

**Southern Regional Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition
MEETING MINUTES**

General Meeting

Date: October 6, 2009

Debi Asselta, RN Coordinator

Attendees: Amerigroup NJ, Inc. MaryAnne Kokidis; Atlantic City HD: Ivy Daniels, Maria Emma Escobar; Atlantic County HD: Linda Nell; Atlantic County Women’s Center: Martie Granieri; Burlington County HD: No representation; Camden County HD: No representation; Camden County Children’s Services: Ada Ortolaza; Camden Medical Assistance Customer Service Center: Donna Robinson, Delores Gaines-Tillie, City of Camden Code Enforcement: No representation; Cumberland County Health Dept.: No representation; Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May Assistance Customer Service Center: Claudia Capasso, Sheron D. Keyes; DH/Perfil Latino TV: Harnell Paraison, Nelva Paraison; Gloucester County HD: Delle Zelinsky, Elizabeth Grant; Lead Based Paint Inspections: No representation; New Jersey Citizen Action: Sean Kinney; Salem County Health Dept: Deana Wood; Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative: Deb Asselta, Merle Weitz, Sarah Malone-Ditzel, Nina Smith, Judy Stark; Southern Regional Child Care Resource Center/EIRC: Sherri Begleiter (Cape May), Annette Perez (Gloucester); Unified Child Care Services, Tri County: JoAnne Shelor-Gilley (Cumberland), Martha Saint-Jean (Salem); Tri County Community Action Partnership: Kenneth Buckmon; Vineland City Health Depart: Fran Magnan; Vineland City Hall: Emma Lopez; NJ State DHSS: Elaine Pearson; NJ Public Advocates Office: No representation

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION	FOLLOW UP
Welcome/Introductions		Debi welcomed everyone. Introductions were done.	
Minutes Approval from June 2 meeting		Amendment addition: Iraida Afanador offered to share recipe booklet w/coalition members; Coordinator will follow up with Iraida to obtain recipe booklet	Coordinator will contact Iraida and obtain recipe booklet for the next meeting
Coalition’s objective	Obj #2 Coalition mandate: Participate in CLPP week activity during National CLPP week Controversy this year—DCA 10-24-31; DHSS 10-18-24	Members are asked to report any CLPP events/Activities occurring between Oct 24-31; Coalition members were asked to share with the group their CLPP plans; Health Departments are expected to be too busy to participate since the flu shots are taking precedent	
Event vs Activity	Coordinator asked the coalition members to share their understanding of the meanings event and activity	Delle Zelinsky and Sean Kinney explained the difference—Event means it’s your idea/event; Activity means you are participating at someone else’s event	Coalition members agreed to be more precise in reporting these options on monthly reports

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<p>Targeted Cities</p>	<p>Targeted cities are considered municipalities within the county where increased lead education, increased screening and increased dust-wipe sampling will occur. These targeted cities were selected in the year 2008-2009 because of high numbers of old housing and high percentages of children under six who have not been tested—targeted cities will remain the same for the year 2009-2010 they are: Atlantic County—Hamilton Township and Atlantic City Cape May County—Ocean City Burlington County—Willingboro Camden County—Cherry Hill & Camden City Cumberland County—Millville and Vineland City Gloucester County—Deptford Salem County--Alloway</p>	<p>GIS Maps, Us Census 2000 Geographic Organization of Lead Data and unscreened children under age 6 by municipality copies are available to coalition members on our coalition website www.southjerseylead.org</p> <p>Coalition members were requested to aim their education and outreach to children and parents in targeted cities and indicate such on monthly reporting form</p>	
<p>2010 meeting schedule/format</p>	<p>Clusters vs 6 general meetings with cluster time built in was the question asked of the members. By an unanimous show of hands, the coalition voted to revert to 6 general meetings per year in 2010 with time built in to meet in clusters</p>	<p>Meetings will commence the first Tuesday of the following months for 2010 —Feb 2 April 6 June 1 August 3 Oct 5 December 7 Guest speakers/trainings will also be announced via website</p>	<p>Coordinator will announce the 2010 meeting dates, speakers, trainings and new location on our website www.southjerseylead.org</p>

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Coalition member open discussion	<p>1. Sean Kinney has a suggestion for guest speaker in 2010 on buccal swab testing still under going research</p> <p>2. Emma Escobar, lead educator for Atlantic City, needs suggestions on how to handle a family in Atlantic City with a previous high BLL who has no money for a follow-up blood test. The local Atlantic City Health Department doesn't provide free blood tests.</p> <p>3. Lead Care II machines are available at no cost from DHSS- Anna Preiss but request must be made with means to purchase testing supplies included.</p>	<p>Sean will contact coordinator with name and address of speaker</p> <p>A suggestion by Delle Zelinsky was to notify her Health Officer of the situation</p> <p>Several Lead CareII machines are still available through the DHSS but must be requested formally. Also, the requester must indicate that funding exists to purchase the necessary testing supplies.</p>	<p>Coordinator will contact speaker to obtain availability and inform coalition in an upcoming meeting</p> <p>Emma Escobar to notify coordinator of action taken and to request additional help, if needed.</p> <p>Those members interested are encouraged to contact Anna Preiss at anna.preiss@doh.state.nj.us</p>
Meeting adjournment		Meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.	
Final Cluster meetings for 2009 will be held in December...please watch for reminder!			