

Healthy Homes Coalition Full Partners Meeting

Monday, December 16, 2013

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, Michelle Dumas Keuler & Cheryl Sharp
3. Update on the usage of the electronic surveillance system
 - a. LAMPP
 - b. New Opportunities
4. Partner Updates
5. Next Meeting



Meeting minutes for 12/16/2013 HH Partner's Meeting

Attendees:

- Joan Bothell
- Ronald Kraatz
- Chris Corcoran
- Mike Gurecka
- Sabine Kuzco
- Myrna Reyes
- Alan Buzzetti
- Ryan McCammon
- Mary Buckley Davis
- Francesca Provenzano
- Krista Veneziano
- Marybeth Smuts (on telephone)

2. Cheryl Sharp and Michelle Dumas Keuler from CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) presented.

Very interesting.

- CGS 46a-71-79 & 46a-80
- HUD Grant - Fair Housing Testing Program - looking for testers c. School is considered a public accommodation - a complaint can be filed with CHRO if a school does not make accommodations for lead poisoned children.
- Smoking is not an accommodation.
- If someone feels that they have been discriminated against a complaint must be filed within 180 days. The investigation by CHRO must be completed within 100 days.

3. Update on the usage of the electronic surveillance system

- LAMPP - received the training and are in the process of starting to do some data entry. Would like to perform the data entry on tablets right out in the field.
- New Opportunities - received the training and will most likely only use the surveillance system as a referral tool. Department of Energy is using their form which includes many of the items on the 4-page HH Assessment checklist.

4. Partner Updates

- Discussed the Housing 101 & 102 webinar
 - 26 people attended the Housing 101 webinar
 - 20 attended the Housing 102 webinar.
 - Both were recorded.
- Krista sent out an email on Thursday 12/19/13 with the slides from both webinars and instructions on how to view the recorded versions.
- Will post on the DPH Lead and Healthy Homes webpages soon.

Mike Gurecka

- Home Energy Solutions - UI extended contracts with vendors through 2014
- CL&P still making the decision on
- Ramp up \$30 million will be adding 4 additional vendors
- \$220 million for the next three years v. Make Referrals!

- Merger with North Star and CL&P - an additional \$1.5 million to address some Health & Safety issues...some blending needs to take place.
- Waiting on his Trips & Fall program

Mary Buckely Davis

- Indoor air quality program in Groton for 6th graders.
- ALA is looking to perform a study on reformed smokers and lung cancer - Radon is not within their scope. They plan to do a low dose cat scan for screening for lung cancer.

Joan Bothell

- Developing a HH curriculum for grades 4-7 after school program in New Britain and Hartford
- Developing an app for it

Sabine Kuzco

- Needs timelines associated with latest circular letter that went out:
http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental_health/lead/pdf/2013-67_guidance_on_lead_poisoning_prevention_and_control_regulations.pdf
- Bpt HH Coalition is starting a blog that will be on the HH website. Questions can be posed and answered.
- Bpt is rolling out HH and HH Assessments for all staff. Interested in buying tablets to perform the data entry in the field.

Ryan McCammon

- Question about "where" the data goes when the HH Assessment is entered into the HH Maven surveillance system. (Next webinar is a demonstration of the HH Maven surveillance system.)

Francesca Provenzano

- Hiring temporary durational employees, Health Services Workers to perform the data entry for Radon and Healthy Homes Assessments (performed by LAMPP during last CDC grant)
- Change in CGS proposed requiring all radon testing results and post-mitigation methods and results to be submitted to DPH.
- Hope to be able to fund some cubes (reports) in the Health Portal for Radon using the reported data.

Krista Veneziano

- Next webinar is on the HH Maven surveillance system - Jan 15th
- Just about done with testing for a Radon Maven surveillance system.

Next meeting will be in March 2014. Have requested open dates from the DOT two later weeks in March.