HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

PENNSYLVANIA

HPP FUNDING

- 40% decrease in funding since FY 2013

[Histogram showing the decrease in HPP funding from FY 2013 to FY 2020]

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Pennsylvania (PA) Department of Health continued to network with other Region 3 states to expand PA’s capacity, as well as learn and incorporate promising practices.
- HPP funds are distributed to HCCs to assist with field incident command, situational awareness, medical surge, and infection control training.
- COVID-19 supplemental funds were used to train thousands of health care workers on proper personal protective equipment (PPE) use and respirator fit testing during the pandemic.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

PA used HPP funds to facilitate the development of regional medical operations coordination centers (RMOCCs) and their plans for all 7 PA HCCs, as well as the state MOCC (SMOCC). Beginning in November 2020, hospital RMOCC committees met semi-weekly to assess regional surge status, review available resources, and provide situation reports to the SMOCC. Load balancing limited intensive care unit (ICU) bed needs while effectively providing care for a high of 6,400+ hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients across PA’s 3,596 staffed ICU beds.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Surge planning led to an updated Crisis Standards of Care plan and Alternate Care Site plan in conjunction with acute care partners and Commonwealth-operated facilities.
- PA convened a multi-agency emergency management task force to address the needs of its vast long-term care communities, establishing supply chain avenues for PPE, supplemental staff, and testing materials.
- Using a push model based on outbreak reports, PA provided PPE supplies and just-in-time PPE don/doff and infection control training to skilled nursing facilities statewide.
- HCC leadership hosted all-provider HCC member videoconference calls to share state clinical and operational guidance, communicate reporting requirements, and provide individualized support.

NATIONAL SPECIAL PATHOGEN SYSTEM

- 8 Special Pathogen Treatment Centers
- 7 Health Care Coalitions

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

- 87% of acute care hospitals
- 57% of emergency medical services
- 100% of public health agencies
- 80% of emergency management agencies

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 PA.

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