

April 2016

Points of Interest...

- All participating watershed communities and educational institutions have recommitted to their budget appropriation for the Environmental Health division storm water permit services. In total, 12 communities (Algonac, Marine City, Marysville, Port Huron, St. Clair, Clay Twp., Clyde Twp., East China Twp., Fort Gratiot Twp., Ira Twp., Kimball Twp., and Port Huron Twp.) and six educational institutions (Port Huron, Marysville, East China, Algonac, SCC RESA and SC4) are contributing over \$27,000 for assistance in maintaining permit compliance. The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) remains the only local health department in Michigan that has administrative responsibility for the *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System* (NPDES) storm water permit.
- The SCCHD contract for the upcoming 2016 *St. Clair County Behavioral Risk Factor Survey* (BRFS) and *Community Health Needs Assessment* (CHNA) was approved at the April BOC meeting. Work will begin soon with the contractor- *VIP Research and Evaluation*. An upcoming media release will be disseminated describing the survey process and encouraging resident's participation. Approximately 1,200 completed surveys will need to be collected in order for the results to be statistically valid. Other components of data collection will include *Key Stakeholder Interviews* and *Key Informant Surveys*. A comprehensive data analysis will be performed and a CHNA report will be published near the end of December 2016.
- The Environmental Health division processed a total of 562 annual food service licenses applications for 2016. This includes fixed location food service establishments, mobile units, vending machine locations and special transitory food units. In addition, over 200 temporary food service licenses are issued annually.
- The *Closed Point of Dispensing (POD) Planning Analysis* was completed and submitted to the MDHHS Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response. The goal is to have about 20% of the county's population seek prophylaxis at a predesignated and preapproved Closed POD. The proposed agency or location receives orientation and training to the SCCHD emergency dispensing protocols/procedures. The Closed POD is not open to the community just specific target groups (i.e.: long term care facilities, essential personnel, responders, critical infrastructure, etc.). The target groups are defined at the time of the event by the level of risk and available resources.
- The St. Clair County Prescription Drug Abuse Workgroup members voted and approved a new identifying logo, mission and vision that will guide us through our work on the Region 10 PIHP Prevention Grant:
 - **Mission:** *The St. Clair County Prescription Drug Abuse Workgroup collaborates to identify, treat, and reduce prescription drug misuse through community awareness and prevention.*
 - **Vision:** *A community that is healthier and safer because of reduced prescription misuse.*
- In early May, the SCCHD Public Health Protection Team (PHPT) will meet to discuss Legionella and Special Pathogen Procedures. The PHPT consists of key SCCHD employees from Nursing, Environmental Health, Health Education and Emergency Preparedness.