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REGIONAL CAMPUS LIBRARY

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Community Advisors Meeting

On Friday, May 6th, the UT Health Science Center Briscoe Library, and Laredo Regional Campus Library met via videoconference for their bi-annual Community Advisors meeting. Kathy Carter, librarian with the UTRGV Ramirez Library, also joined the meeting via telephone. On the agenda were speakers from the American Red Cross, Disaster Behavioral Health Services, and Amerigroup.

Leslie Roberts and Adriana Casso spoke about how to [become a volunteer](#) with the Red Cross. They talked about how some volunteers can do things to help virtually during a disaster rather than having to be physically at the scene. A disaster preparedness campaign called the [Pillowcase Project](#) was also mentioned. It teaches children about personal and family preparedness, local hazards and basic coping skills.

Next, Jennifer Reid of Disaster Behavioral Health Services spoke about the psychology of disaster. According to researchers, emotional reactions to disasters have predictable patterns. A visual aid about the phases of disaster (the general progression of disaster effects and reactions on communities) and modalities of early psychological interventions were shared. This type of information is essential to enabling emergency managers prepare for and respond to not just the physical needs of a disaster, but the emotional needs as well.

Ruben Ramos of Medicaid Marketing from Amerigroup was the last to speak. Mr. Ramos shared information on Amerigroup programs for Medicaid patients. An important part of Amerigroup programming is working with health professionals to develop health education materials for the general public. A tool developed by Amerigroup, called the Amerigroup Community Resource Link at www.myamerigroup.com/TX, links to low-cost services for help with housing, jobs, education, and other related resources. Users of the website can go to the Community Resources page and type in their zip code to see the resources that are available in their area.

The Laredo Regional Campus was happy to welcome new community advisors to the meeting, thanks in part to Anna Maria Pulido of the GRACIAS Texas Program of the UTHSC. The library looks forward to future collaborations with various agencies that were in attendance to help in the effort to provide quality health information to the community.



Left to right: Jose Alvarado, Anna Maria Pulido, Dr. Erika Juarez, Cecilia Beltran, Erika Silva