



Lead Advisory Committee and Healthy Homes Outreach Task Force

Quarterly Meeting Summary

May 14, 2024

Summary

On Tuesday, May 14, thirty- six lead and healthy homes professionals met via Zoom for the quarterly NC Lead and Healthy Homes Outreach Task Force meeting. Prior to the meeting, members were asked to submit their program updates on lead and healthy homes activities in an online survey, responses included below. This meeting was supported by funding from the NC DHHS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (NC CLPPP) and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

Local, State, and Federal Updates

Alexandria Rimmer - Orange County

- The county has 3 pending lead investigations currently, two children and one pregnant woman. The county is also working with a child care center. In the past month the county has had 5 healthy homes investigations.
- The county is about to post a position that will include more time to devote to healthy homes and the staff are very excited about it.

Kelly Hoffman – RTI International

- A total of 4,000 facilities (child care centers and schools, about 2,000 each) enrolled in the program to receive free lead and water testing, paint testing through 2026.
- The website includes lead metrics and water samples that have been analyzed.
- State and local health agencies have started lead risk assessments at child care facilities and schools.

Ed Norman - NC DHHS, Children’s Environmental Health

- The National Lead and Healthy Homes conference will be on August 20 -22 in Savannah, Georgia.
- The MMWR article that the CDC asked NC Children’s Environmental Health to write on the process of addressing the Wana Bana applesauce contamination is close to being published.
- NC Children’s Environmental Health is recruiting a regional environmental health specialist who will serve the Wake County area; the position is posted on the state website.

Tena Hand-Schafale – NC DHHS, Children’s Environmental Health

- Children’s Environmental Health will be hosting a training webinar regarding the planned Version 6 upgrade of NCLEAD. The training will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 10:45 to 11:45 AM. (Link to recorded session is below.) All current NCLEAD users are strongly encouraged to attend. The planned Go-Live date for NCLEAD Version 6 is June 8, 2024. Contact the lead help desk LeadHelpDesk@lists.ncmail.net with questions.
- This training will immediately follow the already announced ARPA LHD Update meeting scheduled for 9:30 – 10:30 AM. (Link to recorded session is below.)
- The Zoom meeting link will remain the same for both sessions, so participants can remain on the same meeting to participate in the NCLEAD Version 6 Training.
- Both sessions will be recorded and posted to the NC Healthy Homes Website (<https://nchealthyhomes.com/resources/>). (Links to specific sessions are listed below in these notes in “Related Links.”)

Tashaunda Hill – Pitt County Environmental Health

- Pitt County participated in a wellness event: Wellness at Wildwood on April 6th, providing information for lead poisoning prevention and awareness. Local health department staff have spent a great amount of



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time supporting child care providers in the Clean Classrooms Program with enrollment and questions about the program.

Melanie Napier - NC DHHS, Children's Environmental Health

- Hired a public health nurse consultant who will be assisting with clinical lead follow-up. Will also help with presentations to help get the word out. Her name is Ashley Stacy-Boddapati (ashley.stacy-boddapati@dhhs.nc.gov).

Discussion

Megan Hughes (UNC Institute for the Environment) Are there opportunities to hire recent graduates or college students for internships in state and local health departments?

Melanie Napier mentioned that there are opportunities for students and recent graduates through NEHA that link is listed below. They also developed a fellowship program that allows fellows to serve for 11 months. The overall goal of this program is to provide students/ graduates with experience that helps them qualify for full-time positions within the health department.

Relative Links & Upcoming Events

Recording of May 21 update on ARPA Program for Lead and Asbestos:

<https://nchealthyhomes.com/resources/arpa-programs-for-lead-and-asbestos-trainings-and-webinars/>

Recording of May 21 training on NC LEAD Version 6 upgrade:

<https://nchealthyhomes.com/resources/nlead-training-webinars/>

Clean Water for Carolina Kids Updates:

https://www.cleanwaterforuskids.org/en/carolina/ccck_select_results_summary/

National Lead and Healthy Homes Conference Registration Link:

[2024 National | Lead and Healthy Housing Conferences](#)

National Environmental Health Association:

https://www.neha.org/internships?utm_source=web&utm_medium=home_icon%20Guest%20Presentations

Recertification courses for lead will be August 6 -9 at Greenville Tech

Information on Greenville Tech courses: <https://ce.gvltec.edu/training/eohs/lead-safety.html>

Guest Presentations

Expert presentation slides and recordings will be made available to meeting participants.

Minnesota Response to Lead and Food in Spices

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Lead in Consumer Products: Insights from New York City Surveillance Data

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