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Dickinson-Iron District Health Department Receives Certificate of Outstanding Achievement for All Hazard Emergency Response Plan

Kingsford, Michigan - June 14, 2007. In 2006, the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department received funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Centers for Disease Control to enhance preparedness for the response to public health emergencies. As part of the funding, the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department was required to develop an agency All Hazard Emergency Response Plan. The plan details how the health department would respond to public health emergencies which include response to an influenza pandemic, biological, chemical or radiological incidents, natural disasters, and communicable disease outbreaks.

In May 2007, the health department's plan was reviewed by the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness. The plan had to meet several performance measures. The plan was reviewed by the State of Michigan and met 100% of the required performance measures. The department received a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in the development of our All Hazard Plan.

The plan is an appendix to the Dickinson and Iron County Emergency Action Guidelines and will be utilized by County Emergency Management and the Health Department to respond to all public health emergencies.

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