

Rhode Island Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's Advisory Committee August 15th, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Chris Dillon, City of Providence Code Enforcement	Jan Moore, Blackstone Valley CAP
Simon Kue, HRC	Anne Primeau-Faubert, HEALTH
Chris Gorham, RI Housing	Magaly Angeloni, HEALTH
David Johnston, City of PVD Lead Program	Anne Kineavy, Hasbro Lead Clinic
Marie Stoeckel, HEALTH	Jeanne Gibree, United Healthcare
Rosemary Aglione, HEALTH	Dorothy Erickson, Neighborhood Health Plan of RI
Frank Bragantin, RI Apartment Association	Denise McFadden, Brown University
Heather Kinsey, Westbay Community Action	Nolan Byrne, DHS
Monica Staaf, RI Association of Realtors	Suzy Paiva, St. Joseph Health Services
Paula Dunne, Westbay Community Action	Ruth Lindberg, HEALTH
Helena Friedmann, Childhood Lead Action Project	Christina Londono, Family Service
Noreen Shawcross, Office of Housing and Community Development	Diane Shemtov, Family Service
June Tourangeau, St. Joseph Hospital Lead Center	
Bill Hollinshead, HEALTH	
Patricia Raymond, HEALTH	
Ewa King, HEALTH	

Lead Hazard Mitigation Law:

Simon Kue provided members of the committee with an update about new resources available to inform property owners about changes to the Lead Hazard Mitigation Law. A Frequently Asked Questions document about the changes to the Law is now available online at www.hrc.ri.gov. The Housing Resources Commission, DOH, and the Governor's Office are working to revise the fact sheets online and other materials. The HRC is hosting a training on August 18th, 2005 to update providers of the three-hour class about the changes made to the Law and to distribute copies of a revised three-hour powerpoint presentation. Simon explained that the HRC will be working with the Historical Preservation Society to provide technical assistance to owners of historic homes. The HRC will also be providing free visual assessments to certain property owners in the state. The HRC is working on developing the guidelines to qualify for that service, but income guidelines will need to match the requirements set by HUD. The HRC will also be rolling out a gift certificate program with the Lead Hazard Reduction Programs this fall to encourage owners to participate in the programs. Finally, Simon informed members that a new phase of the media campaign will be occurring in September and October.

Housing Data Challenges:

Magaly Angeloni updated the group on a new mandate set forth by the Lead Hazard Mitigation Law which requires the Department of Health to report annually on the number of lead poisonings that occur in two-family and three-family owner occupied rental units. Magaly informed the group that the Childhood Lead Action Project met with Dr. Gifford (Director of HEALTH) to discuss this issue, and it is clear that strong partnerships and multiple efforts will need to be utilized to be able to obtain these data. The RI CLPPP will be working with the City of Providence, the Family Outreach Program, and the Lead Centers to collect additional ownership and property data when they are visiting a home for an educational visit of lead inspection. The RI CLPPP is also looking into utilizing

Homestead Exemption data as a proxy for owner-occupancy. Chris Dillon informed the group that the City of Providence is updating its recorder of deeds database. This database will be available online and will have search capabilities. Members of the committee expressed interest in expanding data issues to a broader “Healthy Homes” focus so that we can identify properties for targeted outreach. A masters thesis conducted at Brown University in 1998 by Kimberly Mowery overlapping asthma and lead poisoning data was mentioned. The link to this study can be found at <http://envstudies.brown.edu/env/thesis/theses-9899-index.php>. The RI CLPPP will continue to work with its partners to develop a strategy for collecting the data mandated by the Mitigation Law.

Rhode Island College Nursing Training:

Ruth Lindberg presented some photos from the pilot “Healthy Homes” training with Rhode Island College Nursing students on June 21st, 2005. The pilot session consisted of a four-hour classroom session in the morning in which students learned about asthma, lead poisoning, indoor air quality, injury prevention, and code enforcement. The four-hour afternoon session was conducted at the Walker House, a historical home in East Providence. Instructors Chris Dillon and June Tourangeau utilized the home to teach students about the myriad of health and safety hazards that can be identified during a home visit. Chris Dillon, June Tourangeau, and Patricia Raymond were all present at the meeting and agreed that the training was a great success. The evaluations by the students reflect that they felt it was effective and that they learned a great deal about healthy homes issues. RI CLPPP is hoping to be able to continue the trainings in the upcoming years and will be looking for partnerships and funding to do so.

Brainstorming Session:

Magaly Angeloni informed the committee that the DuPont corporation has agreed to funnel nearly 12 million dollars into the state of Rhode Island for Lead Poisoning Prevention Work. The Attorney General will be devising a plan of how funding will be allocated. Magaly invited the committee to participate in a brainstorming session to develop ideas on how the money might be spent. If the RI CLPPP is invited to advocate for the plan for funding, these ideas could be included at that time. Ideas from the brainstorming session included:

- ❖ Window replacement
- ❖ Payment for non-Medicaid families treated at the Lead Centers (because the Centers are not reimbursed for those cases)
- ❖ Encourage compliance with Mitigation Standards rather than making a small amount of properties Lead-Safe
- ❖ Create meaningful and safe play areas for children
- ❖ Assist foster homes and home based day cares in achieving lead-safes
- ❖ Financial assistance for owners of historic homes
- ❖ Fund “Healthy Homes” projects that focus on other environmental issues
- ❖ Technical assistance to help owners comply with the Mitigation Law
- ❖ Education for home based day care parents and staff and foster parents
- ❖ Provide “healthy homes” training for Head Start and Successful Start teachers, social workers, case workers, etc.
- ❖ Expand visual assessment/healthy homes training to 1st time homebuyers
- ❖ Provide uniform training for all code enforcement officers
- ❖ Outreach to cultural centers

Reminder:

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Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th 2005 at 2 p.m., location TBA.