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Points of Interest...

- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) is in the process of developing a new county-wide prevention coalition. Community stakeholders will work together to reduce risk factors for youth substance use. Preventing risky behaviors will impact the health, well-being and ultimately the lives of teens and the community around them. Together, we will prioritize substance use issues to tackle and develop a five-year comprehensive, community-owned plan to impact these priorities. All sectors are needed. Three strategic planning sessions will take place. Session one is Friday, May 3 from 11:00am-4:30pm at the Center of Port Huron. RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W2GWWXR>.
- Continued Hepatitis A funding for fiscal year 2019 was received from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). These dollars will be utilized for Hepatitis A vaccination outreach to priority populations, increasing community awareness as well as increasing hand hygiene education. #HepAnoway
- Nursing Division will be participating in the Prosperity Region 6: Perinatal Quality Assurance Initiative addressing preterm birth on low birth weights. A Regional Perinatal Quality Collaborative, serves as the backbone organization of Michigan's Mother Infant Health and Equity improvement Plan and are charged with implementing the population health model in conjunction with convening diverse stakeholders and authentically engaging families for change.
- Currently 12 municipalities and 6 educational agencies are renewing their dues-paying membership to participate in SCCHD's Watershed Advisory Group. This is part of our commitment to lead compliance activities for St. Clair County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Permit. The SCCHD's Environmental Health Division has been coordinating these activities since 2002 in order to share permit costs, develop storm water management programs, minimize water pollutants, and submit required reports. Regulations governing management of storm water come from the Federal Clean Water Act administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The permit requires demonstrated reductions in water pollution and improved quality of our waterways by the elimination or decline in the amount of untreated storm water runoff discharged into local water bodies.
- The SCCHD Emergency Preparedness and Response Division continues with emergency preparedness and response plans submission to MDHHS and the CDC. This must be completed every year for the state, and bi-annually to the CDC as St. Clair County is a member of the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI).