

WHO PanFlu Alert Level 6 April 1, 2010 U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow
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Actions of the March 22nd Board Meeting

The Region 3 Planning Board met for their regular meeting on March 22nd at the Lincoln Center in Bay City. Among the actions taken by the Board were:

- Directed the Regional Office to write a letter to OPHP voicing the Board's continued interest in the Zimek disinfection unit approved at the December 21, 2009 meeting and requesting a written statement from OPHP on the approval status within two weeks of their receipt of the letter.
- Discussed the State Burn Plan rollout and the options for identifying a burn surge hospital.
- Confirmed the April 16th deadline for submission of reimbursement requests for the Phase 2 and 3 PanFlu funds for hospitals and MCA's
- Reviewed the status of completion of the annual agency inventory and Board member conflict of interest form return.
- Reviewed the progress of the MI Volunteer Registry Champion project which is ahead of schedule in Region 3.
- Approved a reimbursement cooperative agreement for EMS and first responder agencies via their MCA's for \$10,700 for each county (total: \$149,800) for purchase of emergency preparedness materials and equipment.
- Approved purchase of 100 8 GB flash drives with the Region's name on them for distribution of the Regional MEMS plan and related regional references.
- Approved up to \$20,000 for costs associated with holding a Fundamentals of Disaster Management course.
- Approved \$14,850 for purchase of 550 copies of the 19th edition of the Communicable Disease Manual for hospitals, MCA's Long Term Care and other Regional partners.
- Approved up to \$10,000 for full air deployment exercised of both MEDDRUN pack in the Region.
- Discussed the purchase of a mobile security assessment system for hospitals.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be April 26th at 1:00 at the Lincoln Center.

Region 3 Completes 16th Consecutive 100 % Monthly 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 April 2010.

Procedure:

Prior notice of the drill was provided to all key agencies in the Region via 2 emails in the days prior to the drill and a MIHAN alert and email the morning of the drill.

The drill was started on April 1st at 8:30 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 9:53 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)

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

**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**

**GET YOUR SPARTY ON!
GO STATE!**

Region Completes Three Communication Drills at 100% Completion

As of the end of March, the Region has completed three additional communications exercises with 100% completion.

- The monthly tests of the Region 3 provided satellite phones were completed early with 100% participation.
- The monthly tests of the Region 3 provided video conference system was also completed with 100% participation.
- The quarterly MCA/EMS tests of the 800 MHz radios supplied by the Region were completed with all radios reported as operational.

Thanks again to all who helped us reach this trifecta of 100% exercises.

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.**

Go Green! Go White!

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Cornerstones in Preparedness conference June 17, 2010 at the Dow Event Center – SEE THE ATTACHED SAVE THE DATE FLYER! You can register NOW!**
- **Psychological First Aid training (ideal for Medical Reserve Corps personnel) July 20, 2010 at SVSU. Registration information to follow.**

Regional Office Continues to Offer 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.

REMINDER!

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.

Marlette Regional Hospital and Medical Clinic in Cass City Receive Video Conference Unit

Marlette Regional Hospital is the newest addition to the Region 3 video conference system with the delivery of their unit on March 26th.

In addition, the Medical Clinic in Cass City will shortly be receiving their video unit awarded through the grant offered by National Satellite Corporation.

These new units will add Marlette and Cass City to the 32 unit system and will allow them to participate in various regional meetings and activities as well as adding an additional asset to their Interoperative communications capabilities.

We welcome both these agencies to our system and look forward to their participation in our video conferencing tests and activities.

Upcoming Meetings:

Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee:
Next regular meeting April 13, 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 April 26, 2010 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St., Bay City, MI.

Today's Quote:

"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year."

- Mark Twain



SAVE THE DATE!

Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network
Presents:

Cornerstones in Preparedness: *Planning and Preparing for Special Needs Populations*



*Join us for this **FREE** day of training and learn how to respond to the unique challenges of individuals with special needs during large scale emergencies and disasters.*

Thursday, June 17, 2010

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Dow Events Center

Saginaw, Michigan

For early registration go to www.region3hpn.org

A brochure with complete information, including topics and guest speakers, will soon be available.

Funding for this conference is made possible by a grant from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) through the Michigan Office of Public Health Preparedness.

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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