



## **Ad Hoc Lead Advisory Committee and Healthy Homes Outreach Task Force**

### **Quarterly Meeting**

**November 12 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

### **Meeting Summary**

**Meeting Location:** 100 Europa Drive, Europa Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Suite 490), Chapel Hill, NC

#### **Meeting Contacts:**

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#### **Summary:**

On Wednesday, November 12, approximately thirty lead and healthy homes professionals from across the state came together at the UNC Institute for the Environment for the quarterly NC Healthy Homes Outreach Task Force meeting. The representatives from local and state health and housing agencies discussed strategies for keeping safe during home visits, particularly when encountering difficult issues like hoarding, mental illness, extreme pest issues (including bed bugs), and concerns for personal safety. Panelists included law enforcement officers from Chapel Hill and Durham, mental health professionals, and a pest expert. Participants shared successful strategies and challenges, resources for adults and families in crisis, and safety tips. Research associate Megan Hughes in the UNC IE Environmental Resource Program coordinates meetings of the task force, and this meeting was supported by funding from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

## Local Updates:

**Buncombe County** - no money, no lead poisoning prevention. If anyone is interested in purchasing an XRF xlp 703a, contact Linda Block, 828-683-8433.

### **Partnership Effort for the Advancement of Children's Health (PEACH) -**

- Partnering with NCSU on Triangle Integrated Environmental Study (TIES) targeting NECD residents.
- Triangle Integrated Environmental Study (TIES) is seeking participants. Please share this information with appropriate parties. Eligible study participants are:
  - ages 2 and up
  - Spanish or English speaking
  - not on blood thinners
  - lives in NECD target area (Bus 501 to west, Hwy 147 to south, and Hwy 70 to north and east)
- Seeking information on the RRP contractor fines (i.e. amount of fines, number of contractors fined, counties where fines issued and any other information available).
- Working to add Spanish language RRP course by the Spring.

## State Updates:

**DHHS** - Beginning November 12, 2014 the Blood Lead Unit of the Hemachemistry Lab at the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) will begin using a new form to increase productivity and reduce errors in reports. This new form will be available on the NCSLPH website at:

<http://slph.ncpublichealth.com/forms.asp#specimen>. **Form DHHS-3707.**

This form is designed to be scanned. A NCSLPH data entry person will manually verify any letters or numbers that the computer cannot interpret. Please help us to save time and improve accuracy by writing carefully and following the instructions below. Please use X instead of √ for check boxes. Kate Mason, Hemachemistry Supervisor, NC State Laboratory of Public Health, [Kate.Mason@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Kate.Mason@dhhs.nc.gov)

### **DHHS, Children's Environmental Health Program - Division of Public Health (David Brown, w.david.brown@dhhs.nc.gov) –**

- One Healthy Home Lead Hazard Evaluation conducted in coordination with Arlene "Penny" Coleman a community health counselor with Community Care Partners of Northern Piedmont. Potential lead hazards were identified as well as potential respirator triggers were identified in the home of a child on continues pulmonary medical management.
- The Children's Environmental Health Program conducted its Lead State of Practice Workshop in Asheboro NC November 5 – 9. Eighteen participants from local health departments and other health agencies participated.

- The Children's Environmental Health Program is encouraging Environmental Health Specialists and Public Health Clinicians to enter activity data into the NCLEAD Data Surveillance system. Entering this data is crucial to accurately tracking appropriate case management and property remediation's.

#### **UNC Center for Environmental Health and Susceptibility –**

- We will be presenting 7 hour Healthy Homes for Community Health Workers training as part of the 2015 Asthma Summit on March 3 at St. Mark's Church in Burlington
- We have had an increase in Asthma Trigger training requests from CCNC groups.
- We will be serving as a contractor to DHHS for the recently awarded CDC Childhood Lead grant. Program Manager, Ed Norman, expects grant activities to begin in Jan 2015.

#### **Handouts:**

- **Mental Health**
- **Hoarding**
- **Home Visit Safety**
- **Triangle Integrated Environmental Study (TIES) flyer**

#### **Resource Links for Bed Bugs:**

- EPA website: <http://www2.epa.gov/bedbugs> (also has links to webinars and other helpful details)
- NCSU Cooperative Extension: <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/Urban/biting.htm> (This has information aside from bed bugs, but has some publications that give general biology and control advice, plus information about preparing your house for a bed bug treatment.)
- NC School IPM Website: <http://schoolipm.ncsu.edu> (This site has information somewhat school specific but can help where school-aged children may be involved in a problem situation.)
- Two publications prepared by the NC Pest Management Association and NCSU:
  - "Bed Bugs - Your Guide to the Prevention, Detection, & Treatment" (English and Spanish).
  - <http://entomology.ncsu.edu/ftp/outgoing/bedbug-pubs.zip>
  - Both are PDFs that can be printed out for (or by) the end-user.
- NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Structural Pest Control & Pesticides Division, Sleep Products Section: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SPCAP/sleep/index.htm> (They had a staff specialist for bed bugs but that position is currently vacant. For now, contact: Ms. Kay Harris, Program Administrator, (919) 733-3556)

## Panelists:

**Jeffrey Fair** is the District 3 Community Resource Officer with the Durham Police Department.

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**Cynthia Fenner** is a Community Relations Specialist with Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions. She works primarily in Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Vance and Warren Counties, coordinates Crisis Intervention Team Training for law enforcement and emergency responders, and provides suicide prevention training (QPR). Cynthia's previous experience includes work with Northampton Co. Department of Social Services as an Adult Services Social Worker, Five Co. Mental Health Authority in Henderson, NC as a Care Coordinator, and Halifax Co. Mental Health / RiverStone Counseling in Roanoke Rapids NC as a geriatric social worker and community care coordinator. Cynthia has a Bachelors in Social Work from Barton College in Wilson, NC. [Cynthia.Fenner@cardinalinnovations.org](mailto:Cynthia.Fenner@cardinalinnovations.org)

**Heart Foxworth** - A North Carolina native, I received my undergraduate degree in Communication Studies with minors in Psychology and Sociology at UNC Wilmington in 2006. I went on to complete a Master's Degree in Social Work in 2008, also from UNCW. My clinical work has included Multi-Systemic Therapy, Family Preservation, Intensive In Home, Individual and Family Outpatient Therapy in addition to completing Comprehensive Clinical/Diagnostic Assessments. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of NC and also certified as a Clinical Supervisor for provisionally licensed clinical social workers through my licensure board.

I began working for Cardinal Innovations in January 2013 as the System of Care Coordinator based out of the Henderson Community Operations Center; focusing my attention on supporting the local communities to pool resources and collaborate to address system issues preventing many consumers and families from accessing much needed services for behavioral and mental health as well as substance abuse. The opportunity to join the Cardinal Innovations Community Partners team in April 2014 as a Consumer Affairs Specialist for Mental Health and Substance Abuse has provided me with perhaps my most fulfilling role yet (other than being a mom of course!), in which I can advocate, support, and empower folks to gain access to what they feel is needed to live their very best, most successful life and achieve the goals they establish for themselves in the very same ways that I do for my family and loved ones. I believe that each and every person has great potential and value; I am so thankful to be part of this journey for so many. [Heart.Foxworth@cardinalinnovations.org](mailto:Heart.Foxworth@cardinalinnovations.org)

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**Michael Waldvogel** is Extension Associate Professor of Entomology at NC State University. He holds an MS in Entomology from Penn State University and a PhD in Entomology from NC State University. Most of his field work involves testing of new termiticide products. He is currently Director of the NCSU Structural Pest Management Training & Research Facility. He also involved in North Carolina's IPM for Schools and Child Care Centers School IPM program, along with pest management training for the food service industry through the ServSafe® program and participates in the Centralized Intern Training Program for county Environmental Health specialists. He conducts pesticide applicator certification training in Category B (Public Health) and North Carolina structural pest control Phases P (Household Pests), W (Wood Destroying Pests), and F (Structural Fumigation). Dr. Waldvogel currently serves as chairman of the North Carolina Structural Pest Control Committee. [mike\\_waldvogel@ncsu.edu](mailto:mike_waldvogel@ncsu.edu)

**Reid Wilson** is author or co-author of 5 self-help books on anxiety, including the classic, Don't Panic as well as Stop Obsessing! and Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents. He serves as the Expert for WebMD's

Anxiety and Panic Community. He has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Katie Show, Good Morning America, CNN, and A&E's Hoarders. Last spring, for 30 years of service, he honored the highest award given in his field, by the Anxiety and Depression Association of America.  
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## **Announcements:**

Our 2015 schedule will be the following:

Feb 2015 – phone meeting

May 2015 – in person (Possible Location: Guilford County)

Aug 2015 – phone meeting

Nov 2015 – in person

Stay tuned for more information about the date and time of the Feb 2015 meeting.

## In Person Attendees:

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