

WHO PanFlu Alert Level 6 February 25, 2010 U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow

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

Region 3 Planning Board Meeting Report

The Region 3 Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Lincoln Center in Bay City on February 22nd. Due to the inclement weather, many attended via conference call or video conferenece.

Among the areas covered by the Board were:

- ✓ Report on the work of the Region 3 Homeland Security Board.
- ✓ Report on the Long Term Care Emergency Preparedness Grants.
- ✓ Report on the Phase 2 and Phase 3 PanFlu funding.
 - They determined that APRIL 16th is the FINAL DEADLINE for submissions for reimbursement under both the Phase 2 & Phase 3 PanFlu Grants. The Regional Office was directed to inform all the hospitals and Medical Control Authorities of this FINAL DEADLINE.
- ✓ Report on the completed MCC/CHECC communications exercise.
- ✓ Report on the budget status to date.
- ✓ Approved the following funding:
 - \$4500.00 for upgrade of one scanner for use with our EMTrack Mobile patient tracking system and training.
 - \$3200.00 for deployment testing and inventory of the 5 ACC and 3 MCI trailers.
 - \$2000.00 for annual calibration of one PortaCount Pro+ machine.
 - \$2500.00 additional funds for the Psych First Aid training scheduled in July.
 - \$6600.00 for a video conference unit for Marlette Regional Hospital
- ✓ Report on the OPHP MI Volunteer Registry (MVR) grant and Regional Champion project.
- ✓ Received a report on the status of the EMS radios currently at MPSCS awaiting programming.
- ✓ Received a report on the status of the request to purchase a Zimek unit for disinfection of EMS vehicles. This request, approved at the December, 2009 meeting is awaiting approval by the State.

- ✓ Received a presentation by Dr. Nigl on the draft of the State Ethics Guidelines. Feedback has been welcome.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, March 22, 2010 at the Lincoln Center at 1:00.

Region 3 Posts **IMMEDIATE POSITION** **OPENING for Pandemic** **Planner**

We have been informed that our current PanFlu Planner has been lucky enough to be offered and has accepted a full time position with one of the local health departments. While we are very happy for Lisa Cross, this leaves us with an immediate opening for a PanFlu Planner.

We need to fill this position immediately, so the deadline for submission of letter of interest, resume and 3 professional references is NOON, Friday, March 5, 2010!

Please see the attached Position Opening and feel free to print it and share it with anyone you believe may be interested in this part time, 0.5 FTE position.

Interested persons may feel free to contact Jim at Regional Office with any questions.

Once again, this is an **immediate opening** and we request your assistance in disseminating this as widely as possible!

Thank you for your help.

Region 3 Awarded Video Conference System Grant

Thanks to the hard work of Kathe Martin in our office, Region 3 has been awarded an additional video conference unit for addition to our system.

The grant for this unit was being offered by National Satellite Corporation for those agencies who could document an additional need for a video conferencing asset as part of their pre-existing system.

This new video conferencing unit will be placed in a medical clinic in Cass City which is part of the Hills and Dales Hospital healthcare system. Once in place, this unit will be included in the monthly test of the Region 3 system.

Congratulations to Kathe and Hills and Dales Hospital for their hard work on writing this grant application and winning this addition to our video conferencing capabilities.

**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**

**Region 3 Successfully
Completes 14th Consecutive
Monthly 100% 800 MHz
Radio Drill**

The monthly Region 3 radio drill was held today for all hospitals, MCA's, Public Health Agencies and other key partners in the region for the month of February 2010.

Procedure:

Prior notice of the drill was provided to all key agencies in the Region via 1 email in the days prior to the drill and a MIHAN alert and email the morning of the drill.

The drill was started on February 4th at 8:00 AM with a MIHAN high level alert and email.

Results:

As outlined in the instructions, the drill was begun at 9:00 AM and ended at 10:36 with the following results.

Hospitals listed (includes Tribal Wellness Center): 23

Hospitals responding: 23
Percentage: 100%
(Unchanged from previous test)

MCA's listed: 11
MCA's responding: 11
Percentage: 100%
(Unchanged from previous test)

Health Dept. listed: 10
Health Dept. responding: 10
Percentage: 100%
(Unchanged from previous test)

Other personnel listed:
(includes EMHSD Dist Coordinator,
Regional Coordinator, Asst. Coordinator,
Reg. Assistant, Medical Director & Regional Lab) 5
Other personnel responding: 5
Percentage: 100%
Overall Percentage of agencies contacted: 100%
(UNCHANGED from 100% for the previous test)

Follow up Plan:

In that all agencies completed the drill in the allocated time, no follow up actions were needed.

***Congratulations to all who
participated in this successful drill!***

REMINDER!
**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING
REIMBURSEMENT PAPERWORK
FOR BOTH THE PANFLU PHASE 2 &
3 FUNDING IS
APRIL 16, 2010!**
**Contact Jim in the Regional Office
with ANY questions.**

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Cornerstones in Preparedness conference June 17, 2010 at the Dow Event Center**
- **Psychological First Aid training (ideal for Medical Reserve Corps personnel) July 20, 2010 at SVSU.**

Registration information to follow.

Regional Office Now Offers PortaCount Training and Medical Clearance Form Review

Region 3 has three PortaCount units for fit testing for N-95 respirators. These units allow for *QUANTATIVE* fit testing of individuals who need to wear these respirators.

We now have two certified trainers, Kathe Martin and Jennifer Stefaniak, in our office who can offer training sessions on the PortaCount machines. Agencies interested in setting up training sessions should contact Kathe in the Regional Office at kmmartin@saginawcounty.com or call her at (989) 758-3769.

In addition, when an individual is required to wear a respirator as part of their work, they are required by OSHA to complete a Medical Questionnaire. The Region 3 Office can now offer administrative review and approval of uncomplicated Medical Questionnaires for agencies located in our 14 counties. Questionnaires that have any possible indications for further medical evaluation will be returned to the agency for referral. For more information on this program, please contact Jim in the Regional Office at: jbrasseur@saginawcounty.com or call him at (989) 758-3712.

Currently, Region 3 is the only one in the State offering these services to regional partners.

Long Term Care SNS Resources Available Through The Regional Office

The Region has received PPE supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) specifically designated for Long Term Care (LTC) agencies.

The inventory of these materials is being sent out to all the LTC agencies in our 14 counties as well as the procedures for requesting them.

For more information, contact Jennifer Stefaniak in the Regional Office at (989) 758-3713 or at jstefaniak@saginawcounty.com.

Agency Inventory Project Underway

Annually, each partner agency working with Region 3 is asked to certify that the equipment and supplies they have received under this cooperative agreement are present, serviceable and ready for deployment.

In the last month, individualized inventories have been mailed to each hospital and medical control authority for their review and certification. Once completed, signed and dated, the inventories are to be returned to Jennifer in the Regional Office by March 19, 2010.

Please contact Jennifer with any questions regarding this project. She may be reached at jstefaniak@saginawcounty.com or at (989) 758-3713.

Upcoming Meetings:

Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee:
Next regular meeting March 9, 2010 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 March 22, 2010 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI.

Today's Quote:

If you have built castles in the air,
your work need not be lost. That is
where they should be. Now put
foundations under them.

Henry David Thoreau

Interesting Trivia:

The average American will eat 35,000 cookies in a lifetime.....

Sometimes it's not a good idea to be an over-achiever.

Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness
Network

IMMEDIATE
POSITION OPENING

The Region 3 Office has an IMMEDIATE
OPENING for the 0.5 FTE position of
Pandemic Influenza Planner

The position is for services to assist hospitals and medical control authorities in the 14 counties of Region 3 in planning and preparation for an influenza pandemic. The ideal candidate will have a clinical background with experience in response plan formulation.

This is a part-time position, working approximately 20 hours/week and lasts until June 30, 2010.

**Deadline for submissions of letter of interest,
resume and 3 professional references is NOON,
Friday, March 5, 2010**

Interested parties should contact Jim Brasseur,
Regional Coordinator, at 989-758-3712 or at
jbrasseur@saginawcounty.com

Region 3 is an equal opportunity employer.

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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