

State Health Improvement Plan Lead Semi-Annual Meeting

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

The State's Health Improvement Plan

In order for this to work and for us to make measureable improvements in CT's health, this is everyone's plan, not just DPH's plan!



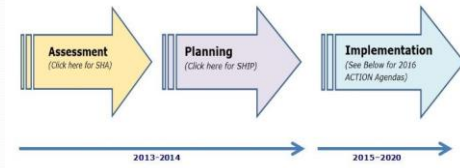
Today's Agenda

- Provide 10,000 foot view of SHIP
- Present work of Environmental Risk Factors Workgroup
- Focus on Lead work (& what it may mean for you)

Focus Areas for HCT2020

- Maternal, Infant and Child Health
- Environmental Health
- Chronic Disease
- Infectious Disease
- Injury & Violence Prevention
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Health Systems

SHIP Timeline



We are almost in Year 2 of implementation! Check out DPH's website: ct.gov/dph/SHIPCoalition for specific progress

Overarching Themes

- Health Equity
- Economic Factors
- Social Factors



Environmental Action Team

- Judy Dicine (Chief State's Attorney Office)
- Marco Palmeri (Plainville-Southington HD)
- Patrick McCormack (Uncas HD)
- Nancy Brault (Monroe HD)
- Edith Pestana (CTDEEP)
- Tash Perreault (Eversource)
- Ryan Tetreault, Carissa Madonna, Chris Roy, Christine Hahn, Suzanne Blancaflor (CTDPH)
- Carolyn Wysocki (ECHO/CALBOH)
- Ruth Canovi (American Lung Association)
- Krista Veneziano (CTDPH) & Andrea Boissevain (CADH/Stratford HD)

SHIP Environmental Risk Factors and Health

- Mission: Enhance overall public health by decreasing environmental risk factors.
 - Areas of Concentration
 - Lead
 - Drinking Water Quality
 - Outdoor Air Quality
 - Healthy Homes
 - Healthy Communities
 - Out of these, 3 Objectives were chosen for Phase 1 Implementation
 1. **Childhood Lead Poisoning**
 2. Air Quality
 3. Healthy Housing

ENV Formed Sub Work Groups

- Lead Coalition
- Healthy Housing Coalition
- Outdoor Air Workgroup

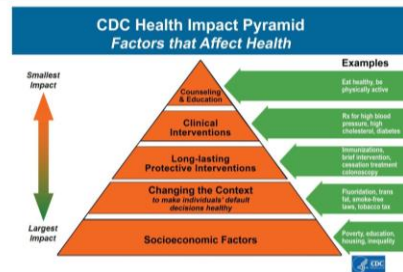
2016 Action Agenda - ENV

Environmental Risk Factors and Health (ENV)	
ENV-1	Reduce to less than 2.9% the prevalence rate of children less than 6 years of age with confirmed blood lead levels at or above the CDC reference value (5 µg/dL).
ENV-5 =	Increase public awareness of the presence and risk of poor air quality days. (DEVELOPMENTAL)
ENV-6 =	Increase the enforcement of minimum housing code standards through the collaboration and support of code enforcement programs. (DEVELOPMENTAL)

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Action Agendas

- Is there at least one policy, system, or environmental change included in the strategies?
- How can we better focus on health equity?



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Guiding Principles

- Integrate approach & collaborate with partners
- Align with national frameworks and existing plans, initiatives
- Use health improvement approach
 - Goals (Measurable improvements in population health)
 - Strategies (Prevention and risk reduction)
- Employ data-driven objectives & evidence-based strategies
- Keep Health Equity at the fore
- Balance between scope and depth of focus



Format & Organization of SHIP Work

- Each workgroup meets 1-2 times/quarter
- Co-conveners present progress to SHIP Advisory Council quarterly (& solicit advice)
- DPH conducts full SHIP Coalition conference calls 1-3 times/year
- Annual Summit is held to draft the next year's action agendas

Outdoor Air Quality Awareness Workgroup

- Lead by Carolyn Wysocki (ECHO) & Ruth Canovi (American Lung Association)
- CT DEEP held an informative air quality awareness "primer" in April 2016
- Still in developmental phase





Air Quality Awareness Workgroup Action Agenda

- Build a coalition of key stakeholders to tackle awareness
- Develop inventory of current activities in CT that promote awareness of air quality among key stakeholders and at-risk populations
- Gather data about public perception /knowledge of air quality and its impact on health
- Work with at-risk populations/care providers/etc. on getting the word out and actions that can be taken

Healthy Housing Coalition Workgroup

- Lead by Judith Dicine (Chief State's Attorney's Office)
- Partners include:
 - CEHA
 - CAHCEO
 - Building Officials
 - Fire Marshals
 - Local Health Departments
 - Social Services Departments

Healthy Housing Action Agenda

- Adopt a statewide property maintenance code
- Establish Incentives for owners to comply with health and safety laws 
- Media awareness campaign of the importance of health and safety code compliance in housing 

Lead Coalition Workgroup

- Lead by Krista Veneziano and Christine Hahn
- Partners include:
 - Local Health
 - CT Housing Finance Authority (CHFA)
 - DCF Training Academy
 - OEC
 - Regional Lead Treatment Centers
 - CHN
 - Code Enforcements Officials
 - Department of Housing

Lead Coalition Action Agenda

- Encourage local, state, & other federal agencies to share data between health & housing agencies
- Increase preventive lead-safe housing standards enforcement for rental & owner occupied housing
- Identify financing for lead hazard remediation & lead abatement for residential

Lead Coalition Action Agenda (con't)

- Educate families, services providers, advocates and public officials on sources of lead in homes & other child-occupied facilities so that lead hazards are eliminated BEFORE children are exposed
- Promote environmental assessments (inspections and risk assessments) to identify and mitigate lead hazards in homes before children demonstrate BLLs above the reference value.

Lead Action Agenda Challenges

- Developing Key Partnerships for Lead
 - Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
 - Community Health Network
- Keep the work moving & partners involved
- Other...

Next Steps?

- Complete tracking of progress for current year
- Finalize Action Agenda for Year 2
- Spread the word—many of us are doing the work anyway
- Align local action plans (as community needs dictate) with state action agenda—especially for lead

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!