

→**WHO PanFlu Alert Level 6 August 27, 2009** **U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow**
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Funding Released by State for Hospital PanFlu Planning

Region 3 was informed on August 20th that we had been granted an initial funding of \$223,490.00 to be distributed to hospitals as designated by the Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) for preparation for the expected H1N1 flu season.

We understand that there will be additional funding provided in October for pre-hospital agencies. The amount of that funding is currently not known.

In addition to these funds, the Region has been directed to hire a .5 FTE PanFlu planner to assist hospitals and pre-hospital agencies in their preparation efforts.

The hospital funds will be distributed based on a State formula that takes into account each hospital's size and services. The exact amount is currently not known, but it appears to range from approximately \$3,500.00 to \$17,500.00.

It appears that all of these funds will be managed very similar to the previous cooperative reimbursement agreements. Each agency will be required to sign and return a written agreement on the use of the funds and then will have to submit paid invoices for reimbursement.

Because of the rapidly approaching flu season, these funds will have to be used in a relatively short timeframe. There may be only a 60-90 day window for agencies to utilize these funds before the program expires. The program will begin by the end of September, if not sooner. Agencies will have to sign and return their agreements within a short timeframe – yet to be determined. Once the agreement is returned and accepted, each agency will be informed that they may begin use of the funds, though the items to be funded will have to be preapproved by the Regional Office.

We have already identified the potential PanFlu Planner and we are in the final stages of reaching agreement with that person. As soon as that agreement is reached, we will announce their name and responsibilities.

There is still a great deal to be released by OPHP on the various requirements of this program. We will provide whatever information we receive to all involved agencies as soon as we receive it.

2009-2010 Regional Application Submitted to Planning Board for Review

The Region 3 application for next grant year's funding has been completed and submitted to the membership of the Regional Planning Board for their review.

This coming year, instead of building a funding plan based on a known budget number from OPHP, the Regions have been asked to develop our own budget numbers based on their needs. Once submitted to OPHP, each Region's application will be reviewed and final funding determined.

As soon as the application is approved by the Board, the basic contents will be provided to the entire Region.

If you would like to see a copy of the current draft document or the abridged version, contact Jim in the Regional Office.

REMINDER: Joint Advisory Committee and Board Meeting in October

The Regional Executive is proposing a joint meeting of the Advisory Committee and Planning Board in October to review the plans for FY 2010 and to show our appreciation for their participation. This meeting will be held on October 26th at the Horizon's Conference Center in Saginaw. Members of both groups will be asked to confirm their availability to attend this meeting. Conference calling and video conferencing WILL NOT be available for this meeting.

Please watch for further information.

**Remember to register for the
MI VOLUNTEER REGISTRY – it's a
great way to help your neighbors, our
community and the State! For more
information, go to:
www.mivolunteerregistry.org**

REMINDER:

The Monthly 800 MHz MPSCS Radio Drill for all hospitals, MCA's Health Dept EPC's and other key partners will be held Thursday, September 3rd starting at 9:00 AM

Progress on Registration for the October 22nd Region 3 PIO Confernece

Registration for the October 22nd Second Annual Region 3 PIO Conference is going very well.

As of the publication of this edition of the News Update, we have 69 attendees registered.

If you are interested in attending, please see the following notice. There is a limit of 100 attendees, so register early.

Registration Now Open!

➤ **October 22, 2009!**
Second Annual Region 3 PIO Conference!
(Rescheduled from April 30th)

This FREE event will be held at the Dow Event Center, in Saginaw.

Registration is available NOW at:
www.region3hon.org !

***HAVE A SAFE
AND HAPPY
SUMMER!***

Upcoming Meetings:

Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee:
Next regular meeting **September 15, 2009** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St., Bay City, MI.

Healthcare Preparedness Regional Planning Board: Next regular meeting **September 28, 2009** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI

Today's Quote:

The Constitution does not just protect those whose views we share; it also protects those with whose views we disagree." -- Senator Edward M. Kennedy



The Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network

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There Are More Free Training Modules To Come!

Contact the Region 3 office with any questions or problems.

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