

June 2014



Points of Interest...

- St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) Nurses participated with St. Clair County Medical Society's annual free sports physicals for students in the Port Huron Area School District (PHASD) on May 28th and May 29th. Nurses provided blood pressures and provided information on Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and adolescent vaccines, Teen Health Center (THC) services and *Healthy Michigan* plan. A total of 300 students participated.
- Highlights of the recently held 2nd Annual *Sturgeon Festival* organized by Environmental Health staff included: \$10,500 in corporate sponsorships and a Great Lakes Commission grant to pay for staff time on festival; 1,000+ in attendance this year, estimated twice as many as 2013; 6 *Huron Lady* sturgeon cruises this year, up 1 from last year (3 school/3 public); Over 200 submissions were received from 5th grade students from all over the county for the inaugural school sturgeon poster contest. These students were rewarded with a *Huron Lady* cruise to see sturgeon tagging and to interact with fisheries scientists on board. The best artwork was used on buttons distributed at the event.
- The Health Education team wrapped up their 2014 school reproductive health presentations this month. Each year, upon request, the team provides sexually transmitted disease/infection prevention education (9th grade) and female, preparation for puberty education (4th & 5th grade) across St. Clair County. 76 sessions were provided and 2,150 students reached over the course of this school year.
- Annual *Strategic National Stockpile Functional Exercise* occurred June 23rd and June 24th. State and Local Public Health Departments tested Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) activation, and posting of risk communication materials to the Michigan Critical Incident Management System (MI-CIMS) (Web EOC).
- The SCCHD Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will be participating in *Project FRESH* this year. *Project FRESH* is a WIC initiative that collaborates with local farmers to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to WIC clients through area Farmer's Markets (Vantage Point). 100 *Project FRESH* coupon booklets worth \$20.00 each will be distributed to current WIC clients.
- Environmental Health recently hosted a stakeholder's discussion on establishing a coordinated Federal, State and Local agencies spill response protocol for the Lake Huron to Lake Erie corridor. Items addressed included protection of water treatment plants intakes, elimination of the Beneficial Use Impairment for the St. Clair River Areas of Concern, and advancing the use of flow modeling as a tool for protection. An additional area of focus was how agencies can improve the communication process during a spill event.
- All Health Departments (Emergency Preparedness offices) have been requested to submit annually to the State "*Event or Incident Tracking Logs*". The intent is to identify number and type of unusual and/or suspect events of public health concern (potential to spread, directly or indirectly impact the humans, animals or environment). Incidents of these types may not be captured under current public health surveillance and reporting systems. (I.e.; chemical spills or releases, (air, water, land) evacuations and/or sheltering of communities, contaminated public recreational facilities, beaches, impact of fire, floods, or severe weather, etc.,)