

Environmental Health Work Group Mtg

45 Ash St, East Hartford – 4/13/2017

Attendees

1. Andrea Boissevain
2. Krista Veneziano
3. Christine Hahn
4. Marie Christine Bournaki
5. Ruth Canovi
6. Kristin Sullivan
7. Judith Dicine
8. Tasha Perreault - phone
9. Carolyn Wynsocki – phone
10. Nancy Brault – phone

Andrea – introduction

May 5th is when we submit the action agenda

Tasha:

- Reggie fund – no heat – they if they are income eligible Eversource will still fix the system
- Will still assist with remediation of

Krista:

- Gave an update about the last SHIP advisory meeting

Kristin:

- 2 & 3 year term slots will be re-evaluated to determine what they need to fill

Highlights of Lead activities (Krista):

- Legislative Bills
 - Training Providers
 - Access to Maven
 - Action Agenda needs to be updated

Highlights of Air Quality Awareness activities (Ruth):

- second meeting of Air Quality and Health group in the middle of March
- 12 or more people participating
 - DPH, DEEP, EPA, other env groups, Clean Water/Anne Hewlick,...mix of folks
 - Getting a sense of what is happening
 - Connect the people who are working on the same issue
- Do we capture things outside of the working group that partners are doing?
 - Yes! School Flags Program

- Lung Association has State of the Air report (annual)
 - Air quality awareness
 - Hazy Summer days
- Meteorologist to talk about banning outdoor wood burning products on poor air quality days and not on heating a pool
- Next meeting date: TBD
- Can “developmental” be removed from their portion of the Action Agenda and make it measurable? (Kristin) Dashboard measure is DEEP air quality data.
 - Ruth – now is the time to start talking about baseline data
 - Kristin will assist
 - Discussed Air Quality dashboard data – averages Ozone & Particulates
 - Ruth – become more aware and change their behavior when the air quality of poor
 - Andrea – how do we measure people’s behavior change?
 - BRFSS – cost to add a question
 - Asthma has 4 questions on and it costs about \$20K
 - Kristin will pose question to BRFSS people
- 5/11/17 Asthma workshop – Ruth to do a presentation, Andrea to moderate
 - Ruth – creating presentation, can talk about the work we are doing here
 - open initiation to be a part of it

Highlights of Healthy Housing activities (Judy):

- Progress in the three strategies in the action agenda
 - Gained support of many of the SHIP Advisory Committee
 - Gained support of Commissioners of DPH and DAS
 - Bill proposed for the adoption of the PMC in the building code
 - Change where the PMC would go...not building code it would replace CGS 47a-50 through 47a-55 – apply to all rental properties (Bill 5177)
 - Carolyn – did Commissioner Pino support this
 - Judy – yes, PMC is a two day training; referral will be made appropriately; municipalities will be given the opportunity to determine who will enforce the code
 - Carolyn – asked Andrea if the directors of health knew about this?
 - Andrea – CADH supports the concept of a PMC, but expressed concerns over assessing issues not in their area of expertise (e.g. electrical). Judy has often reminded Health Directors that it is work they already do with their current jobs and should conduct in partnership with building officials. Challenges arise for those in districts versus singular municipalities.

- Bill did not get out of the committee but still in discussion; trying to find another bill to move it along this year
- Cooperative Compliance in Code Enforcement
- 3 programs – 2 active now
 - Waterbury Lead and Asthma Program – reduction of energy \$, lead, and HH funding available – Crown Brook Neighborhood
 - House by house upgrades – lower energy consumption and cost and lower exposure to env hazards
 - Andrea – is the group able to provide a look at what they have accomplished?
 - Judy – maybe not quite yet but soon. She will ask them for a meeting schedule so people can attend
 - Hoarding Working Taskforce
 - Sober House Work in New London
 - No meeting recently
 - Legislation for sober house to be run well; coordinated view of the rights of people getting treatment and the people living around them
- Educating the public and leaders on the importance of these programs
- Reconvened the Healthy Homes Initiative
 - Strategic Plan development
 - Healthy Homes Data Book
 - Kristin – meet in June to use the HH data book data for the dashboard and update the dashboard indicators
 - We’ve evolved a lot with our work

Carolyn: Are we going to re-evaluate including Water and Healthy Communities?

- Andrea – we need more successes with our current work and not take on additional
- Water work is still be done by the CT DPH Drinking Water Section is working diligently at enforcing the Federal Laws and State Regulations, Double/Triple A rating which is rare in the US
- Carolyn questioned evaluation of Action Team Goals to include Water and Climate Change.

Next Steps:

- Andrea will send Ruth an invitation to Dropbox so she can enter into the Action Agenda
- Krista to send out these meeting notes
- Asthma workshop – people need to register
 - Kristin will send out to SHIP coalition

ENV HAZ WORKGROUP July 13th next meeting at ALA Update due on 8/4/17, 8/29/17 Advisory Meeting