**SEPTEMBER NURSING REPORT**

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Flu update:

Flu shots for city employees will be offered again this year. Date is to be determined. Insurance will be billed unless the employee chooses to pay out of pocket.  For employees that have the Traditional 80/20 Plan, the flu shot should be covered.  For employees with the HSA Plan, if they have met their deductible, the shot should be covered 100%.   We think that for the employees that have the City 80/20 Plan, if they have met their deductible, that the plan will cover at 100%.

Our first flu clinic was 10/5 at the Golden Age Center.  We gave 118 flu shots.

Our second clinic was on 10/8 at Grace Point.  We gave 82 flu shots.

Our last clinic will be at Grace Point on 10/31 where we will have a "Boo the Flu" theme.

Our flu order is coming in multiple deliveries.  There are 70 doses of quad that will not be shipped until November.

BCMH:

Theresa has been able to make a home visit.  These are sometimes hard to schedule due to needing the child at home.  Ideally, the visit should allow the nurse about an hour alone with the parent and then the rest of the visit with the child present.  If she is able to, she is going to try to go about an hour before the child gets home from school.  When she has the BCMH visits scheduled like this, she will flex her time.  With flu season here, it remains difficult for her to devote uninterrupted time to BCMH.  We will continue to work on freeing her up to focus on BCMH.

Immunization Clinics:

On November 4th, a representative from the American Academy of Pediatrics is coming to talk to us about the MOBI (Maximizing Office Based Immunization) Program.  Previously this was only offered to health departments that held an IAP (Immunization Action Plan) Grant but they are now able to present to health departments that do not hold this grant.  They will focus on immunization rates for children ages 0-2 years.  They will look at our current immunization rates for this age group and discuss strategies for increasing this percentage if needed.  They also offer a TIES (Teen Immunization Education Sessions) presentation which we will do in the future.

School Nursing:

Hearing and vision screenings for K and 1st grade are completed.  It is mandatory that they are completed by November 1st.  Kara, Chris and I will be meeting with Cindy Parrott monthly to keep the lines of communication open.

Car Seat Safety:

I am now CPS certified.  Theresa and I would like to inquire if the certified techs at the county health department would like to hold a joint event for car seat checks.  I have been told by the staff teaching the course that these events need to be well advertised.

ODRS:

Kara and I attended an ODRS training at the county health department.  That meeting helped clarify some questions we had. Numbers will be available at the meeting.

Outreach/Education:

Kara attended the ODH Orientation for Nurses New to Ohio Schools 9/16/15 thru 9/18/15.  She came away with a good deal of information.

Theresa presented Buckle Bear to St. Paul’s Preschool and the YMCA Preschool in September.

I represented the nursing and public health fields at Connections Weekend at GHS on 10/9/15.  I will be attending Leadership Essentials for Health District Success (LEHDS) on 10/27 and 10/28 in Columbus.

Theresa is attending the OBB Conference 10/14 and 10/15.