



OCONEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES November 13, 2024

Members Present: Dr. Jason Branch, Mark Thomas, Susanna Moriarty, Brian Brodrick, Ronald Atchley.

Staff: Present: Dr. Stephen Goggans, Emily Eisenman, Keli Hinson, Apryl Singer, Miranda Bieber, Brian Switzer, Josh Bowman Kathleen Wiltse.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Health was held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was in person at the Oconee County Health Department with the option for virtual presence via Microsoft Teams.

Item: Approval of Minutes

Action: Dr. Jason Branch called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Susanna Moriarty seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by all present.

Item: Old Business Variance request for 1591 Lane Creek Drive.

Info: Keli Hinson informed the Board that the denial of the variance request for 1591 Lane Creek Drive was sent to the state's General council, Keli explained to the Board that a letter was sent on September 17, 2024. Keli went on to explain that the general council requested the documents and the recording for the meeting pertaining to the variance. Keli informed the board that the hearing would take place on November 21, 2024 at 11:00 Am and the board was invited to sit in on the meeting.

Item: Emergency preparedness presentation -Josh Bowman

Info: Josh Bowman presented to the Board of Health an overview of what the Emergency preparedness does and what they have done for the community during the recent hurricanes and chemical explosion. (see attached).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jason Branch.

Northeast Health District

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

County Board of Health Meeting/ Josh Bowman

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Emergency Preparedness Overview

The Northeast Health District's Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response is responsible for providing coordination and support during a public health emergency.

- Emergencies are handled at the local level first, and each community must have its own plan.
- We work together with local agencies to ensure that we have plans in place for all emergency situations that may arise ("all hazards planning"): ***natural disasters, severe weather, disease outbreaks, pandemics, industrial accidents, chemical spills, and terrorist attacks.***

Emergency Support Functions

ESF #1: Transportation

ESF #2: Communications

ESF #3: Public Works and Engineering

ESF #4: Firefighting

ESF #5: Information and Planning

ESF #6: Mass Care (Health and Human Services)

ESF #7: Logistics

ESF #8: Public Health and Medical Services

ESF #9: Search and Rescue

ESF #10: Oil and Hazardous Materials Response

ESF #11: Agriculture and Natural Resources Annex

ESF #12: Energy

ESF #13: Public Safety and Security

ESF #14: Cross-Sector Business and Infrastructure

ESF #15: External Affairs

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Operational Responsibilities

"Blue Sky" Duties

- Emergency Notifications
- Situational Awareness
- Emergency Preparedness Plans
- Employee Training and Certification Management
- Drills and Exercises
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Assessment
- Resource Management and Delivery
- Volunteer Deployment

"Gray Sky" Duties

Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities

- Managing the EOC
- Managing POD sites
- Providing resources and assets
- Coordinating with external partners

NEHD Staff Responsibilities

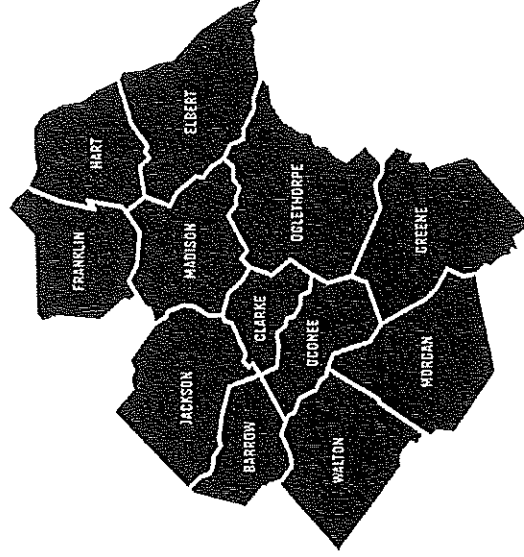
- Providing staffing support
- Coordinating with external partners

Region E Healthcare Coalition

The Region E Healthcare Coalition coordinates regional planning efforts among a 12-county region that includes Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton Counties. The coalition works closely with a broad spectrum of healthcare providers, local and state public health entities, local and state emergency management, and other key response agencies.

Groups we partner with:

- Hospitals
- Community Health Centers
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Public Health
- Home Health
- Hospice
- Mental / Behavioral Health Providers
- Dialysis Centers
- Pharmacies
- Amateur Radio Services
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Personal Care Homes
- Public Safety and Fire
- Universities
- Non-Governmental Organizations



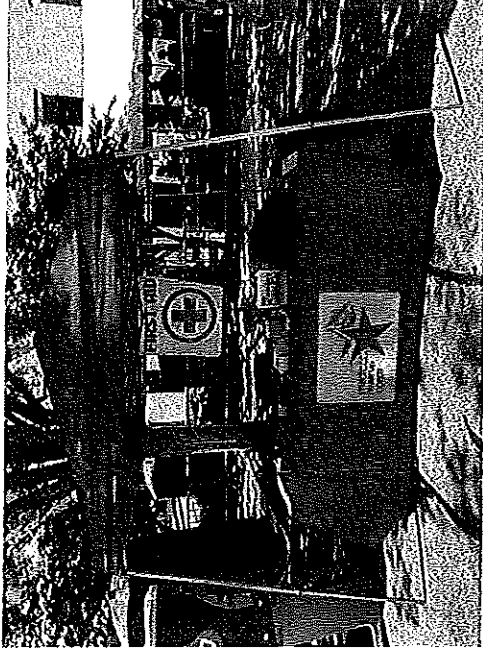
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Volunteer Opportunities

Northeast Georgia Health District Medical Reserve Corps was formed in August of 2023. This unit was created to assist local organizations with emergency preparedness/response staffing, community outreach, and preparedness education.

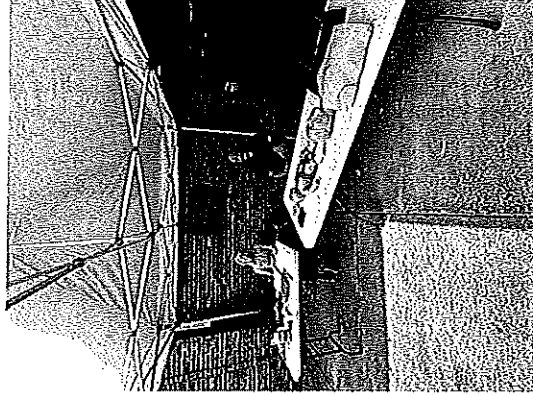
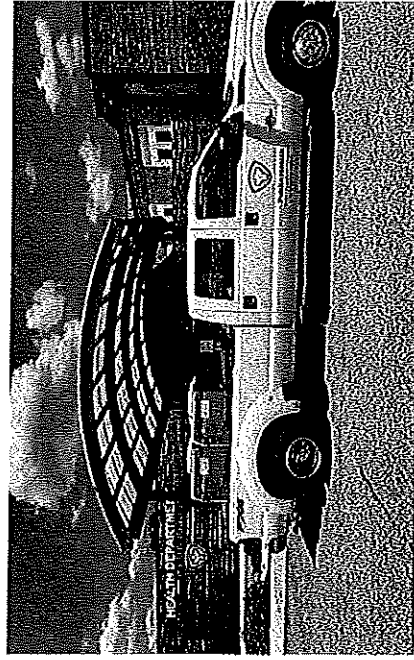
Potential Events:

- First Aid tents at community festivals
- Volunteers for emergency exercises
- Staffing at shelters or points of dispensing



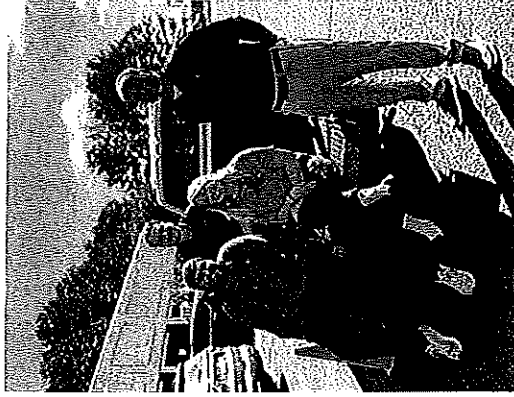
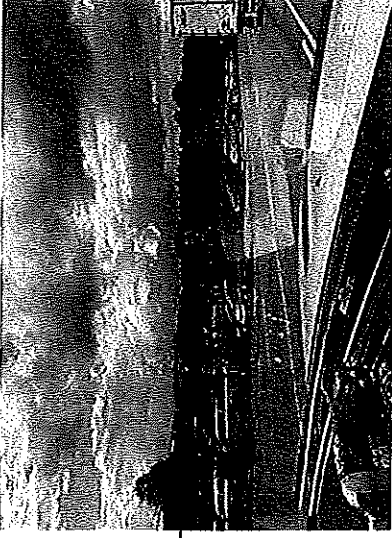
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