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Points of Interest...

- St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) and MPRO, as part of the Lake Superior Quality Innovative Network (QIN), have partnered to develop the *St. Clair County Adult Immunization Coalition*. The coalition will bring together health care professionals to address barriers that exist in recommending and providing immunizations to patients throughout the county. On average, St. Clair County ranks 68 out of 84 total counties including Detroit in immunizations for all four of the top vaccine-preventable diseases, including Influenza, pneumonia, zoster (shingles), and Pertussis (Tdap).
- The Environmental Health Division is exploring partnering with SEMCOG and the St. Clair County and Lapeer County Conservation Districts in pursuit of a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant. The proposal will focus on agriculture nonpoint source watershed management in the Belle River watershed. The priority water quality concern in the recently completed EPA approved Belle River Watershed Management Plan is low dissolved oxygen levels caused by high nutrient and sediments loads in the headwaters. The application will put forward projects for reducing nutrient and bacteria releases into the Great Lakes watershed.
- SCCHD received Prevention Contracts through Region 10 PIHP- Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan effective October 1, 2015. As a Provider, the services to be addressed include:
 - Naloxone: Developing and administering a naloxone rescue kit distribution program. A public health nurse will be charged with training high risk individuals and consumers on recognizing opiate overdose and using Naloxone rescue kits to avoid death. Other components of the program include substance abuse recovery resources, data collection and community training.
 - Substance Use Disorder (SUD) prevention: Resources from this grant will allow enhanced Health Education staffing for the expansion of “coalition building” for Tobacco and Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and “Safe Dates” educational programming.
- SCCHD was awarded a contract from SCC Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) as part of their recent Healthcare Integration Project (HIP). Contract will include:
 - Leading a health promotion/prevention campaign focusing on the CDC *Million Hearts* Initiative to staff and SCCMHA enrollees.
 - Enhance staff positivity and support for long-term culture change to an integrated healthcare agency.
 - Provide adult immunization services to SCCMHA-HIP enrollees.
 - Provide sexually transmitted disease testing and services to SCCMHA-HIP enrollees.
- WIC’s “*Client Connect*” is being presented to WIC participants as a means to increase client involvement in WIC. The client connect portal provides a pathway to collect up to date information from clients, it allows clients limited access to their information and provides clients with the ability to request appointments. The creation of a *Client Connect* WIC account also allows clients to:
 - Look up their next appointment date and time or request an appointment.
 - Look up their remaining benefits and when they expire.
 - Find local WIC clinics and grocery stores participating with WIC in their area.
 - View and print information from their WIC record.
 - WIC Client connect can also be used to find out if a person is eligible to enroll in WIC.