

SHIP Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition
8/1/16 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Andrea Boissevain (DOH, Stratford); Judith Dicine (Dept Criminal Justice); Peg Fitzgerald (CT Housing Finance Authority); Sandra Gill (DPH); Christine Hahn (DPH); Ronald Kraatz (Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program); Edith Pestana (CT DEEP); Mike Santoro (DOH); Krista Veneziano (DPH)

I. 7/27 Advisory Council Meeting Update

- a. Discussed changing reference value of SHIP objective to 2.9
 - i. SHIP coalition suggested changing it to 2.7 or 2.8
 - 1. K. Veneziano is going to speak with Tracy Hung, Epidemiologist on DPH Lead Program staff/data specialist to get her explanation of statistical significance and gain her final suggestion

II. Review of SHIP Strategies for 2017 Action Agenda

- a. Strategy 1 of 9: Encourage local, state, and other federal agencies to facilitate data-sharing between health and housing agencies
 - i. Coalition voted to keep this strategy as a stand-alone strategy
 - ii. DPH receives data on section 8 housing from DOH
 - 1. Addresses for federal housing choice voucher program
 - 2. Addresses for state-funded rental assistance program
 - iii. DOH does not have tenant data > DPH would have to get this from each local housing authority
 - 1. Not all housing authorities have the same data; not one data system
 - 2. CONN-NAHRO could be a helpful source
 - iv. CHFA does not have tenant data either
 - v. M. Santoro (DOH) has a list of local housing directors to share
 - 1. DPH would have to contact Executive Directors to discuss tenant data
 - vi. Out of 92 housing authorities, 60 have family housing
 - vii. CHFA to reinforce with CONN-NAHRO (Cathy Branch-Stebbins) the natural connection with the SHIP work
- b. Strategy 2 of 9: Advance preventive lead-safe housing standards for rental and owner-occupied housing
 - i. Coalition voted to keep this strategy as a stand-alone strategy, but reword
 - ii. Coalition voted to change language to include the word "enforcement"
 - 1. New phrasing: "Advance preventive lead-safe housing standards enforcement for rental and owner-occupied housing."
 - iii. Coalition voted to delete strategy 7 as an overall strategy and instead make it an action step under strategy 2
 - 1. Add another action step under Strategy 2: document existing evidence-based practices and guidelines
 - iv. P. Fitzgerald (CHFA) to add information to CHFA website> provide information when people are buying a home

- v. J. Dicine: existing state statutes apply to rental dwellings- not being rigorously enforced
- c. Strategy 3 of 9: Identify financing for lead hazard remediation and lead abatement for residential properties statewide
 - i. Coalition voted to keep this strategy as a stand-alone strategy
 - 1. Adding an asterisk at the end to direct folks to “see Healthy Housing Strategy 2”
 - a. Healthy Housing strategy 2 reads: Establish incentives for property owners to comply with CT’s laws on health and safety cooperatively, such as tax breaks and directing federal, state, and local housing rehabilitation funding to those who comply.”
 - b. Healthy Housing funding sources (e.g. Property Maintenance Code) are same as lead sources > same monies can be used for lead hazard remediation
 - i. State funding versus federal funding > DOH/ state publishes funding schedule; feds do not
- d. Strategy 4 of 9: Educate families, service providers, advocates, and public officials on sources of lead in homes and other child-occupied facilities, so that lead hazards are eliminated before children are exposed
 - i. Coalition voted to keep this strategy as a stand-alone strategy
 - ii. Eliminating Strategy 5 and changing it to an action step under Strategy 4, “Encourage partners and agencies to provide families with the information needed to protect their children from potential lead hazards in homes.”
- e. Strategy 6 of 9: Promote environmental assessments (inspections and risk assessments) to identify and mitigate lead hazards in home before children demonstrate BLLs above the reference value.
 - i. Coalition voted to keep this strategy as a stand-alone strategy
 - ii. See Strategy 8 updates, bullet 2
- f. Strategy 8 of 9
 - i. Delete this strategy as a stand-alone strategy, and place sentences into other strategies as two different action steps
 - ii. This strategy is made up of two sentences
 - 1. Sentence one, “Partner with health care professionals to promote and improve compliance with the *Requirements and Guidelines for Childhood Lead Screening By Health Care Professionals in Connecticut* (April 2013), including ensuring that all children are tested at least annually before turning three years of age.”
 - a. Make into an action step under Strategy 4
 - 2. Sentence two, “This also includes recommending environmental assessments be conducted by licensed lead consultants in patients’ pre-1978 homes.”
 - a. Make into an action step under Strategy 6
- g. Strategy 9 of 9: Ensure lead data is shared in a timely manner

- i. Discussion around keeping this as a stand-alone strategy or combining it with Strategy 1
 - 1. Coalition voted to keep this strategy as a stand-alone strategy
- ii. Adding Action Step: DPH provide local health departments with data
 - 1. Need to define exactly what data

III. Other

- a. Christine updating Action Agenda and distributing to coalition
- b. Andrea: look at strategies within SHIP to help contribute to Local Health Department primary prevention funding
- c. Promote CDBG funds> devote funding to rehab housing
 - i. 30-40 communities with housing rehab programs