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## EMS AND HOSPITALS RESPOND TO BIOTERRORISM

Recently, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) wrote several grants to both the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to elicit funds for various preparedness activities.

Michigan will be receiving approximately \$4 million from HRSA. To distribute the funds equally throughout the state, the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services has designated eight regional planning areas based on the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Districts. Therefore, each region will receive approximately \$335,000.

The funds will specifically support development of regional bioterrorism response plans, and other efforts to improve the capacity of hospitals, their emergency departments, EMS systems, and other collaborating health entities to respond to incidents requiring mass immunization, treatment, isolation

and quarantine in the aftermath of bioterrorism or other outbreaks of infectious disease. The grant project also requires appointment of a Bioterrorism Medical Director, and Hospital Bioterrorism Coordinator.

So far the planning process has been very exciting for the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority. Not only have we been designated by Region 3, which encompasses thirteen counties, to be the fiduciary agent, but Dr. Rivera has been selected to be the Medical Director for the grant. As the fiduciary agent, we will be representing the region for all aspects of the grant, staffing, oversight, coordination and communication with the Michigan Department of Community Health.

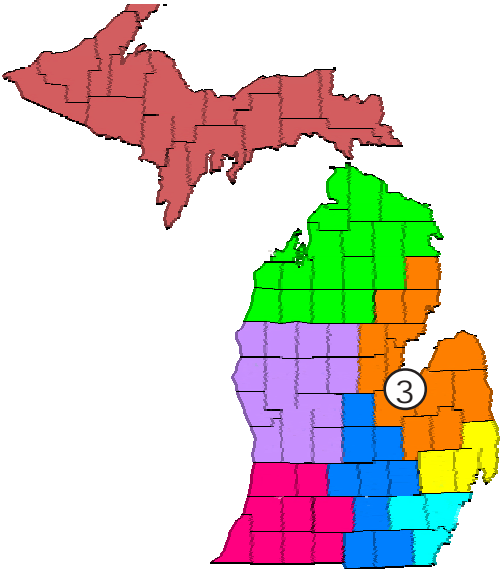
We not only feel this grant project is an outstanding opportunity to learn about other health care systems, but it will also provide us the ability to establish strong collaboration and partnership in addressing not only the potential for bioterrorism, but overall emergency preparedness

between hospitals and EMS in the region.

We would like to thank Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals Inc. and the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority for their support through the planning process.

We will continue to keep you updated as the grant progresses.

### Emergency Preparedness Regions



## Medical Director – Edgardo J. Rivera-Rivera, M.D., FACEP

Dr. Rivera came to Saginaw in July 2001 after serving in several capacities in both emergency medicine and EMS management.

He is board certified in emergency residency and completed a fellowship in EMS/Disaster medicine. He has a master's degree Public Health Policy and Administration and has worked as a flight surgeon for the United States Air Force.

In addition to his role with the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority, he also is the director of the EMS/Pre-hospital Care Division of the SCHI Department of Emergency Medicine and assistant program director of the Emergency Medicine Residency Program.

He is medical director for Mobile Medical Response, Inc. and an attending staff physician at both Saint Mary's and Covenant Healthcare.

He is member of the State of Michigan EMS Coordinating Committee and is chairman of the state Education Committee of EMS Coordinating Committee.

Before coming to Michigan, Dr. Rivera was the associate EMS medical director for the Orange County EMS in central Florida, and was the medical director of an air ambulance program and director of EMS and disaster medicine for the a Florida hospital system.

His array of national and international experience and involvement includes: board member of Emergency International and founding chairman of the EMS Fellow and Fellowship Grads Task Force.

He has published more than 20 abstracts and manuscripts in peer-reviewed literature and authoritative textbooks. He also has served on several editorial boards and peer review boards for professional journals.

Dr. Rivera has presented many lectures to a wide variety of audiences on topics ranging from "Medical Oversight in EMS" to "Cardiac Arrhythmias." In 1994, Dr. Rivera served as a faculty member and translator for an ACLS Instructors Course in Guatemala.

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## EMS Manager – Michelle Mora R.N., B.S.N., EMT-P

Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Lake Superior State University. She has experience working in the former St. Luke's Hospital Emergency Department as a staff nurse, as well as one of the Respiratory Telemetry units.

She worked at Saginaw Mercy Ambulance as an on-call Mobile Intensive Care Unit nurse prior to the formation of Mobile Medical Response, Inc.

After obtaining her EMT license she became the full-time Mobile Intensive Care Unit Coordinator at MMR.

During the course of working as a RN/EMT on the MICU, she pursued her career by obtaining her paramedic license.

Michelle was involved in the collaboration at MMR of taking an on-call MICU in Saginaw County and expanding it to two full-time MICU's located in Saginaw and Isabella counties.

While coordinating the MICU program at MMR, she got involved in the development of a Medical Call Center/Nurse Triage Center. Through this development, the

Medical Call Center expanded and became another successful program at MMR.

Therefore, much dedication was needed to run both the MICU program and the Medical Call Center Program individually.

As the Call Center grew, she became the full-time Medical Call Center Nurse Manager.

Michelle started as the EMS Manager in January 2002.

## Administrative Assistant - Rebecca Krueger

Rebecca holds an Associate Degree in Business Management from Dav-  
enport University, and is currently  
pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in  
Business Management.

She has a varied background in  
healthcare. She has experience at  
both Central Michigan Community

Hospital and Saint Mary's as a Medi-  
cal Transcriptionist and an Execu-  
tive Secretary.

She also worked as an Executive  
Secretary with Great Lakes Cardio-  
vascular Surgery.

Rebecca enjoys downhill skiing,

mountain biking, hiking and  
competitive running.

She started as the Administrative  
Assistant for the Saginaw Valley  
Medical Control Authority in August  
2001.

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## Logo Evolves along with the System

We are sponsoring a contest to design a *new logo* for the  
Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority. The idea  
behind the logo is to develop a design that signifies unity  
and teamwork among emergency providers and promotes  
excellence of care.

We are looking for something that is both eye-catching  
and colorful, but also is representative of the work we  
all do.

A panel of SVMCA representatives will select the new  
logo.

If you would like to submit an entry, please send it to:

**Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority**  
**1000 Houghton Ave.**  
**Saginaw, MI 48602**

*Or*

**E-mail to: [rkrueger@schl.org](mailto:rkrueger@schl.org)**

### **Contest Rules:**

- ◆ Entries should be no larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches.
- ◆ Only emergency responders within the SVMCA (including Firefighters, MFRs, EMTs, EMT Specialists, Paramedics, Registered Nurses and Physicians) are eligible to submit entries.
- ◆ Please include the name of the person submitting the entry on the back of the design. Entries will be coded anonymously when the selection is made.
- ◆ Electronic and/or digital entries are preferred.



**Deadline** for the contest is **Wednesday, May 1.**

The winner will be announced and the new logo will be  
revealed during EMS Week—May 19 to May 25.

The winning logo designer will receive a prize, appro-  
priate wide recognition and the satisfaction of being a  
leader in our community.

The winner-along with the new logo- will also be recog-  
nized at the annual SVMCA banquet on Nov. 1.

# Education Corner

## SAGINAW VALLEY MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORITY RESOURCE DAY

The Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority will be hosting two Resource Days this year. The first one will be held on **September 14, 2002**. The second one will be held on **December 7, 2002**. These are an excellent opportunity for any

one interested in refreshing their EMS skills as well as obtaining Continuing Education Credits. The Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority is dedicated to providing opportunities for continuing education to its EMS providers. Please go to our

website at "[saginawvalleyems.org](http://saginawvalleyems.org)" for agenda, locations, times and registration form. There will be **8 credits** offered for attending the entire day.

### "DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE" PRESENTATION

A "Do-Not-Resuscitate" Presentation will be put on by the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority at the Vassar Area Ambulance Base **September 4, 2002 from 6:00-8:00pm**. The Presentation will include an

overview of the "DNR" Program and its impact on the EMS system. Anyone interested in learning more about the "Do-Not-Resuscitate" Program is encouraged to attend. There will be **2 credits** awarded for attend-

ing the presentation. You may register by forwarding your name and agency that you work for to "[rkrueger@schl.org](mailto:rkrueger@schl.org)" or call the office at 583-6890.

## REPRESENTATIVES FOR MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD FILLED

The positions for the Medical Control Board have been filled by the following individuals:

**MFR Representative**  
Bill Herron  
Kingston Fire and Rescue

**ALS Representative**  
Phil Petzold  
MMR Tuscola County

**BLS Representative**  
Karen Fras  
Twin Township Ambulance

We thank them for their interest in being a part of the Board and welcome them!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority 17th Annual Pre-Hospital Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, November 1, 2002 at the Candlelite Banquet Center in Bridgeport. Cocktails will be served at 6pm. Dinner served at 7pm. Award ceremony to follow. Entertainment will be provided by Rusch Entertainment Agency. Watch for your invitation!!

We encourage everyone to utilize the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority Website to forward any ideas, questions or concerns you may have. You may also call the office at 583-6890.