



Florida's Lead-Safety & Healthy Homes Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

CECLP is in the process of developing a case management activity form

Governor signs Senate Bill: 1324 "Healthy Lifestyles"

IMPORTANT DATES:

Third quarter meeting of CECLP is September 13, 2006

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Overview of the Newsletter

The Committee for the Elimination of Childhood Lead Poisoning (CECLP) is delighted to announce the publication of our first newsletter. This quarterly publication aims to keep all committee members up to date about efforts made to eliminate childhood lead poisoning. It will highlight community events, work-group meeting dates, as well as work of colleagues inside and outside of the



committee. In addition, the newsletter will highlight cutting edge research regarding childhood lead poisoning. This publication will

hopefully spur constructive dialogues and will solicit comments, observations and recommendations from committee members and non committee members. The committee is particularly interested in hearing from individuals who may have innovative strategies and tactics that can be used to combat childhood lead poisonings.

A Great Year in the Making

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Committee for the Elimination of Childhood Lead Poisoning's (CELCP) Newsletter! This edition is one of many to come. As a kick off to our new publication, we wanted to highlight some major milestones :

January 1, 2006: The first day of implementation for the 2006 Annual Action Plan. The 2006 Action Plan is a component of Florida's five year plan for the elimination of childhood lead poisoning: Florida's Strategic Plan for the Elimination of Childhood

Lead Poisoning. Planning for the 2007 Annual Action Plan will begin in November.

April 1, 2006: Chairs named to the Screening and Surveillance, Protective Policy, Housing, Community Outreach and Case Management workgroups.

July 1, 2006: The Healthy Lifestyles Bill becomes effective, marking the first legislation in the state of Florida regarding the prevention of childhood lead poisoning!

Thanks to all of you, 2006 is already a banner year for lead poisoning prevention! To find out more about these and other news items, please continue to peruse our future publications.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcing events, activities, and programs that address the elimination of childhood lead poisoning.

2006 Committee Agreements

During our February 27, 2006 meeting, the committee discussed a number of topics including evaluation, monitoring, meeting dates and committee processes. After discussing the various items, the committee reached several agreements. The agreements were as follows:

Agreement 1: Each committee member will submit a brief bio of the organization that they represent and how they support lead elimination activities. Information will be posed on-line.

Agreement 2: In advance of each meeting, agenda meeting materials will be sent out one week prior to the meeting.

Agreement 3: Meeting minutes will be sent within one week of the meeting.

Agreement 4: The last 15-20 minutes of each quarterly meeting will be reserved for partners to report on Action Plan Activities.

Agreement 5: The committee will work together to create

and distribute a quarterly newsletter.

Agreement 6: Committee members will share information including articles, and other research via email.

Agreement 7: All new members will receive the committee overview and will have access to "Leading the Way to Lead Safe Florida" binder.

*"A new idea is delicate. It can be killed by sneer or a yawn."
-Ovid*

Lead Poisoning Prevention, Screening & Edu. Act Passes

The 2006 Legislative Session has wrapped up with the usual last-minute flurry of activity. This year we are happy to report that session has ended with a victory for childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts in Florida. **The Lead Poisoning Prevention Screening and Education Act** was originally proposed as House Bill 393 by Representative Joyner from the Florida House of Representatives and as Senate Bill 642 by Senator Miller from the Florida Senate.

The bills were amended at several points during session. Senator Miller eventually incorporated all amendments into the Obesity and Healthy Life-

styles Bill: Senate Bill 1324. Both the House and Senate passed this bill unanimously, and it was signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush on Thursday, June 22, 2006.

Senate Bill 1324: Obesity and Healthy Lifestyles provides an appropriation of \$308,000 in recurring general revenue funds, which will begin July 1, 2006. These monies will be used to cover the cost of blood lead screening for at-risk children through the county health departments and to cover the cost of providing case management to help reduce the blood lead burden of children who have elevated blood lead levels.

The bill requires the Florida Department of Health to put

blood lead screening guidelines and childhood lead poisoning medical case management guidelines in to rule.

This is a major milestone for Florida's childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts. It marks the first legislation in the state of Florida related to lead poisoning prevention!

Kudos to all of you for your ongoing support and commitment. Our goal to protect children can be achieved if we continue on this path!

Additional information related to Bill 1324 will soon be available on-line.



COMMUNICATIONS LOOP

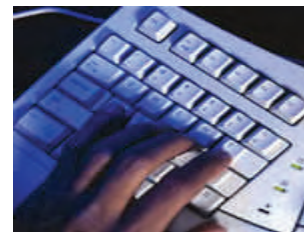
Seeking out committee members' responses and feedback.

CECLP On-line

Currently, The FL CLPPP is in the process of developing a website for the committee. As we begin setting up the website, we wanted to ask all of you if you would be comfortable with us posting the agendas and minutes for each meeting on the site for easy access. The meeting minutes from each workgroup will be sent to you again by your workgroup chair following each meeting.

If you would like to amend the minutes at that time, please inform your workgroup chair at that time. If no responses are received from the members within three days, we will consider the minutes approved and proceed with posting them on the site. If you disagree with posting the minutes on the website please also let us know. We

will not post the minutes without prior approval by participants.



The Who, The How, The What: The Committee Members

During our initial meeting, the committee agreed it would be helpful for us to compile individual bios and agency/organization bios. We also agreed that we would collect contact information from each committee member. This information will allow us become more familiar with one another. It will also enable us to collaborate and take advantage of the resources within our own com-

mittee. With respect to the committee member bios, we have developed a simple form to collect this information. This particular form will be sent out to all committee members very soon. When all of the information is collected, the FL CLPPP will distribute it to each member. Once you receive this information please include it in your "Leadership In Lead Poisoning Prevention" binder. Committee

member information will be posted on the CECLP website that is currently under construction.



Spotlight on: Ricky Harrison



The Committee for the Elimination of Childhood Lead Poisoning (CELCP) Newsletter is proud to spotlight Ricky Harrison this quarter. Ricky began working with the FL CLPPP as the program's Environmental Policy Analyst in January of this year. He "hit the ground running", so to speak, by driving and motivating innovative ideas and strategies relating to the CELCP and the creation of an EPA accredited Lead Based Paint Training and Certification Program,

managed by the Florida Department of Health.

Ricky's role also includes preparing bill analyses for proposed legislation that would have an impact on the FL CLPPP. He played an instrumental role in addressing directives in House Bill 393 and Senate Bill 642: The Lead Poisoning Prevention Screening and Education Act. Senate Bill 642 was inserted into Senate Bill 1324: Healthy Lifestyles Bill and signed by Governor Bush on June 21, 2006.

Ricky attributes the protective policy successes to strong partnerships with individuals who are willing to be creative and ground-breaking. The FL CLPPP is fortunate to have partners supporting our efforts to

eliminate childhood lead poisoning. According to Ricky, "it is with those men and women who are working indefatigably from the 'grass-roots' level who continue to make this program what it is...people working for people...for the children!"

To learn about how you can be part of the CELCP's Protective Policy Workgroup please contact Ricky. He may be reached by telephone (850) 245-4247 or email at Ricky_Harrison@doh.state.fl.us

COMMITTEE SPOLIGHT

Presenting profiles of committee members who make significant contributions to the long-term goals of the committee.

Spotlight on: New Workgroup Chairs

“Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.”
-Rosa Parks

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

As you may have noticed, we had several new voices facilitating the meetings this quarter. This is a good time to formally introduce our new workgroup chairs and extend a special thanks to them for their leadership!

Ricky Harrison:
Protective Policy Workgroup

Bio: Ricky Harrison currently serves as the Environmental Policy Analyst for the Florida Department of Health’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. In this position, he coordinates the implementation of protective policies in Florida under the directives of Florida’s Strategic Plan for the Elimination of Childhood Lead Poisoning. Under this plan, he seeks to establish and enforce regulations and policies at state and local levels to support the primary prevention of lead poisoning and to ensure and prioritize care for children identified as lead poisoned.

Ricky received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Political Science from Florida State University. He is currently completing a Masters of Public Administration with a major focus in Policy Analysis and Evaluation from Florida State University.

Cynthia O. Keeton:
Community Outreach and Education Workgroup

Bio: In 1979, Cynthia O. Keeton received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Chemistry from Savannah State Univer-

sity. Cynthia worked for 6 years with Georgia Department of Agriculture as an Environmental Sanitarian (State Inspector). She joined Hillsborough County Health Department in 1994, where she worked as an inspector. In 1996 Cynthia O. Keeton became the 1st Childhood Lead Poisoning Coordinator in Hillsborough County. Cynthia O. Keeton established the Community Partners Against Lead in 2000. Fifty Community partners joined this Healthy Homes partnership.

Cynthia O. Keeton has developed numerous training programs for the Hillsborough County community. She developed a train-the-trainer program for children deputizing them to become Official Lead Detectives. Cynthia O. Keeton has been identified in Hillsborough County and throughout the state as “The Lead Lady”. Cynthia O. Keeton has managed the CLPPP with limited funding and has become aggressive in her approach in getting the word out about Childhood Lead Based Paint Poisoning in Hillsborough County. This is the first year Hillsborough County has been awarded a CDC Childhood Lead poisoning Prevention Grant.

Dr. Tiffany Turner:
Housing Workgroup

Bio: In 1992, Dr. Tiffany Turner received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Chemistry from Stillman College. She received her Ph.D from Meharry Medical College in 1998 in Pharmacology with emphasis on Toxicology. In 2000, Dr. Turner completed her postdoctoral training at Duke University in the Environmental Toxicology Program. Upon completion of her postdoc in 2000,

Dr. Turner worked for the Food and Drug Administration for two years. She currently works for the Duval County Health Department where she supervises the Toxicology Program.

Curt Miller:
Screening and Surveillance Workgroup

Bio: Curt Miller currently serves as the Epidemiologist for the Florida Department of Health’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) in support of state and county level efforts to eliminate childhood lead poisoning. He has a degree in Statistics from the Florida State University.

Curt has over 10 years of professional data analysis and data management experience specializing in health data and epidemiology. Prior to joining the Florida CLPPP, Curt served for six years as lead health data analyst for the Florida Pregnancy Risk And Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). Before that, Curt worked for four years with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration where he played a major role in compiling Florida’s hospital in-patient and out-patient data bases.



Effective Committees



The Committee for the Elimination of Childhood Lead Poisoning is a group of people who share a passion for eliminating childhood lead poisoning. In order to deepen our knowledge and expertise in this area, we interact on a regular basis either by coming together face-to-face or virtu-

ally. Complementary mechanisms, such as this newsletter, increase our sharing of knowledge, information and best practices in a way that is accessible to all. One important challenge of the Committee is to sustain our enthusiasm and commitment to learning from one another. As we engage in any type of exchange of information, irrespective of the medium, the same principles can easily be applied. Please keep these important principles in mind as we move forward... together.

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it."

--Sir Winston Churchill

"You must remember the value that you add to others and not just what others have added to you.

That's how we build self-worth, which, in my opinion, is just as important as net worth.

-Suze Orman

Hitting Full Stride: Five Tips for an Effective Committee

Participation

1-- Balanced Participation by all members of the group; contribution of all skills and expertise as appropriate; conflict resolution processes are understood and used; members arrive prepared for meetings, having read the agenda, minutes and reports sent out earlier; members leave meetings with a clear sense of what was determined and what their responsibilities are.

Openness

2-- Practice honesty and frankness so that all relevant opinions and information get on the table; people often are able to express themselves clearly and constructively when others genu-

inely listen to them; all key information is shared.

Cohesiveness

3-- Shared goals are important for committee cohesion; although there may be diversity on the committee, the basic goals are shared by all members; group support for previous decisions; group is able to build consensus on key decisions.

Ability to Change

4-- The group is able to generate and accept new ideas; the membership and processes of the group constantly evolve; all aspects of the committee's work are open to questioning; the group engages in regular self-evaluation.

Shared Leadership

5-- Everyone in the group

takes responsibility for the process and the outcomes; specific leadership roles are carried out by different members at different times.

**Adapted from The United Way*



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Our Purpose: To develop, implement and monitor a strategic plan to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Florida by 2010.

Our History: Our committee was established in late 2003 with leadership from the Florida Department of Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (FL CLPPP). This voluntary advisory committee brought together representatives from federal, state, and local government agencies, universities and community organizations to develop a strategic plan to meet the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning in Florida. The plan was completed in August of 2004.

In 2005, the committee, now is called the Committee for the Elimination of Childhood Lead Poisoning (FL CECLP), expanded by establishing workgroups to assist in the implementation of the activities defined in the Florida Strategic Plan for the Elimination of Childhood Lead Poisoning: "The Elimination Plan".

Newsletter Feedback

Let us know what you think of our newsletter. We welcome your feedback and questions. Please e-mail your feedback and questions to Julie_Kurfink@doh.state.fl.us or Juanita_Jones2@doh.state.fl.us. We are profoundly grateful for all comments, criticisms and recommendations.

