

# ***Southern Regional Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition***

## ***General Meeting Minutes***

June 2, 2009

### **I. Call to order**

Debi Asselta, Coordinator, called to order the regular meeting of the Regional Southern Coalition at 10:00am on June 2 in Sewell, NJ. The following (40) persons were in attendance; Atlantic City HD: \* *Ivy Daniels*, Maria Emma Escobar; Atlantic County HD: \* *Patricia Diamond*, Linda Nell; Atlantic County Women's Center: Martie Granieri; Burlington County HD: Rebecca Lim-Chua, Deanna Adkins; Camden County HD: Nancy Garrity, Jane Leary; Camden County Child Resources: Ada Ortolaza; Camden Medical Assistance Customer Service Center: Donna Robinson, Delores Gaines-Tillie, Shawn Condell; City of Camden Code Enforcement: Iraida Afanador; Cumberland County Health Dept.: Joan Maloney, Elaine Webster, \* *Mark Wiley*, \* *Filemon Matias*; Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May Assistance Customer Service Center: Sherone Keyes; DH/Perfil Latino TV: Harnell Paraison; Gloucester County HD: Delle Zelinsky, Elizabeth Grant; Lead Based Paint Inspections: Stanley Stopa; New Jersey Citizen Action: Sean Kinney; Salem County Health Dept: JoAnn Brown, Deana Wood; Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative: Deb Asselta, Donna Bordner, Merle Weitz, Sarah Malone-Ditzel, Nina Smith; Southern Regional Child Care Resource Center: Sherri Begleiter (Cape May), Annette Perez (Gloucester); Unified Child Care Services, Tri County: JoAnne Shelor-Gilley (Cumberland), Martha Saint-Jean (Salem); Vineland City Health Depart. Elizabeth Cabbage, Joel Howard, Eileen McMahan; NJ State DOHSS: \* *Anna Preiss*, Clinical Lab Evaluator \* *Elaine Pearson*; NJ Public Advocates Office: \* *Joseph Pargola*; *ESA Magellan Biosciences*: \* *Robb Morse*, Guest Speaker  
\*New members

### **II. Approval of Lead Coalition minutes from March 3 general meeting**

Sherri Begleiter (Cape May County) made a motion to approve the minutes from the March general meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

### **III. Introductions**

- a) This meeting was titled Let's Build Our Coalition. Members invited a colleague to view the workings of our coalition and to enjoy our hot breakfast buffet. Everyone introduced themselves and their relationship with "lead." The attendance was double that of any regular meeting in the past. This breakfast meeting helped reach our yearly objectives: Expand Coalition Membership beyond public health personnel. Members shared their quarterly strategies in reaching some of the coalition's goals: improve screening rates of children under age 6 in targeted cities. Some counties are working to increase provider participation to help educate parents.

### **IV. New business**

**a) LeadCare II presentation**

Guest Speaker Robb Morse presented an education power point on the LeadCare II waived machine. This is a fast, accurate, and inexpensive way to perform on-the-spot blood-lead measurements at community health centers, WIC and mobile clinics, health fairs or home visits. LeadCare II Licensing procedure information was offered by DHSS Elaine Pearson; \*Free machines information was offered by DHSS Anna Preiss. The LeadCare II machine was demonstrated at the end of the meeting. Follow-up information on purchasing, sales summary sheets for providers, will be made available soon.

**b) Web-based Immunization System update Presentation**

Facilitator Debi Asselta presented an education power point on the New Jersey web-based immunization information (NJIS) system and how children's blood lead- levels are recorded on this official record for school entrance. For more information on NJIS training please contact Barbara Alston at [balston@snjpc.org](mailto:balston@snjpc.org).

**c) New Lead Coalition Website completed [www.southjerseylead.org](http://www.southjerseylead.org)**

Facilitator Debi Asselta announced the completion of our own Southern Regional Lead Poisoning prevention website--a peak at its usefulness and contents was revealed. Domain and availability will be announced soon.

**d) Sub-contractors' reports:**

Outreach is going well in Cumberland county. In Vineland city members reported that over 40 homes were visited and tenants were given WOL dust wipe kits; all 40 performed the dust wipe test in their own homes. This was accomplished in one month. This was a 100% return rate. In Millville city, face-to-face follow-up with tenants and homeowners is conducted in Spanish and English. WOL kits are distributed after Spanish church services. Perfil Latino TV continues to broadcast lead education in Spanish every Sunday.

**e) Educational power point discs distribution:**

These discs are useful for educating parents, providers, child care agencies and for recruiting new members. They also disclose the screening statistics on the top ten cities in each of our seven southern counties.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Debi Asselta, RN Coordinator.