

## **Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition**

*Coalition Business Meeting Summary*

*Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025*

*Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

*Format: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)*

### **1. Welcome & Meeting Overview**

Mary Kathryn Alley opened the first-quarter Coalition Business Meeting, outlined the agenda, and reviewed Teams meeting functions.

### **2. FY25 Budget Period 1 Review**

- Updated 8 major regional plans.
- Conducted 32 in-person site visits.
- Supported 20+ events and delivered 8 trainings.
- Responded to 32 RHCC activations.

### **3. FY26 Federal Funding & Program Management Update**

- Nationwide delays and uncertainty in HPP funding.
- Virginia awaiting Notice of Award; limited preliminary funding.

### **4. SVHC Operational Adjustments**

- MiFi, Starlink, Plum cases deactivated.
- Satellite phone program suspended.
- Crisis radio and EOCs offline.
- Training Center paused.
- Staff fully remote.

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## **WorkCenter Reports**

### **5. RHCC Report**

- 9 activations since July 1.
- Implemented Active911 integration.

### **6. MVP Program Update**

- VHASS account cleanup ongoing.
- Pediatric Work Group quarterly; next meeting Nov 19.
- CMS Exercise Series virtual.

### **7. Training & Exercises**

- Monthly VHASS Office Hours.
- Weekly newsletter Tuesdays at 8 AM.

## 8. FY26 Deliverables

- Regional HVA, comms updates due Dec 31.
- Additional plan updates due June 2026.

## 9. Inventory Management

- Expired/outdated items follow regional → statewide → decommission path.

## 10. Regional Partner Updates

- Virginia Department of Health
  - o Judy Cooling; Western Region Coordinator: local health districts are preparing for school and community vaccination clinics. VDH issued regional satellite phones have been deactivated and can be reactivated if needed.
  - o Pam Ray; Deputy Epidemiologist: quick disease updates; CDC announced Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, no cases in US or outside of DR, however there is a travel advisory. We are continuing to monitor for measles; Virginia has had their 4<sup>th</sup> case. Hand foot and mouth disease is still high in incidence and prevalence right now, typically under 10 years of age, and lastly monitoring for the different vaccination recommendations that may change.
  - o Mary Lou Legg; MRC Coordinator- Near SW: we have volunteers deployed in multiple districts supporting our health departments with moving electronic records, vaccination clinics, and public outreach.
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management
  - o Mike Guzo; VDEM Region 6: getting close to the anniversary of Hurricane Helene; we are actively engaged in the recovery processes that are more in Region 4. We also have some pending tropical systems building, and several other man made and environmental threats we are monitoring. Training and exercise is on going; we are hosting multiple cyber courses. Lastly we are preparing for our fall forum, we have had a few changes in local emergency managers across the region.
- Regional EMS Councils
  - o Chris Christensen, WVEMS Council: not a lot to update, the EMS councils are going through an RFA process to prepare for January 1<sup>st</sup> where the regional boundaries will change. This will take the councils from 11 regions to 7 regions. For this group, the Blue Ridge EMS Council Region will merge with the Western Virginia EMS region to become one service area. We are pushing forward doing training, still operating a pharmacy for all of our EMS agencies.

## 11. Upcoming Events

- Turning Point USA – Sept 24.
- Martinsville Race – Oct 25.

**Participants**

Mary Kathryn Alley	Stephanie Jennings	Hannah Salmons
Robert Hawkins	Alayna Hubble	Darrin Rowe
Sasha St. Clair	Courtnie Lawson	Connie Radcliff
Greggory Skeens	James Moss	Trent Clugston
Donna Wallace	Adam Edwards	Michele Nester
Christopher T. Key	Chris Christensen	Matt Allen
Tamra Puckett	Mark Pickett	Jon Freivald
Thomas Martin	Mary Morton	Mary Crowder
Kristie Palmer	Douglas VanNuys	Joseph Coyle
Christinia Bryant	Angela Raines	Sydney Manis
Angie Henegar	Beverly Hill	Michael Whiteaker
Bethany Turner	Kimberly Brown	David Fesperman
Mary Legg	Ron Clinedenst	Kim Cromer
Lori Griffith	Mike Guzo	David Gibson
Tanya Trevilian	Pamela Ray	Jonathan Simmons
David Scott	Donna Ashby	Sierra Schwertz
Judy Colling	Larry Henderson	Jeanette Losee
Delilah Long	Lori Whitaker	Tanya Scott
Christinia Collins	Kamella Peirce	Jennifer Rowe Green
Major Whorley	Jeff McKinney	Robert Heins