

SEPTEMBER 2023

### *Points of Interest...*

- In August, the Outreach team attended 8 community events resulting in 1,469 face-to-face interactions and included the BWROC Community Softball Game, NAACP Field Day/Southside Festival, and monthly Impact Day at Harbor Impact Ministries. Additionally, 36 Medicaid referrals; 177 community referrals; and 12 Medicaid insurance applications were also provided.
- The Environmental Health division is assisting the State of Michigan in an investigation to determine the presence of PFAS in drinking water supplies, groundwater, lakes, streams, and at sites of known environmental contamination. Recently, elevated levels of PFAS were found in several drains in Clyde and Fort Gratiot Townships. The next stage of the investigation will be to sample nearby drinking water wells. All prior wells sampled for PFAS in St. Clair County were non-detect with no evidence of any impact on municipal drinking water systems.
- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) has flu vaccinations available weekdays by appointment or on a walk-in basis, every Monday and Wednesday through October 25. Offsite SCCHD partnered with the Blue Water Immunization Partnership group offering a drive-thru vaccine clinic at the Tri-hospital EMS in station in Wadhams. Additionally, a clinic offering vaccinations and rapid HIV/Hep C testing was held at the Blue Water Allies Center in Port Huron.
- The SCCHD Health Officer and Health Education staff were invited to present during the 2023 Recovery Summit hosted by St. Clair County Community Mental Health. Sessions included a panel discussion with other community leaders, as well as education on vaping and substance use specific data from the St. Clair County Community Health Improvement Plan.
  - Children's Special Healthcare Services (CSHCS) staff hosted a visit with five state level partners on September 18. New procedures were reviewed and state partners invited CSHCS staff to present updates at an upcoming local health department state level meeting.
  - The Region 2 North Healthcare Coalition surveyed hospitals asking them to rank top hazards/concerns. Out of the hazards identified, emergent infectious disease ranked at the top. These results will help with hospital emergency planning and preparedness efforts.
  - SCCHD participated in the CAN Council's *Community Roof Sit for Kids* activities highlighting the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention, CSHCS, Infant Safe Sleep and Outreach.
  - The new Child and Adolescent Health Centers at Yale and Algonac schools are progressing well, staffing is being filled and office set up is being completed. Open houses for each are being planned.