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Meeting	The meeting of the Upper Cumberland Healthcare Preparedness Coalition was held on November 17, 2020 by a zoom call.	
Present	Public Health, MRC, Cookeville Regional Medical Center, VBHCS, Fentress County EMS, Air Evac Life Team, RMCC, Putnam 911, Overton County EMS, Putnam County EMA, Putnam County EMS, DeKalb Co. EMA, Jackson Co. EMA, NHC Cookeville, Cumberland Ridge Asst. Living, Macon EMS, Riverview Regional, St. Thomas River Park, Warren Co. EMA, Cumberland Co. EMA, Smith Co. EMA, MCJCHOV, WyndRidge, TDHEMS, Raintree Manor, Cumberland Medical Center, DeKalb Co. EMS, CECA.	
Introductions	Kristi welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Announcements	<p>Kristi announced that she will be retiring and that her last day will be February 5, 2021.</p> <p>Jim Morgan discussed that EMS anticipates that Gov Lee will sign an executive order to allow first responders to operate ambulances. This will free up the EMT and Paramedics to conduct direct patient care. This is in response to the staff shortages that EMS has been experiencing.</p>	
Funding	<p>Kristi asked for volunteers to come up with projects/ideas to spend the base funding of \$250,000. Angle Troxell, Mike Hellman, Jeff Crockett, Kenneth Chisholm, Lisa Carter, Tyler Smith, Buffy Gaither, John Bell, Brian Thompkins and Patty Anderson volunteered to work as a task force group to see the money is spent before June 30, 2021.</p> <p>Upper Cumberland and East regions have hired Robert Newsad, the former HPP director at TDH, to help with coalition spending projects, exercises, plan writing and advisement of HPP requirements. Robert served at the HPP director for 5 years, so he brings some great experience to the table.</p>	
COVID-19 Vaccine	Tennessee is 1 of 4 states to pilot the Pfizer COVID vaccine. We could have vaccine by December. Kristi went over the priority groups. Healthcare workers and EMS will be some of the first to receive the vaccine. Residents of LTCF will not be vaccinated until the 3 rd priority group. It is hopeful that the vaccine will be out to the general public in the spring.	
ASPR	Robert Newsad as been working on getting the draft for the highly infectious disease plan and is needing volunteers to help finish this before the draft due date in April.	
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Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.	



Signature

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Date