

MECOSTA COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SUMMIT

Part of DHD#10's Community Health Improvement Plan

September 26, 2017 – On Friday, September 29, 2017, community members will have an opportunity to attend a **Community Health Summit** meeting to provide input on strategies identified to improve the health of Mecosta County. This will be the final step in the 2017 Community Health Improvement Plan conducted by District Health Department #10 and its partners.

This process began earlier this year, when the Community Health Needs Assessment was conducted in each community. Information was collected through a community survey, community conversations, and secondary data from a variety of sources such as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In each county, community members reviewed the information and prioritized the top three health issues. In Mecosta County, the issues identified were Maternal and Child Health, Access to Health Care, and Substance Use Disorders. Once these issues were prioritized, the community partners identified goals, objectives, and strategies aimed at improving these top three health issues.

The Community Health Improvement Plan will be unveiled at the **Live Well Mecosta County meeting on September 29** and all community members are encouraged to attend. Those attending the meeting will have the opportunity to view the objectives and strategies and provide input on the strategies. While District Health Department #10 is hosting this Summit presentation, community partners, including Mecosta/Osceola Human Services Collaborative Body and the Mecosta/Osceola Coalition to Reduce Underage Substance Abuse members, have played an integral part in the process. Now it is time for everyone to review the strategies and provide additional thoughts before the plan is complete.

The Summit meeting will be held at the **District Health Department #10 office at 14485 Northland Drive in Big Rapids at 1:00 p.m. on September 29, 2017**. There is no cost to attend. This Summit will be a great opportunity to be a part of improving the health of Mecosta County.

About DHD #10

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) is Michigan's largest geographical health department, mandated to promote and protect the public from unsafe and hazardous conditions and provide methods of promoting good health and disease prevention. Some of the vital programs provided by DHD #10 include Immunizations, Infectious Disease Control, STI Testing and Counseling, WIC, Maternal Infant Health Program, Healthy Families Northern Michigan, Children's Special Health Services, Hearing and Vision Screening, Family Planning, Cancer Screening, Worksite Wellness, Smoking Cessation, Substance Use Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Environmental Health Services. DHD #10 serves Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford counties. For more information, visit www.dhd10.org.

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