



## March 2013

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

- Wilms Tumor Investigative Study Final Report released to families. Report issued to local media (TH & Voice) and posted on SCCHD website.
- Development of Public Health Sequestration flyer indicating how federal cuts could impact local services. Shared with state legislators. Picked up by media.
- SCCHD Strategic Plan close to completion. Administration reviewing draft.
- Begun implementation, in partnership with SC4, on a 1,000 resident mail survey for Belle River Watershed. Survey will assess the public's knowledge about the watershed and identify future needs. The \$250,000 grant project is on schedule for mid-2014 completion.
- SCCHD saw an increase in county childhood immunization rates for 19-35 month age group. SCC rate = 73%: MI rate = 74%. Increase in part due to catching clients at flu shot appointments. Also much success in immunizing children in WIC. SCC is up to 85% among children enrolled in WIC (19-35 months of age). Substantial increases seen since integration of nursing services into WIC.
- Local Public Health Week activities April 1-5. Theme "*Public Health is ROI (Return on Investment): Save Lives, Save Money*". Visit SCCHD website for event details.
- Representative Dan Lauwers planning SCCHD visit April 15.