Chemung County Lead Coalition Working Group  
April 11, 2019  
Chemung County Health Department Small Conference Room

In Attendance:
Jonathan Keough, CCHD  
Dawn Bush, CCHD  
Kathy Dubel, Catholic Charities  
Ellen McHugh, Pediatrician  
Andrew Roby, Law NY  
Suzie Rundell, City of Elmira  
Rebecca Becraft, CCHD  
Michele Austin, CCHD

Action Items:
- Review list of requirements for grant. Due May 16, 2019
- Distribute list of requirements to members for completion. Due May 16, 2019
- All members – Bring ideas regarding metrics to be used for the Lead Champion award.
- All members – Bring ideas for events we could potentially use regarding the grant.
- John McCracken – Send copy of policy/checklist used for all rental inspections to Skip. Due once review is complete.
- Dawn Bush – Create poster.
- Peter Buzzetti – Add annual award for a Lead Champion to the agenda for the working group meeting to discuss metrics.

Meeting Minutes:
- Rebecca gave an update on Public Health activity. Dawn has created an Excel spreadsheet to track the latest data regarding lead testing and admissions. The spreadsheet tracks capillary testing, venous testing, what range the lead level was in, the zip code related to the lead level, if it is a new test or repeat, the number of one year olds and two year olds tested, and the numbers related to other health care facilities. They are anticipating an increase in admissions if the range is reduced to 5 micrograms per deciliter. With the information tracked in this spreadsheet, public health can be prepared. Public Health is consistently testing 65 – 69% of the kids in Chemung County. The law requires that children get tested at age one and two, but there are no consequences if the parent does not follow through.
- Jon had one new case where an assessment was performed and a notice to correct given. Environmental health just closed a case for 2018. Some extensions had to be given as the weather has not been conducive to painting. Environmental health is also working to prepare if the lead range is reduced to 5. Each case has an estimated 20 – 25 man hours.
- Assistance is needed with regard to the working group. Someone is needed to serve in an overview role, help prepare documents, follow ups, etc. This would be an average of 3 – 5 hours per week. Please contact Pete if you are able to assist in any way.
Right now the main focus is the grant. We need the list of requirements from Joy so that we can figure out what we have and what we don’t have. We can then work toward assigning and completing the requirements that are not yet done. We also need to set up a preliminary meeting between the city and the county to discuss who may apply for the grant. Suzie suggested that Pete call Emma Miran to begin the conversation. The lead grant could possibly partner with CDBG. Regarding the community event, possibly we could piggyback with code enforcement when they do their tabling in the park. Rebecca currently provides education on lead to people and organizations that work with children. This could be part of it.

We currently have a list of contractors from the city who are certified. We need a list of landlords who are registered.

We still need to develop a poster or graphic for a billboard or bus wrap. Dawn developed one that says to lead test at age 1 and again at 2 with pictures of cupcakes with birthday candles on top. This needs to be tweaked a little bit more and approval received to use it. A suggestion was made to add something about contacting your doctor. Something that stands out but is not too wordy.

The fact sheets have been updated and are ready to roll. Dawn also had a couple of sample logos. It was decided to use the logo at the top of the page.

Please watch the slide show that Pete sent. This shows what was done in Rochester and would be very beneficial.

Are there coalition members that have talents and time that can be utilized to assist the working group with preparing for the grant?

Jon suggested the possibility of a phone number dedicated to lead where people can call to get information and/or assistance.

We will swap the meeting dates for the working group and coalition meetings in May and June to enable us the time to obtain the list of requirements for the grant and decide what needs to be done and by whom. The next working group meeting will be May 16th and the full coalition meeting will be June 13th.

Next Meeting:

- May 16, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the Health Department Large Conference Room