

May 2013!



Points of Interest.....

- Dr. Mercatante gave testimony to the Health Policy committee of the Michigan House of Representatives supporting HB4736. Bill would allow healthcare providers to give antibiotic therapy for sexual partners of gonorrhea and chlamydia cases without first establishing a provider/patient relationship. Evidence supports reduction in spread of certain STDs.
- The Medical Subcommittee for Prescription Drug Abuse, chaired by Dr. Mercatante, has been raising the awareness of prescription drug abuse in the county as well as several interventions that can be implemented by healthcare providers to reduce this problem. The subcommittee has also developed a standardized "Pain Medication Contract" that offices are being encouraged to use. Presentations have been provided all over the county.
 - Successful Earth Fair April 26-27 @ Goodells County Park. Over 60 vendors, 1,000 students on field trips and estimated 5,000 people attended the event.
 - Community Resource Fair @ SC4 on May 15 had approximately 545 participants. Health Department staff screened and collected data on 136 people for BP, BMI, and blood sugar. Also provided WIC enrollments, free immunizations and breast feeding support.
 - First annual Sturgeon Festival taking place June 2 @ Maritime Center. Event will promote ecosystem approach to improving wildlife populations and celebrate work being accomplished to ultimately delist the St Clair River as an area of concern. Partnership with St Clair River Public Advisory Council. Grant funds provided by Great Lakes Commission.
 - Statewide Public Health Emergency Exercise: June 17-19. 2013. Biowatch- Strategic National Stockpile Full-Scale Exercise. SCCHD highly involved. Takes place every five years. More details coming soon.