HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

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HPP FUNDING

- 40% decrease in funding since FY 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

- Iowa (IA) uses HPP funding to protect its more than 3.1 million residents.
- The IA Department of Public Health (IDPH) and health care coalitions (HCCs) use day-to-day trauma and emergency events to train, identify areas of improvement, and implement solutions (e.g., reduce patient transfer times by 10%).
- Regional Medical Coordination Centers (RMCC) were necessary to communicate and collaborate hospital needs regionally and to the state during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

- 100% of acute care hospitals
- 81% of emergency medical services
- 100% of public health agencies
- 100% of emergency management agencies

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

In April 2020, 6 RMCCs were created to assist local response, situational awareness, and resource allocation to hospitals and long-term care centers across IA. RMCCs validated daily data collection for hospitals, completed through EMResource, including hospital census, bed availability, ventilator usage and availability, staffing capability, and COVID-19 patient numbers. RMCC staff were also responsible for touchbacks to hospitals for needs, including staffing, personal protective equipment (PPE), bed, and ventilator needs.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- RMCC staff assisted in the coordination and communication of hospital bed capacity, resource needs (i.e., space, staff, supplies), and transfer assistance.
- Through RMCC data collection and resource need identification, equipment and supplies, including ventilators and PPE, were distributed to hot spots requiring additional support.
- RMCC staff distributed staffing resources to hospitals reporting staffing needs.
- RMCC staff assisted in making connections between local public health and emergency managers to hospitals reporting needs through RMCC data collection efforts.
- This regional coordination of resources and information was invaluable in assisting COVID-19 response in Iowa.

NATIONAL SPECIAL PATHOGEN SYSTEM

- 11 Health Care Coalition
- 1 Special Pathogen Treatment Center

FY19 end-of-year data, HCC count, and map as of 6/30/2020. HCC Service Area 6A was not active for Budget Period 1 / Fiscal Year 2019; however, the counties in HCC Service Area 6A (Benton, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jones, and Linn) are shown in the map so that all counties in Iowa are accounted for. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in IA.

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