

The Region 3 News Update

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WHO PanFlu Alert Level

6

U.S. Terrorism Threat Level

Yellow

June 25, 2010 The Region 3 News Update is now available on both the Regional Website and MIHAN

Results of June 8th Joint Meeting

Region 3 held a very successful joint meeting with our Planning Board and Advisory Committee on June 8th to discuss the priorities and plans for not only next grant year but for the following two years.

The meeting was proceeded by asking all members of the two groups to respond a survey asking their opinions on the current status of Region 3, the present organization of the two committees, workgroups, the R3MCC, MOU's, training, and other key areas to be reviewed.

The meeting was ably facilitated by L. Tres Brooke of Comprehensive Emergency Management Associates (CEMA). After an introductory section which covered the results of the survey and the guidance for next year's cooperative agreement with the State, the group was split into two workgroups.

The two workgroups then reviewed the Federal and State guidance for the next year in depth, one working on Regional organization and the Level One requirements while the other covered the Overarching and Level Two areas.

After the breakout session, the two groups reconvened and discussed their findings. The whole group then discussed and developed some long range plans for the following two grant years.

CEMA has now produced a summary report which has been shared with the membership of

both groups. This document is already proving of great assistance in the development of the Region's application for the upcoming year's grant.

Thank you to all who participated as well as Tres from CEMA for all the great work.

Second Annual Cornerstones in Preparedness Conference Resounding Success

Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network hosted its 2nd annual Cornerstones in Preparedness conference on June 17, 2010. This year's focus was Emergency Preparedness for Special Needs Populations. Participants included representatives from hospitals, long-term care, public health, behavioral health, EMS, Emergency Management, MRC, fire and rescue, airport authorities, American Red Cross, transit authorities, and higher education.

Keynote speaker Mike Moll, Protective Security Advisor for the Grand Rapids District Homeland Security, received outstanding evaluations and appreciation for the information he offered regarding real-time risks to critical infrastructure and key resources here in Michigan.

Speakers representing the DeafBlind community were also particularly well received. Topics for this year's conference included regulations regarding service animals, special

considerations involving evacuation of morbidly obese individuals, and emergency preparedness and evacuation of mental health facilities.

Afternoon tracks included evacuation and placement of special needs populations, decontamination awareness and challenges, rationing of care during catastrophic events, and an overview of the *National Commission on Children and Disasters Interim Report* including Michigan's current status.

Finally, a two-part afternoon workshop for Long Term Care agencies was presented by two internationally authored and recognized speakers who specialize in Emergency Planning and Management of the elderly, the medically frail, and other special needs individuals. Palliative care was discussed as was the importance of community collaboration, coordination, and the need for comprehensive, cooperative agreements with all healthcare and emergency response agencies. Participants went home with lots of useful resources and a recommitment to plan for the safety of their special needs clients.

Psychological First Aide Training Coming in July

Region 3 is moving forward with plans to offer Psychological Training at SVSU on July 20th. This course is geared toward Medical Reserve Corps, mental health specialists, disaster relief organizations, Citizens Corps, and other responders who will be assisting people in the immediate aftermath of disasters and terrorism.

Psychological First Aid is recommended as the standard, acute Behavioral Health Intervention by the CDC, World Health Organization, SAMHSA, the National Institute for Mental Health and many other professional organizations.

Psychological First Aid is aimed at reducing initial post-traumatic distress and supporting short and long-term functioning following mass disaster events.

Registration is open and can be accessed through our website at www.region3hpn.org. This free training is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness Program and includes the course manual as well as breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

**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**

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Psychological First Aid training (ideal for Medical Reserve Corps personnel) July 20, 2010 at SVSU.**
You can register NOW!

At:

www.region3hpn.org

Region Completes **18th** Consecutive 100% Monthly 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 June, 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 an MIHAN alert and email the morning of the drill.

The drill was started on June 3, 2010 at 8:45 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 10:06 AM with the following results.

Hospitals listed (includes Tribal Wellness Center):	23
Hospitals responding:	23
Percentage:	<u>100%</u>
(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%
(Unchanged from previous test)

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.

Deployment and Inspection Exercises Completed for All MCI and ACC Trailers in the Region

We have now completed the deployment tests
and inspections of all 5 of the Acute Care Center
(ACC) and 3 Mass Casualty Incident (MCI)
trailers owned by Region 3.

Thanks to all our trailer host agencies for your
support!

Upcoming Meetings

**Healthcare Preparedness Advisory
Committee: July 13, 2010 at 1:00 at the
Lincoln Center, 820 South Lincoln St, Bay
City, MI.**

**Healthcare Preparedness Regional Planning
Board: July 26, 2010 at 1:00 at the Lincoln
Center, 820 South Lincoln St, Bay City, MI.**

Quote of the Day:

**“Those who desire to give up freedom
in order to gain security will not have,
nor do they deserve, either one.”**

Benjamin Franklin

***The Region 3 Staff
wish you a safe and
Happy Independence
Day!***



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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