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Subject: Summary of the Region 5 HMCC Executive Board meeting held today

- Sheila Wallace, the hospital group representative, resigned from the Executive Board as she has taken a new role with Emergency Management. Her replacement will be David Denneno from Sturdy Hospital.
- The Principals of Operations document is being updated. This is the document that outlines procedures for the Executive Board.
- There are 7 Emergency Planners in the region and 3 are brand new.
- An HVA will be required this year by DPH. Deadline is the end of June.
- EMS representative reports and increase in wait times and calls which is typical during this time of year due to increased seasonal illness. He also reports an increase in mental health and addiction related calls which increase wait times and takes resources away from medical calls.
- Urgent Cares are overwhelmed, largely due to closure of Brockton Hospital ED.
- Good Samaritan and South Shore Hospitals remain in disaster status.
- DPH representative reports and increase in Hep A and TB related to migrant families and sheltering situations.
- Community Health Centers report an increase in RSV among staff. RSV vaccine for infants and newborns is in short supply.
- MEMA representative reports that each municipality will be required to update their EDS plans this year.

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