**NURSING REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015**

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* **BCMH**

**-**Theresa and I completed the 4 day training provided by our BCMH field nurse case manager Mindy Schwartz. In the time Mindy spent with us, she got a good feel for where we are currently at with our BCMH program. She encouraged us to “start over” from this point on. In 2014 we billed and were reimbursed approximately $1200 from BCMH. The nurses were not able to give this program the attention it needs for various reasons. Our case load number has dropped for that reason. There is room for great improvement in this program and we are dedicated to revitalizing it. The plan moving forward is to have at least 2 days for Theresa to focus on BCMH with minimal interruption if possible. By putting the time in, we will be able to serve these children and their families in the appropriate way and in turn be able to increase our reimbursement from this program.

* **SCHOOL NURSING**

**-**Chris will be covering both Galion and Crestline St. Joe’s buildings.

-Kara has had a very busy start to the school year. She will be in the district Monday-Thursdays and Chris will be covering on Fridays and as needed.

* **EDUCATION**/**OUTREACH**

-Theresa, Kara and myself completed the ODH Vision and Hearing conference on 8/13/15.

-Kara represented GCHD at the Primary School open house on 8/21/15. The material available to families covered immunization information, car seat safety and safe sleep.

-I will be attending the Child Passenger Safety certification course the first two weeks of September. I will also be attending the Immunize Ohio Conference on 9/10.

- Kara will be attending the ODH Orientation for Nurses New to Ohio Schools 9/16/15 thru 9/18/15.

-Theresa is taking Buckle Bear to St. Pauls preschool in September. She was also approached by the YMCA to present there for the pre-school class, also in September.

* **IMMUNIZATION CLINICS**

-Scheduling appointments continues to be a positive change for us. We are able to prepare ahead of time (pulling charts, insurance verification, determining what vaccinations are needed, making sure we have the needed vaccine in stock, patient education, etc). We have been able to fit walk-ins into the day if they prefer not to set up an appointment.

-Effective January 1, 2016, state-purchased vaccine will no longer be available to local Health Departments. At that time health departments will have to purchase their own vaccine supply for insured individuals. While GCHD is prepared for this change, we have learned from ODH that the program that we use to bill insurance companies (ImpactSIIS) will no longer be an option effective 6/30/2016. For this reason, GCHD has applied for one time GRF Funding available through ODH. If awarded, these monies would be put towards initiating a new billing system.

* **FLU CLINICS**

- Our current community clinics are at The Golden Age Center on 10/5 from 9-11 am and 1-3 pm. Grace Point on 10/8 from 1-5 pm. We are adding a Saturday clinic that will hopefully be beneficial to families that cannot make it during the week. That is at Grace Point on 10/31 from 9-noon. To this date, there are no known delays in the shipment of the vaccine.

* **CAR SEAT SAFETY**

-I have completed the first portion of the CPS Certification classes, I will finish this up on 9/9.

* **ODRS**

-I met with the nurse at Morrow County who manages their communicable disease reporting to learn more about the correct way of monitoring and reporting. Also, I will be meeting with the nurses at the County Health Department and Joyce Weaver the infectious disease nurse for Avita on 9/23 for more training.

2 Hep B, 4 Hep C and 2 Chlamydia for 8/2015