January 2017

Points of Interest…

- The first review of the 2016 St. Clair County Behavioral Risk Factor Survey data (BFRS phone survey) is underway. We will continue to examine and refine the data throughout the next month. The community workgroup will soon reconvene to begin sorting through the information. A summary of the results will be presented to the BOC in the near future.

- In January 2017, the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) began providing case management services to children under six years old enrolled in Medicaid with a venous blood lead level greater than or equal to 5 mcg/dl. This process involves a nursing assessment, plan of care, service delivery and links to primary care providers for ongoing testing and care management. Up to six visits are allowable per child.

- The Environmental Health Division completed another year of collaboration with the City of Marysville Water Treatment Plant for them to provide drinking water and swimming pool water analysis. During the past year, over 1,700 samples were tested for bacteriological contamination. The arrangement has been mutually beneficial and is expected to continue through the year.

- The Nursing division will be conducting a comprehensive maternal health needs (MCH) assessment as part of Title V program requirements. By participating and completing tools provided that supplement the existing Community Health Needs Assessment, SCCHD will be able to identify MCH outcomes, disparities, strengths and gaps, prioritize MCH needs in the county and identify strategies for improving infrastructure and outcomes.

- The Emergency Preparedness and Response Division will be participating in the Autumn Charge Exercise on January 25, 2017. This is an annual drill for state and local health departments to test the MI-Volunteer Registry System. Local administrators will go into the system and receive and respond to requests for volunteers.

- Sheri Faust, Environmental Health Educator was recently interviewed on Channel 4 WDIV, “Live in the D”, a local Detroit morning television program. The host’s Chuck Gaidica and Tati Amare spoke to Sheri on the topic of preserving the St. Clair River and the exciting water quality improvements that have been occurring. The story can be found here: http://www.clickondetroit.com/live-in-the-d/live-in-the-d-preserving-the-st-clair-river.