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Points of Interest...

- The Emergency Preparedness and Response Division participated in the annual Michigan Strategic National Stockpile (MISNS) SharePoint Site Exercise on March 22, 2017. This is a required annual test of the system used to request the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). The exercise tests the capacity of the SharePoint Site and user proficiency.
- The St. Clair County Health Department's (SCCHD) Teen Health Center (THC) will be participating in the "Pediatric Epilepsy Project" by offering telemedicine services. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant dollars will be utilized to purchase telemedicine equipment for THC staff to connect Epileptic patients electronically with Pediatric Neurologists, for assessments onsite at THC. Clients enrolled in Children's Special Health Care Services and those with Medicaid will be targeted first. Future goals include expanding telemedicine services to other pediatric specialties not available in St. Clair County (SCC).
- 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 SCCHD remains the only local health department in Michigan that has administrative responsibility for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water permit.
- Andrea McCabe, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor and Rebecca Campau, RN have been working diligently to improve breastfeeding rates in St. Clair County, as well as improve the culture surrounding breastfeeding at SCCHD and in the community. The most recent report indicates outstanding improvement; the breastfeeding initiation rate in SCC is 65.94% (↑ from 64.8% in Fall of 2016) and the 6 month duration of breastfeeding rate is 21.4%, representing a 6% increase from Fall 2016!
- The St. Clair County 2016 Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) and Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) results are now available on our website www.scchealth.co. The next phase includes working with stakeholders on a Community-wide Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). More details will be presented in the upcoming months.
- A SCCHD Administrative Preparedness Exercise is scheduled to occur in May. The exercise plan is in the process of being revised by the Emergency Preparedness and Response Division. The exercise will test the ability and timeliness of receiving response and support and assets.