

# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Veterinary Medicine  
Large Animal Medicine & Surgery

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Dr. Julie Gerberding, MD  
Director, CDC  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Road, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

RE: Surge Hospital – Texas A&M University


Dear Dr. Gerberding:

I simply want to take the time to thank the Center and your folks for what you have done for us. I've enclosed a simple one-pager to describe the unique situation in which we found ourselves. This is the first time a college of veterinary medicine has been utilized in this fashion. Obviously the incredible and useful array of medical supplies was incredible; but just as important was the team that was deployed.

The team includes: Karl Judson, Chris Duggar, Gale Fenwick, and Lee Roberts. They arrived early on the scene and very quickly defined their role. As the products arrived they moved volumes of materials in a very efficient manner. Our veterinary medical faculty, staff, janitorial staff, and volunteers took an instant liking to these four extraordinary gentlemen. The importance of that alone made all the difference in making possible a very unique hospital set-up (the conversion of a large animal hospital into a functioning human hospital). Their demeanor and attitude radiated the message of "we are here to help." They contributed at all levels and were absolutely key in developing a communications and appropriate network to get the job done. Those team members still on site (Chris and Karl) remain as the 'go to folks'!

In summary I wish you thank you all from the bottom of our collective hearts for your incredible efficiency and kindness. The team of folks that you all deployed were exemplary and their faces and actions will be remembered by many of us who have been on the scene.

Yours very truly,

  
William Moyer, DVM  
Professor and Head

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pc: H. Richard Adams, Dean

Attachment

