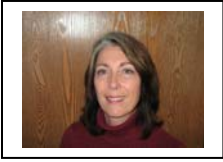


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→The Regional News Update is now posted on MIHAN and the Regional Website←



Welcome To Kathleen Martin!

We are pleased to welcome Kathe Martin as the new Assistant Regional Coordinator!

Kathe is an RN with a broad background in patient care, planning and education. She will be helping with the functions of the Training and Exercise workgroup as well as working with the long term care agencies in the Region. She will also be working with the video conferencing users group as well as other tasks. In addition, she will be secondary operator for the Region 3 Medical Coordination Center and will be actively involved in training, exercises and emergency response.

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Please make Kathe welcome to Region 3!

Region 3 Planning Board Meeting Report

The Region 3 Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 23rd.

Among the actions taken was the naming of new members of the Executive Committee. The this committee is made up of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, along with representatives from hospitals, MCA's and local public health. The new Executive Committee members are:

- Board Chair: John Shaffer of Midland/Gladwin MCA
- Vice Chair: Kay Lapp of Covenant Healthcare
- Hospital Rep: Kathy Warszawski of Bay Regional Medical Center
- MCA Rep: Dennis Fitzpatrick of Lapeer County MCA
- Health Dept. Rep: Chris Harrington of Saginaw County Department of Public Health

The Board also received a report on the status of supplies and antiviral medications in the Regional cache.

And the current progress of the Phase 2 and 3 PanFlu funding for hospitals and MCA's

The Board discussed the concept of purchase of a ZIMek machine for decontamination of EMS vehicles, and other decon. possibilities. The Advisory Committee is currently evaluating this equipment and will be considering a quote from the company and will be developing a deployment plan if they choose to forward a recommendation for purchase to the Board. This equipment is currently being used in Region 1 with very good reports.

The Board approved the annual inventory certification for all partner agencies and the Regional Office will be providing that information to each hospital and MCA over the next month.

Approval was given for the R3MCC to participate in the St. Mary's of Michigan Standish Hospital PanFlu surge exercise on December 3rd. This will also involved deployment of an ACC Trailer.

Board members will again be asked to complete their annual Conflict of Interest forms and to return them to the Regional Office.

The next meeting of the Regional Board will be December 21st.

Office Closure Notice:

The Region 3 Office will be CLOSED, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, November 26 & 27, 2009 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**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**

Upcoming Meetings:

Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee:
Next regular meeting **December 8 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 **December 21, 2009**
from **1:00 to 4:00 PM** at the **Lincoln Center, 820**
S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI

I am Thankful - A Poem of Thanksgiving

(Provided by Jeff Nigl, our Medical Director)

I am thankful:

For the wife
Who says it's hot dogs tonight
Because she is home with me
And not out with someone else.

For the husband
Who is on the sofa
Being a couch potato
Because he is home with me
And not out at the bars.

For the teenager
Who is complaining about doing dishes
Because it means she is at home,
Not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay
Because it means
I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party
Because it means I have
Been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug
Because it means
I have enough to eat.

For a lawn that needs mowing,
Windows that need cleaning,
And gutters that need fixing
Because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining
I hear about the government
Because it means
We have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot
I find at the far end of the parking lot
Because it means
I am capable of walking,
And I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill
Because it means
I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church
Who sings off key
Because it means I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing
Because it means
I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles
At the end of the day
Because it means I have been
Capable of working.

For the alarm that goes off
In the early morning hours
Because it means
I am alive.

And finally, for too much E-mail
Because it means
I have friends who are thinking of me.

**The Region 3 Staff would
like to wish all our friends
and partners a Very Happy
and Safe Thanksgiving!**

Today's Quote:

Let us remember that, as much has
been given us, much will be expected
from us, and that true homage comes
from the heart as well as from the
lips, and shows itself in deeds.
~Theodore Roosevelt.

The Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network

Is pleased to announce the availability of



FREE!

On Line Training.

These four ~~FIVE~~ modules are now available on MITRAIN (<https://mi.train.org>)

- Region 3 MCC Operations
 - Region 3 ACC Trailer
 - Region 3 MCI Trailer
 - Region 3 Radio Systems
- *NEW COURSE! - REGION 3 ORIENTATION!!!*

The 1st four offer EMS CE credit!

To find the courses, after registering and logging into MITRAIN, go to the "Course Search" tab (at the top of the page) and click on "Key Word Search" under the Search Options (on the left side of the page.) Type in "Region 3" and the courses will be listed. Just select the course you want.

Contact the Region 3 office with any questions or problems.

Enjoy your FREE learning experience!

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