

## July 2013



### *Points of Interest.....*

- Emergency Preparedness is working on the official "After-Action Report" (AAR) for the 2013 "Bio-Watch / Strategic National Stockpile Exercise". The initial evaluation from the State Evaluator was received by D. Forsys and will be incorporated into the report. Assets are being inventoried and cataloged for possible future deployments (exercise or real-life events).
- Participation in the "Immunization Billing/Planning Grant" obtained by SCCHD from the Michigan Department of Community Health ended July 1, 2013. This grant of \$45,000.00 was to enhance the immunization billing infrastructure of "mentee" local health departments while providing the opportunity for immunization billing direct support and information exchange. SCCHD was named as a "mentor" health department to both Oakland and Sanilac County Health Departments due to its extraordinary Immunization billing processes and ability to prove revenue generation.
- St. Clair County had its first reported case report of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE). CRE infections are caused by a family of germs that can cause infections when they get into the bladder, blood, or other areas where germs don't belong. Some of these germs have become resistant to all or almost all antibiotics. CRE infections are typically hospital acquired vs. community acquired. SCCHD has provided infection control best practice guidance to the reporting facility.
- A meeting was held with Lambton County officials to discuss environmental issues of common concern. One of the many positives of the meeting was the development of a streamlined notification process between the jurisdictions for environmental incidents.
- The St. Clair County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Community Health are investigating an outbreak of illness among individuals who stayed at a local campground. As part of this investigation, SCCHD is contacting individuals in efforts to survey everyone who attended events at this location. Completed surveys are requested from all participants regardless if they became ill. Obtaining information from both ill and well visitors will allow the health department to better determine the cause of the outbreak.
- In honor of Breastfeeding Awareness Month, SCCHD and MSU-E will host the annual "August Gathering" for breastfeeding mothers. Event will take place on August 1 in the SCC Administration Building Donald Dodge Auditorium from 3 to 5 pm.
- The Environmental Health Division has purchased a new environmental health software system (HealthSpace) which will be utilized for most EH programs, including food service, on-site sewage disposal and water supply, and soil erosion. The software replaces the Division's obsolete and unsupported environmental health software. 22 other counties also utilize this software.