assist. This is easier to do because of the similar regulations and requirements.
 - Separate meeting will be set up to discuss emergency staffing for LTC.
 - o Epidemic Order – Katie & Nel
 - A new emergency order was signed on September 10th. It is available on nursing home website. This order relaxes a number of previous orders that were in place. It does allow more visitors, there are strict guidelines.
 - They are working on getting together a FAQ on this new order as soon as possible, they have received a large number of questions.
 - A new drop down has been added to COVID-19 nursing home page that has specific information for visitation.
 - o Guidance Document – Katie
 - Lara & State office working together to create document that lays out scenarios for isolation requirements and PPE. This should help clarify questions.
 - o EMResource
 - Some updates were made to board about specific PPE numbers. They are working to change the frequency of how often facilities need to report, this isn't finalized yet.
 - o Rapid Response Staffing
 - Being expanded, new guidelines released as of September 15th. This is available state wide now and categories of staffing has been expanded.
 - o Ended listening at 57