HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

HPP FUNDING

38% decrease in funding since FY 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

• New Hampshire (NH) continued to build relationships across borders with surrounding medical centers, health care coalitions (HCCs), and the Regional Ebola and Other Special Pathogen Treatment Center in Massachusetts.
• HPP Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities funding allowed for the identification of 2 assessment hospitals and 24 frontline hospitals.
• NH convened a broad range of agencies and sectors to develop and publish a Crisis Standards of Care Plan.
• NH sourced and provided necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) to health care, first responders, and schools.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

The State of NH implemented a temporary emergency housing program for health care workers, first responders, and those deployed to NH to assist with COVID-19 response in April 2020. This effort was divided into two categories, Respite for those needing a safe place to stay while working in active COVID-19 environments and Isolation for those who had unprotected exposure to COVID-19, exhibited symptoms of COVID-19, or had tested COVID-19 positive. As of early 2021, 429 health care workers and first responders used this service and multiple organizations called this effort a “game changer” for response.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

• Vendors that contacted the state to provide PPE were vetted and put into WebEOC, a state operated incident management system. The Granite State Health Care Coalition routinely distributed the list to HCC membership to assist them in sourcing needed supplies.
• Federal COVID-19 dollars were awarded to the HCC which were used to purchase Powered Air Purifying Respirators for hospitals that were otherwise unable to source them.
• The state assembled a “strike force” of nurses to assist long-term care facilities with staffing shortages and clinical staff assistance to address staffing shortages in skilled nursing facilities.

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

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

Health Care Coalition

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FY19 end-of-year data, HCC count, and map as of 6/30/2020. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in NH.

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