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## Points of Interest...

- In FY 2014, \$2,635,829.53 food dollars were spent by WIC participants in the local St. Clair County community. WIC continues to provide a significant dollar impact in our community and these dollars represent **Free Food dollars** to WIC participants. WIC also continues to provide referrals for insurance enrollment and Maternal Infant Support, lead and Hgb screening, immunizations, and dental assessment with fluoride application.
- St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) Medical Countermeasure / Strategic National Stockpile Plan: Annual Plan Review Results (FY 2013-14) is 100% from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) (min. requirement = 89% to pass review). Approx. every 3<sup>rd</sup> year review is performed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Sandy Mangan, Teen Health Center Nurse Practitioner was recently honored at the Child Abuse Neglect Council (CAN) Annual Awards Luncheon. The Teen Health Center was referred to “as an outstanding jewel of a resource in our community.” They also stated “Sandy has not only provided high quality primary care, but consistently exhibited compassion, confidentiality and patience with the 10-21 year old population. She easily establishes rapport, is non-judgmental and calm in the face of the unbelievable scenarios sometimes presented by adolescents. Sandy has established trust and has fostered collaborative programs between the center, schools, Day Treatment Night Watch and local counseling agencies. Her direct care and passion for the kids she serves will benefit our community for years to come.” Congratulations Sandy!
- The SCCHD recently welcomed new Board of Health member Monica Standel from Capac. She is a trained paramedic who serves on the Capac School Board and is a Mussey Township Trustee. Welcome Monica!
- On March 25, Michigan local health departments (including SCCHD) participated in a statewide Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) request drill testing the process, and efficiency of the communication methods. Also on March 25, SCCHD participated in a FEMA Flood Table Top Exercise (TTX) hosted by SCC Homeland Security/Emergency Management (HSEM).
- *National Public Health Week* is April 6-12. This year’s theme involves the public health community rallying around the goal of *making the U.S. the Healthiest Nation in One Generation — by 2030*. Follow the SCCHD on *Facebook.com/scchdmi* and *Twitter.com/scchdmi* as we highlight daily themes and raise awareness of public health.
- The 13th annual *Earth Fair* is April 24 (9am – 4pm) and 25 (10am – 4pm) at Goodells County Park. Sheri Faust, SCCHD Environmental Health Educator is the lead organizer of the event. Members of other county agencies (Parks & Recreation, Metro Planning, Environmental Services and MSU - Extension), non-profit organizations, and local schools are also involved. The event typically draws up to 6,000 families over the two days. This year over 1,100 school children are scheduled to attend on Friday – the highest number ever. School districts can request a transportation *Earth Fair* grant and have their busing transportation costs for the trip paid. It is because of corporate sponsorships that *Earth Fair* is free to families and schools. For more information visit [www.EarthDayFair.com](http://www.EarthDayFair.com).