

Healthy Homes Full Partner's Meeting

9/11/2013 1:00-3:15pm

CT DOT

Agenda & Minutes

1. Updates from workgroups (see PowerPoint below):

- Education/Outreach workgroup
 - Educational materials distribution
- Policy workgroup
 - National Healthy Housing Standard comments sent
- Workforce Development workgroup
 - Webinars
 - APHA presentation
 - Healthy Quality Standards trainings
 - CPHA presentation

2. Updates from Partners

- Kathi Traugh
 - Severe funding cut of 90% & grant ending early August 21, 2014
 - Webinar/Fall series
 - None scheduled yet
 - Topic for webinar: Dept of Housing and their resources
- Mary Margaret Gaudio
 - VT reprinting the Susie and Jerome book and using the animation
 - WIC from Delaware is running the animation as a loop in their waiting areas
 - Will reach approximately 21,000 people a month

Attendees:

Krista Veneziano – DPH, Lead & HH
Kim Ploszaj – DPH, Lead & HH
Allison Sullivan – DPH, Radon
Joan Simpson – DPH, Indoor Env
Errol Robert – DPH, Tobacco
Diane Collelo – Northeast District HD
Ronald Kraatz – Children's Medical
Alan Buzzetti – Children's Medical
Deb Olson – CHFA
Deborah Dozier – NauVel
Mary Buckley Davis – Ledgelight HD
Judith Dicine – OCSA
Kathi Traugh – Yale-CT-RI-PHTC
Mike Gurecka – New Opportunities Inc.

- Ronald Kraatz
 - Connecticut Children's was funded by HUD
 - \$2 million for Housing
 - \$3 million for Lead Hazard Control
 - Using the web-based rating system

- Judy Dicine
 - Public Act 13-132 Blight Task Force has been formed
 - Chief State's Attorney assigned Judy (who was willing) to be on the task force
 - Will be meeting to come up with
 - Model ordinance for municipalities
 - How to help communities with blight
 - Police chiefs see the value of this and are excited
 - Healthy Homes relates to Crime
 - There are varying definitions of blight throughout CT. Depends on the town.
 - If you have anything that will assist Judy please contact her.

- Mike Gurecka
 - Discussed funding
 - DEEP Draft Decision 2013-2015 Conservation & Load Management – @\$220 million annually (\$183 million electric & \$43 million gas)
 - HES (Market Rate) - @\$37 million over next 3 years
 - HES – Income Eligible - @\$30 million over the next 3 years
 - DEEP pursuing new Energy Auditing Tool for the DOE/WAP
 - Oakridge National Lab NEAT Audit will include HH
 - Dept of Energy – late July, grantee meeting in Denver
 - \$500,000 for CT DOE/WAP to assist 48 units
 - Home Performance Network /ANSI Licensing Standard
 - Quality Control Inspector (Required 2014)
 - Energy Auditor (Required 2015)
 - Lead Technician (Required 2015)
 - Retro Fit Installer (Required 2015)

- Weatherization Plus Health
 - UI/CL&P working with DPH on Radon Testing Pilot (potential liabilities)
 - Pilot study to have state lab perform analysis of radon
- HIA – July request to present to the 2nd National Impact Assessment
 - Presenting team of: Megan Sandler (National Center for Medical Legal Partnerships), Lynn Snyder NASCSP (National Office), Ellen Tohn (Tohn Environmental Strategies), Mike Gurecka (NOI), & John Horvath (National Consumer Law Center)
 - Presentation on September 24th Washington DC.
- New Opportunities \$250,000 grant from DDS
 - Focus on trips & falls with DOE Weatherization Plus Health
 - CDC curriculum for injury prevention
 - Checklist on Safety
 - Barriers: eligibility, national program goals
 - Reached out to Anthem Blue Cross and possibly member of advisory group and potential preventative care provider
- Deb Olson – CHFA
 - Governor given \$ for Housing
 - Identified radon after home was weatherized
 - Changes in scope of work to remediate the radon
 - New requirements: to test for mold (visual) and radon prior to applying for funding
 - Ron Kraatz – question: maybe move to more of a Healthy Homes assessment requirement?
 - CT Zero Energy Home – pilot study with Bill Bell
 - Identified radon after home was designed as a zero energy home
 - To remediate would negate the zero energy home designation
 - Speaking with local architects to see how to remediate this and to avoid this in the future
 - May not be able to maintain the designation of a zero energy home

- Alan Buzzetti
 - All homes were tested for radon in the last grant round

- Allison Sullivan
 - Radon Resistant New Construction (RRNC) seminar
 - Geared toward contractors that would be building the homes
 - There is a need for outreach to contractors about RRNC
 - RRNC rarely done correctly by CT builders
 - Judy Dicine presenting to building officials and would give any radon info and speak to support our attempts to put RRNC into building code in CT

- Deb Dozier
 - NauVel success story
 - During abatement of an EBLL the utility company performed weatherization on the home that included new insulation
 - Referral to CHIF – Cal Vinyl for possible additional assistance

 - Weatherization will be using the DOE Home Energy Scoring
 - NauVel – 1st HH coalition meeting in March
 - 8-9 people: Section 8, UI, CL&P, Birmingham
 - Next meeting in October

- Kim Ploszaj
 - HH coalitions
 - Bridgeport – website development, promoting the concept of HH, videos
 - Waterbury – community partners, UCONN ed materials, health workers
 - New Haven – just starting out (Tina McCarthy), pulling funding sources together

- Sabine Kuzco (absent)
 - Moving forward with expanding the City’s Healthy Homes website
 - Will bring the information to our next meeting.
 - We are also working on several videos (proper nutrition, hand washing, contractor compliance, cleanliness)..

- With the BLFF's new award, we received \$ 200,000 for Healthy Homes initiatives; any unit where we will conduct lead remediation, we will do a Healthy Homes assessment, and just like LAMPP, we will now use the Rating Tool
- Mary Beth Smuts (absent)
 - EPA's new asthma in children social media video will be released next Tuesday (9/17/2013). It will be linked to on EPA's asthma website <http://www.epa.gov/asthma/index.html>
 - On EPA's Design for Environment website for spray polyurethane foam insulation has more information on curing times and best practices and more information is loaded nearly weekly-lots coming out. Best practices Checklists for clients and contractors will be posted soon. http://www.epa.gov/dfe/pubs/projects/spf/spray_polyurethane_foam.html
 - October will be Children's Health Month

3. Viewing of:

- Susie and Jerome You Tube video
 - Didn't work but link is provided in the PowerPoint presentation
- Healthy Homes Surveillance System – in production
 - Gave a quick viewing
 - Three partners are interested in being trained and then using the system
 - LAMPP – contact Chris Corcoran
 - New Opportunities Inc. – contact Mike Gurecka
 - NauVel – contact Deb Dozier

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Education Outreach

Healthy Homes materials distributed:

- Susie and Jerome books: 5062
- HH fact sheets: 6976
- HH - Keeping Tabs on household hazards: 1235
- HH: Avoiding Chemicals in Your Yard & Garden: 1042
- HH: Indoor Air Quality: 1515
- Your Guide to a HH English: 821
- Your Guide to a HH Spanish: 150
- Env Hazards in the Home: 155
- Your Health and Well Being Start at Home (poster): 70
- Healthy Homes Data Book: 1280

Totaling: 18,306

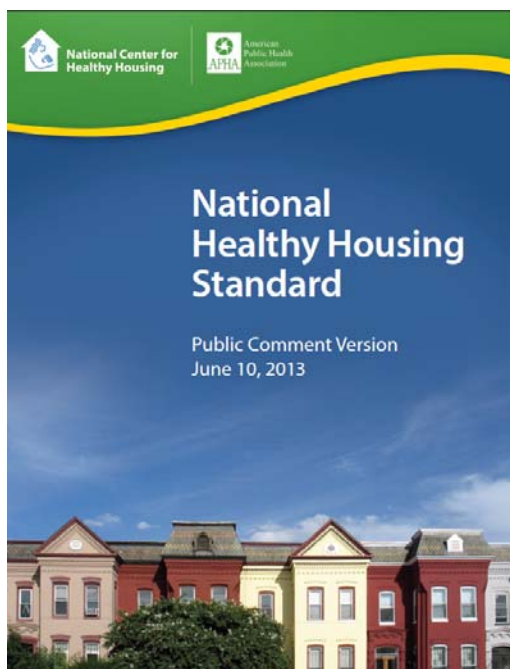
Northeast Regional Conference Program October 8-10th, Hilton Mystic Hotel, Mystic CT

- Presenters include:
 - Francesca Provenzano
 - Krista Veneziano
 - Ronald Kraatz
 - Chris Corcoran
 - Vivian Cross
 - Joan Simpson
 - Kim Ploszaj
 - Joan Bothell
 - Marco Palmeri
 - Mark Aschenbach
 - Sabine Kuczo
 - Mike Gurecka
 - Lomont White
 - Marissa Westbrook
 - Evan Seretan

Draft agenda attached.

Policy

- Public Comment Period
- Sent comments to Jane Malone
- Received her comments back (attached)



Workforce Development

- Webinars
 - APHA presentation
 - Joan Simpson & Kathi Traugh
- Healthy Quality Standards trainings
- CPHA presentation





Susie and Jerome

Congressman Larson's website about the book reading

- www.larson.house.gov/index.php/news/press-releases/1773-larson-joins-uconn-to-launch-book-on-healthy-homes-for-children

You Tube Video

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48XQ6glxQGM>

Healthy Homes Surveillance System

<https://www.dphapps1.ct.gov/epht/login.do>

- Contact Krista for information on training
 - krista.veneziano@ct.gov
 - 860-509-7677

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