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

- Immunization services received an annual enhanced Vaccine for Children (VFC) site visit June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 by Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS). Written policies and procedures for safe storage and handling of vaccines, vaccine equipment for storage, emergency events and transport, vaccine educational materials, standing orders, reference materials, recall efforts, as well as a chart review were all evaluated and proved remarkable!
- The Environmental Health Division is partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on a project to monitor for the phytoplankton that contributes to harmful algae blooms. Sites will be sampled and analyze weekly throughout the year. St. Clair County is the only local health department in Michigan to participate in this freshwater phytoplankton monitoring network.
- Recently MDHHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted a post payment review of paid claims to identify and recover any overpayments made to SCCHD from Medicaid through the Maternal Infant Health Program. Records reviewed discovered very favorable billing practices at SCCHD and successful quality assurance being completed at the program level compared to other health departments throughout Michigan.
- Building on the momentum of our recently completed St. Clair County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), our next goal is to facilitate a process that leads to the development and implementation of St. Clair County's first ever Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). No single entity or agency can make a community healthy – so much more can be accomplished by working together with a common goal to improve health. The first *Healthy St. Clair County Advisory Committee* will be held on September 13, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at the Don Dodge Auditorium. We are anticipating holding five advisory committee meetings over the course of the coming year, as well as a half-day retreat focused on identifying and prioritizing strategic issues. This process will be jointly facilitated by the St. Clair County Health Department and the Metropolitan Planning Commission.
- The Environmental Health and Health Education Division, with support of the St. Clair County Smoke Free Community Team, are collaborating with City of Port Huron Recreation Department to host the 3rd annual Adopt-a-Beach cleanup at Lakeside Beach on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00am – 11:00am. The Adopt-a-Beach day through the Great Lakes Alliance takes place at hundreds of Great Lakes beaches. The three years' worth of cleanup data will be shared in an effort to support stronger future smoke-free initiatives at city beaches and parks. The Health Department is coordinating the marketing and volunteer recruitment. All are welcome to attend! Call (810)987-5300 for more information.