HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

VIRGINIA

HPP FUNDING

17% decrease in funding since FY 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

• HPP Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities funding for Virginia (VA) aided in developing a tiered network of hospitals that partner with key stakeholders to enhance their capacity to manage highly infectious pathogens.

• In partnership with the VA Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA), VA activated its Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) plan and stood up the VA Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (VDMAC) in response to COVID-19.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

VA conducted a Pandemic Influenza Full Scale Medical Countermeasures exercise called Cardinal Resolve in October 2019. In preparation for the joint HPP/Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement exercise, VA health care coalitions (HCCs) hosted 6 regional tabletop exercises focusing on the epidemiological process and serving at-risk and vulnerable populations. Over 400 organizations/agencies participated in this exercise, and it concluded on January 24, 2020 with a state-level tabletop exercise for agency and emergency support function leads.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

• VA hospitals developed screening protocols of all patients and staff entering the facility, increased the level of personal protective equipment (PPE) utilization throughout the facility, implemented PPE reuse techniques due to supply chain disruption, and adapted their facilities to the needed care of COVID-19 patients.

• The VHHA used data from the state’s reporting module and Teletracking to maintain situational awareness for hospitals and long-term care facilities (LTCFs).

• The VHHA created defensible distribution allocation formulas for PPE, Remdesivir, CARES Act funding, therapeutics, and vaccines.

• HCCs helped develop and identify workforce and staff resources for hospitals and LTCFs.

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 VA.

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