

## **Education and Training in Region 2 South**

### *2015 Spiritual Care Conference*

Region 2 South Healthcare Coalition hosted the third annual Spiritual Care Conference on May 19, 2015. For the second year in a row, Rev. Dr. Naomi Paget, Chaplain and Crisis Interventionist, was the keynote speaker for the event. Disaster Spiritual Care was provided in the context of many issues and concerns. As clergy and chaplains prepare to provide direct spiritual care to those who have been impacted by disasters, there are questions regarding training, credentialing, vetting, and accountability. This training provided important didactical information on disaster spiritual care response. The Spiritual Care Conference was filled to capacity when conducted and was very well received by chaplains, clergymen, behavioral health professionals, and religious leaders.

### *2015 Technical Support Team Training*

Region 2 South Healthcare Coalition is also taking the opportunity this summer to conduct the annual Technical Support Team (TST) training. Region 2 South is the housing agency responsible for maintaining operational readiness for Michigan's one-hundred bed Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance (MI-TESA) unit. This operational readiness is achieved in part by maintaining a trained and exercised TST.

Region 2 South's TST is comprised of roughly forty (40) individuals from various disciplines including logistics officers, skilled trade professionals, communications experts, paramedics, hospital representatives, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. The mission of the TST is to survey and stage deployment locations, construct and outfit the MI-TESA unit, provide operational support throughout activation, and conduct recovery operations. The upcoming training is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, 2015. During the training TST members will conduct initial set up of the facility, outfit the structure with the necessary biomedical equipment, construct the hygiene centers, disassemble and re-package the facility. The TST will be exercising twenty-four (24) hour coverage maintaining the MI-TESA unit during the two-day training.

Those interested in joining the Region 2 South TST to assist with MI-TESA operations can contact the Region 2 South office at [email@2south.org](mailto:email@2south.org).



*Region 2 South TST during the 2014 Big Rapids MI-TESA Exercise*