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Meeting:	Illinois Lead Poisoning Elimination Advisory Council	Date:	July 16, 2015	Start:	10:00 a.m.	Finish:	11:45 a.m.
Purpose:	Coordinate advisory efforts with IDPH Lead Program and outside resources	Location:	5 Locations - Multi-site Video Conference – Central Office, Marion, Edwardsville and Peoria Regional Offices, IDPH Lab in Chicago and phone conference				
Facilitator:	Kert McAfee	Recorder:	Eleanor Davis				
Attendance: 23 members participated and 1 Guest							
Illinois Lead Program & IDPH Staff		Local Health Departments			Other Organizations		
Kate Abitogun		Clora Aiken – Chicago Dept. of Public Health			Anne Bendelow – Refugee Health, IDPH		
Eleanor Davis		Emile Jorgensen – Chicago Dept. of Public Health			Helen Binns – Lurie Children’s Hospital, M.D.		
John Fee		Eddy Kaka - Chicago Dept. of Public Health			Emily Miller – Voices for Illinois Children		
Roxane Fleming		Lynn Shelton – East Side Health District			Kim White - SUIE		
Frida Fokum		Tonia Singletary – Cook County Health Dept.			Karol Lakota – PCC Wellness		
Nichole Jones					Bev Potts – Plumbers and Pipefitters Union		
Kert McAfee		Regional Office			Agencies		
Mohammed Shahidullah		Stephanie Cline – Marion Regional			Burton Hughes - IDHA		
Eddie Simpson					Nick Peneff – Public Health and Safety		
		Guest			Connie Sullinger – IL EPA		
		Marguerite Harrold – Chicago Health Dept.			Dave Turpin – U.S. EPA		

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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 Recognized and welcomed two new members to the council, Anne Bendelow, IDPH Refugee Program and Emily Miller, Voices for Illinois Children Reviewed and approved revision to Minutes from April 15, 2015 meeting, adding Burton Hughes as an attendee Approved Agenda for current meeting 		
Program Updates Website	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that IDPH has launched their new website which is still in progress. The link to the website is www.dph.illinois.gov Commented that the licensees and training course providers are on the data.illinois.gov website and will be linked from the dph.illinois.gov site in the near future 		

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Lead Care users blood lead testing reporting		<p>Magellan, the manufacturer' website, and downloading and installing the software designed specifically for the state of Illinois</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data would be entered into a spreadsheet or other approved method and sent to the program either weekly or monthly through the Move It platform ○ Data would then be converted into an XML file for download into our data system ○ Testing of new reporting software is expected to begin by end of July, 2015 	staff to implement electronic reporting	Eddie Simpson
Medicaid CPT billing code for reimbursement of home visits	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported no communication has been received after paperwork was submitted to the Director's Office regarding the pursuit of the billing code for reimbursement of home visits of lead poisoned children • Added that the program will also be seeking reimbursement from Medicaid to cover the cost of blood lead testing of high-risk pregnant persons and additionally their home visit • Commented that program is looking to coordinate efforts with the Adult Lead Program to determine a way to sort our blood lead testing reports of pregnant women apart from other non-pregnant persons 16 years of age or older by setting the criteria on the report form to identify a pregnant persons checkbox prior to age information and divert those reports to the Lead Program 		
Delegate Agency Grant Agreements	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported local health departments have been inquiring as to the status of the delegate agency grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead poisoning prevention activities should be conducted as "business as usual" ○ Grant agreements are on hold until the state budget is passed ○ Grant agreements have been moved into the application phase in EGrAMS ○ Program is still verifying lab reports for determining FY16 grant amounts for case management based on lab reports submitted to the state lab from the previous year 	Send out grant agreement announcement	Kert McAfee
2014 Annual Surveillance Report	Frida Fokum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported she had been compiling the 21st annual report for the Lead Program • She outlined the childhood blood lead burden within the state by county, age, gender, race, Medicaid status, etc. 		

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	Helen Binns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commented that the collection of information regarding race and ethnicity is still very much underreported and yet, it is the most requested data for health disparity studies Reported that M.I.T. is doing a national study and the Program has been contacted for lead data Reported meetings will begin in 2 weeks with program staff to review and revise report Added that Final Draft will be sent to this advisory council for review and comment Suggested that the report reflect what percentage of all Illinois children aged 3 years and younger were tested during the year and the test results in order to determine the high-risk population <p>Discussion followed regarding the collection of information regarding race which might be used, i.e. Medicaid data or information from birth certificates for children born in Illinois.</p>	Follow up with getting Frida access to data of race from Medicaid system	Kert McAfee
	Emile Jorgensen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commented about the concern for some labs such as Mt. Sinai who report blood levels at ≤ 5 and placing children in the 5 – 9 ug/dL reference level which may actually be less than 5 ug/dL and skewing the blood lead level data by overstating the blood lead prevalence and incidence 		
	Frida Fokum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commented that she had sorted out blood lead levels of ≥ 6 ug/dL which more accurately reflects the blood lead levels Added that she had included a statement in the annual report which states the problem of labs who submits report ≤ 5ug/dL Stated her concern for children who are tested ≥ 5ug/dL by capillary and no follow up testing is done 		
	Nichole Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commented that under Illinois law, no follow-up testing is required until a test result of ≥ 10 is drawn 		
	Helen Binns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added that a co-worker at Lurie Children's Hospital is conducting research as to how many of the children who test ≥ 5 greater by capillary actually test as elevated when a venous test is performed 		
Program Evaluation	Frida Fokum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displayed an evaluation report received from Colorado Lead Poisoning Prevention Program as an example for compiling an evaluation for the Illinois Lead Program 	Consider plan for evaluation of program	Helen Binns and Frida Fokum

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Evaluation of Lead Poisoning Elimination Advisory Council	Frida Fokum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented results from the Lead Poisoning Elimination Advisory Council meeting survey of the April Concluded that she would be sending another survey regarding this meeting 	Develop questions to include in survey	Eleanor Davis and Frida Fokum
	Helen Binns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested Frida include questions about the review of the website in her post-advisory council meeting evaluation survey 		
Clear-Win Project	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentioned the Chicago Tribune published their third article this summer on lead poisoning and mentioned the Clear-Win Project within the article Reported the Peoria project is in the process of submitting their final invoices which concludes the project Reported that a little money was left over to cover administrative costs Reported that Jon Pressley will be drafting a final report to submit to legislators Emphasized that one of the legislative agendas for the program is to create an update to the Clear-Win Act so that it becomes a permanent project 	Submit final report to legislators	Jon Pressley/Kert McAfee
	Helen Binns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested that the Clear-Win advisory council members, i.e. Anita Weinberg, review the draft before submission and include a Summary for a quick synopsis for the audience 		
	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed on the review of the draft, once the Lead Safe Housing Advisory Council has been reconvened possibly in early fall or winter 		
RRP Rule	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that another important matter that the program would like to do is to introduce to the legislators for approval during the Spring session the implementation and administration of the RRP rule in Illinois 		
Committee assignments	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explained the purpose of making assignments to the committee members and stated that if members do not know what committee they are assigned to, they can email or call or request to be on a different committee of their choosing 		

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Education and Outreach committee	Kim White and Eleanor Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that revisions to several documents including the Local Health Department Guidelines have been completed, reviewed by the education committee members, and submitted to the Division of Communications for review and to CMS for design for publication • Explained that due to the unresolved budget issues, the Physicians Guidelines which was also revised is being held until money is allocated for publications • Reported the IDPH website is being revised and we will be requesting the Education and Outreach committee to access the new dph.illinois.gov site and give suggestions and input for ease in navigation of the site • Reported the Product Safety Division U.S. Compliance Intern with the Walmart Corporation, contacted us this past week to discuss a collaboration for sharing Illinois' lead poisoning prevention messages via several avenues within their stores national wide. We will be using our education and outreach committee members to review the communications with Walmart and would encourage your input and suggestions for a successful outcome in this collaboration • Suggested including messages in the sporting goods section in the Walmart partnership for bringing awareness for lead poisoning prevention to sportsman who mold or use lead sinkers and reload their own ammunition 	Draft communication to be submitted to our Public Information Officer for review before submitting to Walmart	Eleanor Davis
	Stephanie Cline			
Data and Evaluation committee	Helen Binns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported they have completed a report for the state MMWR which explains the progress in the reduction of lead poisoning over the past 15 years 	Work with Anne Bendelow, Epidemiologist at Refugee Health Program	Frida Fokum
	Frida Fokum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commented that the report has been reviewed and approved and will be going to publication very soon 		
	Helen Binns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested that the committee work on researching the high-risk refugee population to determine where those children identified with lead poisoning are coming from, what their blood lead levels average and include it in a future MMWR report and submit an article to the American Academy of Pediatrics for additional education to healthcare providers 		

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Policy and Regulations committee	Mohammed Shahidullah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested that some research be completed to determine why the race and ethnicity information is not being collected and reported and send a message to healthcare providers of the importance of such data 	Determine lack of collecting and reporting race/ethnicity	Frida Fokum
	Nick Peneff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that Metropolitan Tenants Organization in Chicago has drafted a building code ordinance for healthy homes for all tenant housing and Patrick MacRoy is presenting the draft next week at the Mayor's Office. They also are looking for endorsements from other constituents, specifically from Lurie Children's Hospital if possible. Announced that they are working with another group who is developing an iPhone and Android app for uploading real time data of lead, asbestos, humidity, moisture, etc. which would be available for epidemiological studies 		
	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explained that he would the assign this committee to be looking at the successes of other states in implementing the RRP rule 		
	Nick Peneff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that the U.S. EPA is considering removing their rule for a hands-on session in the RRP refresher training course in order to implement the training online Reported that Public Health and Safety has developed an online refresher course in preparation of the upcoming change in the training protocol 		
	Dave Turpin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that the one unexpected backlash in the online refresher course eliminating the hands-on session came from the training providers which would reduce their trainings unless they had developed an online course Continued to explain the EPA's concern for verifying the person taking the final exam is indeed the person who sat for the e-learning session and it is yet to be worked out 		

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	Nick Peneff Dave Turpin Nick Peneff Dave Turpin Nick Peneff Kert McAfee Dave Turpin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquired as to when the final date for the comment period was • Responded by stating he was uncertain as to the end date of the comment period • Stated his concern for lower numbers of licenses issued for Spanish speaking workers and suggested determining if the problem is that fewer courses are offered in Spanish or if this group may have many undocumented workers who are afraid of taking training because they are undocumented • Continued by stating that they developed the online course in order to avoid the decline in attendees for their training but the online training could also provide homeowners who wanted to do their own work a better knowledge of lead safe work practices and for those homeowners who hired workers, it would give them a better idea of what to expect from trained workers in their home • Commented that because they offer an online training course, that has generated a lot more tips and complaints reported from homeowners who have identified unsafe practices performed in their homes or neighborhoods • Suggested that the U.S.EPA Tips and Complaint form be added to the new DPH website in order to make it available to the public • Inquired as to the status of the healthy homes agenda • Responded that this advisory group is associated with the CDC grant and the grant has discontinued the healthy homes agenda • Inquired if the RRP Rule had been revised to include commercial and public buildings. • Responded that no decision had been made to include these buildings in the RRP Rule at this time 	Add Tips and Complaint form to the new DPH website	Eleanor Davis

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Open Discussion	<p>Kim White</p> <p>Nichole Jones</p> <p>Kim White</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that the East Side Clinic has partnered with the South West Asthma Coalition and are conducting full home assessments for people who have uncontrolled asthma which include inside air quality and ventilation evaluations. After home assessments, they provide a complete report on what asthma triggers to eliminate in the home environment, provide referrals and conduct follow-up • Inquired if East Side Health District was referring their patients who have been identified with lead poisoning for home inspections as a partnership • Responded that the program had just begun and so far the six referrals they had were strictly asthma related and were not referrals of children with lead poisoning 		
Adjourned	Kert McAfee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquired as to any further business or questions • Announced next meeting has been changed from October 15 to October 22, 2015 due to him attending the CDC Partners Conference and will be conducted from 10:00 a.m. until noon by video conference or members may prefer to attend by phone conference. A reminder notice will be sent in advance. 	Send reminder of October 22 nd meeting	Eleanor Davis

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		<p><u>Be sure and mark your calendar for the remaining 2015 Lead Poisoning Elimination Advisory Council Meeting:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, October 22, 2015 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Video conferencing available at the following locations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IL Department of Public Health 525 W. Jefferson St. - 3rd Flr. Springfield, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory 2121 W. Taylor Chicago, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IL Department of Public Health Peoria Regional Office 5415 North University Peoria, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IL Department of Public Health Edwardsville Regional Office #2 Kettle River Drive Glen Carbon, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IL Department of Public Health Marion Regional Office 2309 W. Main St. Marion, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone Conference only # Toll free #: 888-494-4032 Passcode: 6885610170</p>		