Chemung County Lead Coalition Working Group  
March 14, 2019  
Chemung County Health Department Large Conference Room

In Attendance:
Peter Buzzetti, CCHD  
Jonathan Keough, CCHD  
Dawn Bush, CCHD  
John McCracken, Code Enforcement  
Kathy Dubel, Catholic Charities  
Ellen McHugh, Pediatrician  
Jennifer Becker, WNY Lead Poisoning Resource Center  
Andrew Roby, Law NY  
Suzie Rundell, City of Elmira  
Skip Mills, Landlords Association  
Jennifer Yannette, Children and Family Services  
Jennifer H. Trimber, CCE of Chemung  
Joy Williams, Inst Human Services  
Michele Austin, CCHD

Action Items:
- *All members* – Bring ideas regarding metrics to be used for the Lead Champion award. **April 11, 2019**
- *All members* – Bring ideas for a logo. **April 11, 2019**
- *All members* – Bring ideas for events we could potentially use regarding the grant. **April 11, 2019**
- *Suzie Rundell* – E-mail the list of contractors who are lead certified to Pete Buzzetti and Skip Mills.  
- *John McCracken* – Send copy of policy/checklist used for all rental inspections to Skip. Due once review is complete.
- *Dawn Bush* – Fact check lead levels and revise fact sheet(s) and brochure, as needed. **Due April 11, 2019.**
- *Dawn Bush* – Create poster. **Due April 11, 2019.**
- *Peter Buzzetti* – Add annual award for a Lead Champion to the agenda for the working group meeting to discuss metrics. **April 11, 2019**

Meeting Minutes:
- There were no new lead admissions in February. There has been 1 new admission in March within the zip code 14904. Jon Keough was contacted by Senator Chuck Schumer’s office requesting lead data. They were blown away by the data and said that was exactly what they were looking for. Senator Schumer’s office is looking to increase funding for lead removal. [https://www.schumer.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/schumer-announces-after-major-push-49-million-boost-for-essential-hud-lead-hazard-removal-efforts-says-funding-will-protect-the-health-and-well-being-of-upstate-new-york-children-from-insidious-and-irreversible-lead-poisoning](https://www.schumer.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/schumer-announces-after-major-push-49-million-boost-for-essential-hud-lead-hazard-removal-efforts-says-funding-will-protect-the-health-and-well-being-of-upstate-new-york-children-from-insidious-and-irreversible-lead-poisoning)
- Ellen suggested sending a note to Senator Schumer, letting him know that our intentions are to apply for the grant. Hopefully, we can gain his support by reaching out. Also, it was suggested to send the educational message to Jon’s contact in Senator Schumer’s office.
- A link to information on the Lead Coalition has been added to the Chemung County Health Department website. [http://www.chemungcountyhealth.org/lead-coalition](http://www.chemungcountyhealth.org/lead-coalition). There is a report on the website that was done after the Kennedy Valve settlement.
- The committee needs to decide on metrics to be used for the Lead Champion award. Suggestions are: a property owner who invests in rehab to make properties lead safe, brings new ideas to the table, thinks globally and acts locally. The committee will finish deciding on metrics at the next working group meeting.
- Skip is trying to make landlords more aware of the hazards of lead. The landlords association will have a meeting regarding developing a web page. Skip will suggest adding information about lead to the web page.
Grant:

- The first step in the grant process, is to see what is needed to apply so that we can get all of our ducks in a row and start working on it. Joy showed a timeline of what needs to be done and when. In March, a decision needs to be made about who will apply for the grant. Community assessments need to be done to decide what are the problems, what are the barriers, establish resources, list of contractors who are certified to do lead work. The city of Elmira has a list of contractors who are lead certified. There are approximately 10 – 15 contractors on the list. As part of the grant, we would like to train contractors who are not certified in lead.
- Dawn requested a list of specific grant requirements.
- As soon as we hear back from Joy, regarding grant requirements, we will reach out to the committees regarding what needs done and when. Also, a meeting will need to be set up with city and county officials to decide who should apply for the grant.
- The city currently has a program to help upgrade owner occupied homes. The owners must be income eligible. It may make sense for the city to apply for the grant as they currently have this program in place.
- The areas with the greatest lead problems are 14901 and 14904. Since the major problem is in the city, it would make sense for the city to apply for the grant.
- Develop ideas for an event to show the effects of lead, the extent of the problem in our area, generate excitement to get people involved, educate about the grant, educate on the importance of having work done with an appropriate contractor. The event could be a unified message, code enforcement at the park, the educational message in a newsletter, etc.
- Once a week, the mayor is on the local news. Possibly the mayor could talk about this?
- Grant wants to see what local investments are currently in place, what we are doing for assessment, abatement, etc., what is the cost of what we are doing. This could be used for match funds. Rochester has had Lowes and Home Depot donate time and materials. This is also used as match funds.
- The grant encourages matching. This could be the grant that the city is already using.
- Grant recipients must be income eligible and have children living there under the age of 6. This cannot be used in public housing.
- Rochester (city and county) works together for their grant. Conrad sent a copy of the application. We could model our application after theirs.
- A suggestion was made to look at places who have been unsuccessful with the grant process. Both the application and fulfilling grant requirements. This would be a great learning opportunity.
- John feels that a large problem in this area is the buildings in the historic districts. Something is needed to help the buildings in this district as it is extremely costly to perform work on them. Possibly there could be a sub-fund in the grant to work with buildings in the historic districts.
- Skip will start talking about the lead grant to the landlords, letting them know how this grant would benefit them. The landlords could then reach out if they are interested.
- Identify top landlord contacts and develop a list of properties (owners/landlords) to start with. We need to show that we are ready to make a difference on day 1.
- The question was asked, what would attract the landlords to participate? An idea was that maybe the landlord could be put on a preferred list with DSS or Section 8.
- Skip feels that the 3 year monitoring could be an issue. Also, that the landlord must give priority to families with children under the age of 6.
- Notification for approval/denial of the grant should be December with the funds ideally being released January 1st.
- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Perhaps a section on lead could be done.
- There are webinars available at [www.hud.gov/healthyhomes/](http://www.hud.gov/healthyhomes/)

Next Meeting:

- April 11, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the Health Department Large Conference Room