

AGENDA / MINUTES & PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

Meeting:	Illinois Lead Poisoning Elimination Advisory Council	Date:	October 22, 2015	Start:	10:00 a.m.	Finish:	11:55 a.m.
Purpose:	Coordinate advisory efforts with IDPH Lead Program and outside resources	Location:	3 Locations participated - Multi-site Video Conference – Central Office, Peoria Regional Offices, and IDPH Lab in Chicago along with participants on phone conference				
Facilitator:	Kert McAfee	Recorder:	Eleanor Davis				
Attendance: 29 members participated 3 guests							
Illinois Lead Program & IDPH Staff		Local Health Departments			Other Organizations		
Eleanor Davis		Clora Aikens – Chicago Dept. of Public Health			Anne Bendelow – Refugee Health, IDPH		
John Fee		Emile Jorgensen – Chicago Dept. of Public Health			Helen Binns – Lurie Children's Hospital, M.D.		
Roxane Fleming		Eddy Kaka - Chicago Dept. of Public Health			Melanie Santarelli – Ounce of Prevention		
Frida Fokum		Valeria Hubbard - Chicago Dept. of Public Health			Kim White - SUIE		
Nichole Jones		Marguerite Harrold – Chicago Dept. of Public Health			Karol Lakota – PCC Wellness		
Kert McAfee		Brenda Miller – Peoria City/County Health Dept.			Nick Peneff – Public Health and Safety		
Jon Pressley		Tonia Singletery – Cook County Health Dept.					
Mohammed Shahidullah		Deanna Durica - Cook County Health Dept.			Agencies		
Eddie Simpson		Latrice Porter–Thomas - Cook County Health Dept.			Burton Hughes - IDHA		
		Guests			Connie Sullinger – IL EPA		
		Emily Prezzato, CDC Public Health Associate			Dave Turpin – U.S. EPA		
		Hana Danish, CDC Public Health Associate			Julie Doetsch – Dept. of Healthcare & Family Services		
		Dr. Suzan Awad			Lise Jankowski – Dept. of Human Services		

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Welcome	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened meeting by introducing himself and recognizing all members present either by video or phone conference Welcomed three guests Reviewed and approved revision to Minutes from July 16, 2015 meeting Approved Agenda for current meeting 			
Program Updates Personnel	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported Kate Abitogun, Case Management Supervisor is no longer with the Program Reported licensing staff for the Program is now fully staffed with the newest hire, Jake Reese, who is currently being shared with the Asbestos Program to help them catch up with their licenses since they have been without staff for some time 			

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Program Updates (cont.) Personnel		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that a Regional staff member may be retiring at the end of the year making additional vacancies at the Regional Offices regarding lead investigations. How to fill these vacancies are to be discussed at staff meeting next week 		
Lead Poisoning Prevention Code (LPPC)	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported revisions to the current LPPC was reviewed by the legal staff and some advisory council member stakeholders for comment regarding proposed changes Reported that all suggestions may not be addressed due to the fact that they were not in the first notice Reported the Program is expecting to resubmit the revised draft to the first notice to Legal sometime in November 		
Delegate Agency Agreements	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that Delegate Agency Grant Agreements were sent out on Tuesday, October 20th through EGrams for local health departments to sign and return for Director's signature and final execution Reported that dollar amounts for first quarter of the grants have been determined but cannot be disbursed until an agency agreement has been received and executed Reported that some agencies elected not to execute a new grant agreement, those being; Carroll, Bureau and Putnam Counties due to staffing and financial issues Explained that the grant dollars are determined by their blood lead testing and submissions to the Illinois State Lab for analysis and that he talked with those agencies to give them a better understanding of how the dollar amount for their agency is determined 		
CDC Partners Meeting	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported CDC Grant Continuation was approved for FY16 Reported the grant primarily focuses on surveillance and primary prevention so there was a lot of discussion surrounding those topics Reported efforts to initiate the use of the new Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Surveillance System (HHLPSS) continue Explained that the Program would like to see more efforts toward intervention being made with the blending of the activities of the ClearWin Project and the proposed authorization of the federal RRP Program in Illinois, should these authorizations be approved by the Administration 		

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	Nick Peneff Kert McAfee Emile Jorgensen Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked whether the required clearance testing would be conducted by the contractor or third party • Replied that a third party would conduct the final clearance • Inquired as to whether this intervention attempt would include window replacement along with the RRP as well as clearance enforcement • Responded that these are activities and policies that will need to be addressed during discussions regarding the authorization process 		
HHLPSS (Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Surveillance System)	Eddie Simpson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported current testing of the 5.0 version of HHLPSS has indicated data transmission problems • Reported that CMS and CDC staff are trying to determine and fix the problems • Announced that CDC has recently released a new version, 5.1.0 , and should have fixes to some of the problems Illinois and other states have had and should be installed relatively soon so that testing can continue • Reported that data has been loaded for one of the Regional Nurse Consultants and data for the other Regional Nurse Consultant will be completed soon so that they can conduct testing first and give feedback • Added once nurses have confirmed the system is working the remainder of state staff including regional staff will be added for use of the system • Added that data would then be loaded into the QA system for the pilot groups which consists of the local health departments at Peoria, McLean, Marion and Vermilion counties as well as the Southern Seven Health District for testing in their respective regions • Commented that he, Jeff Grieve our I.T. Representative and Kert will be meeting soon to develop a strategy for moving the system forward to all other agencies by region once the pilot groups have finalized testing and approved the system 	Continue discussions with CDC staff to implement new HHLPSS system	Eddie Simpson and Kert McAfee

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Lead Care users blood lead testing reporting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported the Program continues to work with Magellan, the manufacturer of the Lead Care units, to implement a reporting system of all blood lead tests performed by Lead Care users • Reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Magellan has provided the software and support for installing to all users who were interested ○ Approximately 30 – 35 users have installed and begun using the reporting system ○ Eddie and the Program’s intern are currently reviewing the reports that have been received to determine whether all required data fields are in the reports ○ Program will be merging ethnicity and race into one field ○ Magellan continues to work with Illinois to design the system specifically to what Illinois wants and requires 	Continue discussions with Magellan staff to implement electronic reporting	Eddie Simpson
Pregnancy Evaluation and Testing	Nichole Jones/Roxane Fleming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded the council that the amended statute went live in January 2015 which included optional pregnancy testing • Reported that in February the Program created a pregnancy evaluation tool with guidelines utilizing ACOG committee research findings, the CDC “Guidelines for the Identification and Management of Lead Exposure in Pregnant and Lactating Women”, and New York and Minnesota pregnancy testing materials • Added that in April the pregnancy evaluation tool and guidelines were posted on DPH website and distributed to participates at the Women’s Health Conference in Peoria in May and the Immunization Conference in July • Reported that in August a webinar was conducted to explain the revisions to the statute and included info regarding Section 7 in the Statute, changes to LHD guidelines, and pregnancy evaluation and testing. • Explained that local health departments (LHDs) testing pregnant women and utilizing the IDPH lab will use indigent code (nine zeros) for Medicaid patients and those without insurance while we wait for HFS to give us a CPT code for reimbursement of blood lead tests on pregnant women. Those LHDs that do not use the state lab will refer patients to an OB physician to determine if a 		

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	<p>Nichole Jones</p> <p>Emile Jorgensen</p> <p>Helen Binns</p> <p>Nichole Jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated a recent study from New Mexico was conducted on pregnant women at a federally funded qualified health center and of the 180, mostly Mexican immigrant women tested, only 3 were determined to have blood lead levels greater than 3 ug/dL, adding that the average lead level in women in the U.S. is .6 ug/dL • Questioned what the state would do for a women determined to have an elevated blood lead level • Stated that she believes having ACOG advocate for using the evaluation tool may discourage testing if a vast number of women tested were determined not to have an elevated blood lead level • Suggested that possibly the Program select a couple of the local health departments to perform universal screening of pregnant women and then evaluate the results after several months • Suggested leaving the question of whether there was renovation activities in the home and disregard the age of housing altogether • Reminded the members that the evaluation tool is to assist in determining risk of exposure and testing is optional • Reported that all tests conducted by the local health departments are being reported to the Program and compiled • Added that the tool would be re-evaluated after a couple of quarters to assist in determining its value • Reiterated that there is still concern about whether the follow-up activities and testing would make a difference • Stated that education of nutrition and sources of exposure should be the main focus at the time of evaluation • Stated that maybe our focus should be on the message to provide to the physicians so they know what to do when a women is determined to have an elevated lead level • Responded that we have included that message in our guidelines which accompanies the evaluation tool 		

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	Roxane Fleming Emile Jorgensen Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that education of the pregnant women regarding nutrition and risk of exposure is the key to our primary prevention message • Suggested again that the evaluation tool be revised to eliminate the housing question and narrow down the criteria for testing and then focus on what do we do when a pregnant women is found to have an elevated lead level to improve the health of the woman • Stated that we have to remember that this part of the program is in its infancy and all information will be re-evaluated in the future when there is an adequate amount of data 		
Lead Poisoning Prevention Week	Eleanor Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported Governor Rauner has signed a Proclamation making October 25-31, 2015 Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Illinois • Reported a News Release has been approved to submit to media outlets during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week • Announced a rotator has been approved to run on the DPH website beginning during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week which will allow the audience to access lead poisoning prevention education 		
IL Morbidity and Mortality Bulletin	Frida Fokum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that four members of the council assisted in compiling an article for the 2nd Edition of the <i>Illinois Morbidity and Mortality Bulletin</i>, the Department's primary publication for scientific articles of interest to the public. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The press release of September 29, 2015 can be found at : http://dph.illinois.gov/news/idph-publishes-second-issue-illinois-morbidity-and-mortality-bulletin ○ The article titled "Childhood Lead Exposure, Testing Rate, and Blood Lead Poisoning Prevalence in Illinois and Chicago, 1996-2012" can be accessed at: http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/immb-vol1-issue2.pdf 		
2014 Annual Surveillance Report	Frida Fokum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported the 21st annual report for the Lead Program has been approved by Communications and sent to CMS for graphic design and will be released soon and posted to the DPH website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were approximately 300,000 blood lead tests reported 		

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	<p>Kert McAfee</p> <p>Helen Binns</p> <p>Kert McAfee</p> <p>Emile Jorgensen</p> <p>Helen Binns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 98% of those tested were 6 years of age and younger ○ 40% of those tests were capillary blood draws with no confirmatory ○ Reports of race were very limited <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that the Illinois poisoning rate fell just under 1% for blood lead levels of ≥ 10 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ • Asked if all labs are able to report exact levels for < 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ • Commented that only a few, possibly two labs, that were still reporting levels of ≤ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ at a level of 5 because they were not equipped to provide the exact level at < 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ • Added that he believes the University of Chicago is still reporting all levels at ≤ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ as 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ • Requested a list of labs who were not reporting exact levels of ≤ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ so she could speak with someone of the importance of knowing the exact blood lead level 	<p>Send list of labs to Dr. Binns</p>	<p>Frida Fokum</p>
Clear-Win Project	<p>Jon Pressley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that CLEAR-Win legislative language was changed to ask the Illinois Legislature to request refunding for the project and it is the Program's understanding that it was not approved at this time • Reported that the Evaluation Report on the project from Dave Jacobs and Rick Nevins was drafted and a request for posting to the DPH Website has been submitted • Added report indicates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Return on investment is approximately an increase of \$1.00 for every dollar spent concerning medical, value of house, etc. • Stated that the final report to legislators would be provided once a final report from Jeff Gordon at U.I.C.'s was received regarding the economical aspect of the project • Added report will also be posted to DPH Website 	<p>Submit final report to legislators</p>	<p>Jon Pressley/Kert McAfee</p>

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Committee assignments				
Education and Outreach committee	Kim White and Eleanor Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that revisions to the Local Health Department Guidelines for case management follow-up have been completed and the document posted to the DPH Website • Reported the Physicians Guidelines which was also revised is being finalized by graphic design at CMS • Reported the IDPH website has been finalized and can be accessed at dph.illinois.gov • Added that the link to the U.S. EPA Tips and Complaints site for RRP violations has been added to the resources page of the website • Reported the Product Safety Division U.S. Compliance Intern with the Walmart Corporation finished her internship and the next intern has not responded to any phone calls or emails. It appears that the collaborative educational campaign, previously anticipated, may not come to fruition 		
Data and Evaluation committee	No report			
Policy and Regulations committee	Nick Peneff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated he had contacted Walmart in Rockford to offer free training to lead remediation workers during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and is still waiting to hear from them on their response from corporate 		
Open Discussion	Nick Peneff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported his company had responded to a request to submit a bid to Chicago Housing Authority. He believes his company met the required criteria for their standards and believes it would be a great opportunity to focus on healthy homes and is expecting to present his company's future phone app currently being developed for asbestos inspection which may easily be applied to lead and other types of home inspections 		

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Sharepoint	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that in order to ease the responsibility of the subcommittee facilitators, the thought is to use Sharepoint for lines of communications and to provide discussion threads on various topics of interest to each of the subcommittees 	Follow-up with determining Sharepoint connections	Kert McAfee	
	Nick Peneff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added that he had noticed an announcement regarding a study conducted by the School of Public Health regarding the outcomes of the reduction of medical bills and other criteria as the result of residing in a “green home”. He suggested that this is the sort of discussion thread that could be utilized on a Sharepoint site for the committee members 			
	Asbestos Phone App	Nick Peneff			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented some slides explaining the use of the phone app his company is in the process of developing to be utilized to collect and store data on asbestos inspections
	John Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquired as to whether anyone would be able to edit any data once uploaded 			
	Nick Peneff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responded that no edits would be allowed once the data was sent to the cloud, but the data could be redacted for privacy concerning Public Health information. He further stated, that when our focus is related to primary prevention there is less worry about privacy since a person’s health has not yet been affected 			
Lead Poisoning Prevention Week activities at Local Health Departments	Roxane Fleming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boone County had an impressive eye-catching display in their lobby addressing lead poisoning prevention education available to an audience arriving to pay the second half of their property taxes Kane County offered education on pottery by displaying pictures during their flu shot clinics of lead-free pottery vs. pottery from Mexico 			
	Clora Aikens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that Chicago Department of Public Health distributed lead poisoning prevention educational materials during their W.I.C clinics 			

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Adjourned	<p>Deanna Durica</p> <p>Nick Peneff</p> <p>Emile Jorgensen</p> <p>Kert McAfee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that Cook County will be sending certificates of recognition to providers who are conducting lead testing per protocols based on data from their STELLAR system • Announced they would be conducting a free RRP lead renovator training in Rockford on November 3 for Winnebago County and anyone from the Public Health sector may attend for free by making application and entering "Free" to locate on the www.public-health-safety.com website. Another training is planned in Chicago hosted by Metropolitan Family Services during the week of November 9th with that training date to be announced soon • Submitted three links to the recent lead poisoning articles in the Chicago Tribune: http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/watchdog/ct-lead-poisoning-chicago-met-20150501-story.html http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/watchdog/ct-lead-poisoning-science-met-20150605-story.html http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/watchdog/ct-lead-poisoning-solutions-20150707-story.html • Inquired as to any further business or questions • Announced next meeting has been scheduled for January 21, 2016 using the video conferencing system. 	<p>Send reminder of January 21st, 2016 meeting</p>	<p>Eleanor Davis</p>