

## September 2013



### *Points of Interest...*

- The SCCHD submitted an application to Consumers for Health Care organization to train 5 staff navigators in efforts to assist the uninsured in navigating through their health care enrollment options. Various clerical staff will complete 20 hours of on-line training in preparation for questions from clients during the open enrollment period which begins October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The SCCHD began walk-in flu clinics on September 16. No appointment needed on Mondays (10am-6pm) and Wednesdays (8am-4pm). T-TH-F by appointment. Most insurance is accepted. Cost will vary based on income and eligibility size for those who are uninsured. Teen Health Center also offering flu vaccine by appointment only for those 10-21 years of age.
- Monitoring for bacteria contamination at fifteen Great Lakes and five inland beaches has concluded. A grant funded summer aide samples the locations for the presence of E. coli, which is an indicator of potential contamination. During the summer only six beaches had advisories issued (for a total of seven days). A total of 1229 surface water samples were analyzed during the season.
- The SCCHD has applied for a Substance Abuse Prevention License (SAPL) through the MI Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs. This license will allow SCCHD to qualify to receive money from the SCC-CMHA-Coordinating Agency's PA2 funding. Also allows SCCHD to apply for additional money from the CA's State Block grant funding. Staff completion of developmental plan and/or Certified Prevention Specialist certification is also required.
- The outbreak investigation of illnesses associated with a local campground from late July has concluded. Norovirus was determined to be the source of the 45 cases of ill individuals. An epidemiological review of 179 surveys submitted by campers indicated that swimming and use of a community bathroom were statistically significant factors for those ill. It was ultimately determined that there was nothing the facility could have done to prevent the outbreak.
- The Environmental Health division agreement with the City of Marysville Water Treatment Facility to provide drinking water and swimming pool water testing continues to operate efficiently. In the month of August over two hundred samples were analyzed.