

MINUTES OF MEETING

Southern Regional Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition

Meeting Site: Healthtrax Sewell, NJ

Date : Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Attendees: Debi Asselta, Regional Lead Coalition Coordinator; Betsy Cubbage, Fran Magnan, Cumberland County Health Department; Renee Costa Cumberland County HD Drexel Student; Sarah Malone-Ditzel, SNJPC; Elaine Webster, Lead Case Manager, Crystal Brown and Mark Wiley, Lead Inspector, Cumberland County Health Department; Cynthia Sheridan, Atlantic County Health Department; Linda Brady-Chernow, Camden County Medicaid; Koren Norwood, Southern Jersey Family Medical Center; Sherri Begleiter, Atlantic Human Resources, Head Start Nurse; Hilda Mitchell, OPDD, Donna Robinson, Camden Medicaid, Deloris Tillie, Camden Medicaid; Rebecca Lim-Chau, Burlington County Health Department; Iraida Afanador, Department Head Code Enforcement, Camden City

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action	Follow Up
Welcome/Introductions	Refreshments were available	Debi welcomed everyone. Members introduced themselves. New members welcomed.	New members asked to provide contact information so that they will appear on next coalition roster.
Lead staff changes	Sarah-Malone-Ditzel is now working under the PREP grant, and Kelly McLaughlin will share her time between Tobacco and Lead & Healthy Homes		
Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved as read	Minutes were approved with no corrections by Elaine Webster and seconded by Linda Brady.	Minutes can also be accessed on www.southjerseylead.org

Preliminary Healthy Homes Consumer survey report	603 surveys were completed thus far. The preliminary data showed that 30% had mold in the home, Mold was more prevalent in shore areas; 18% had cockroaches; 25% had rats. Many household injuries were due to falls. 70% of the households use bleach and air fresheners; 54% use febreze and continuous air fresheners; 80/150 surveys reported kids with allergies; 50 % who have allergies have mold in their home. With the topic of bedbugs, Sherri Begleiter informed the coalition that there is no bedbug school policy; Michigan and North Carolina both have a great bedbug school policy that we should check out on line; Many clients have a lack of knowledge about bedbugs	There was a lot of conversation about bed bugs; Betsy Cabbage recommended calling each county health department's to inquire on the number of bed bug complaints in the last three months for a closer picture of actual bedbug problems.	Debi will have calls put out to county Health Department for bedbug counts in the last 3 months
Revised Time-line	No additional Healthy Homes bags complete with non-toxic household products will be purchased; we will use the remainder of last year's inventory from DCA as client incentives during home visits and follow-ups to lead poisoned children	Coalition members may request bags by ordering on line or by email to Debi Asselta	
BLL reward cards	Sarah Malone-Ditzel announced that BLL reward cards (gift cards to department stores) are still available while supplies last	Coalition members to continue to tell clients about BLL reward offer	
Coalition Co-Chairs	Debi introduced the new Coalition Co-chairs: Crystal Brown, Lead Inspector from Cumberland County Health Department and Linda Brady-Chernow from Camden County Medicaid.	Crystal and Linda distributed a coalition member survey to ascertain meeting time, date and content satisfaction and to explore educational directions for future meetings	Survey information was collected and will be presented at Feb 7 meeting

Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (ACCLP) article	The article disclosed a movement to reduce the BLL down to 5ug/dL from 2 10ug/dL within 3 months time.	A public hearing would occur in January open to the public	Debi to advise time and telephone number of public hearing when learned
CLPP week October 23-29	CLPP week activities and events highlights were disclosed as all went around the table. Iraida Afanador from Camden Code Enforcement provided a tri-fold in the community that brings information on different candies from different countries; Some candy from foreign countries may contain lead. Rebecca Lim-Chua and the Health Department staff dressed up as Lady Gaga and Lead Zepplin; Cumberland county gave out information and put in grocery bags on Friday and Saturday for adult trick or treat at Cumberland Mall; Jocelyn, Camden County Health Department reported that she is experiencing that Pakistani and Indian Families are getting high lead levels from make-up and spices that are coming over from their countries.	Members reminded to enter their Lead activities including CLPP week at www.wolnj.org before December 31, 2011.	
Suggestions	Debi proposed that in the second grant year we may want to do a webinar for medical professionals on other sources of lead poisoning and Healthy Homes principles.	Suggestions always welcomed	
Next meeting Tuesday, Feb 7 2012	HealthTrax Building, 405 Hurfville-Crosskeys Road, Sewell, NJ	Valentine Treats and Healthy Homes Consumer Survey Presentation	Please plan to attend