

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

Action Items July 2010



- The Community-Based Dental Clinic in St. Johns is currently scheduling patients into October. In order to increase capacity, K. Singh is exploring adding additional operatories using community funds to leverage Federal Medicaid matching dollars.
- Dr. Graham reported the Health Department was approached to participate in a pediatric residency program through Michigan State University and Sparrow Hospital. Dr. Graham explained that he would be working with the pediatric residents at the health department to educate them regarding public health. An agreement from Carson City Hospital will be reviewed by the Board of Health at a future meeting. The program is estimated to begin in November 2010.
- Dr. Graham reported that the incidence of Pertussis within the State and district has been increasing with a case being reported about every week. The possible explanation for the resurgence in Pertussis is that immunity from both natural disease and the vaccine tends to decrease and is not life long. He indicated that the State of Michigan now requires a Pertussis vaccine booster for children entering middle school this school fall.
- On July 12, 2010, Governor Granholm signed into law (with immediate effect) legislation that will allow cottage food operations to conduct business in Michigan. The law allows Michigan residents to operate a limited food service operation directly from their home. The agency's website (www.mmdhd.org) contains information regarding the new law as well as Frequently Asked Questions. The health department has received a few general questions from those selling foods that fall under this law.

