

# State Health Improvement Plan Lead Semi-Annual Meeting

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

## The State's Health Improvement Plan

In order for this to work and for us to make measureable improvements in CT's health, this is everyone's plan, not just DPH's plan!



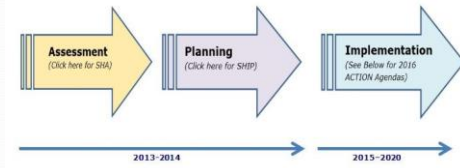
## Today's Agenda

- Provide 10,000 foot view of SHIP
- Present work of Environmental Risk Factors Workgroup
- Focus on Lead work (& what it may mean for you)

## Focus Areas for HCT2020

- Maternal, Infant and Child Health
- Environmental Health
- Chronic Disease
- Infectious Disease
- Injury & Violence Prevention
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Health Systems

## SHIP Timeline



We are almost in Year 2 of implementation! Check out DPH's website: [ct.gov/dph/SHIPCoalition](http://ct.gov/dph/SHIPCoalition) for specific progress

## Overarching Themes

- Health Equity
- Economic Factors
- Social Factors



## Environmental Action Team

- Judy Dicine (Chief State's Attorney Office)
- Marco Palmeri (Plainville-Southington HD)
- Patrick McCormack (Uncas HD)
- Nancy Brault (Monroe HD)
- Edith Pestana (CTDEEP)
- Tash Perreault (Eversource)
- Ryan Tetreault, Carissa Madonna, Chris Roy, Christine Hahn, Suzanne Blancaflor (CTDPH)
- Carolyn Wysocki (ECHO/CALBOH)
- Ruth Canovi (American Lung Association)
- Krista Veneziano (CTDPH) & Andrea Boissevain (CADH/Stratford HD)

## SHIP Environmental Risk Factors and Health

- Mission: Enhance overall public health by decreasing environmental risk factors.
- Areas of Concentration
  - Lead
  - Drinking Water Quality
  - Outdoor Air Quality
  - Healthy Homes
  - Healthy Communities
- Out of these, 3 Objectives were chosen for Phase 1 Implementation
  1. **Childhood Lead Poisoning**
  2. Air Quality
  3. Healthy Housing

## ENV Formed Sub Work Groups

- Lead Coalition
- Healthy Housing Coalition
- Outdoor Air Workgroup

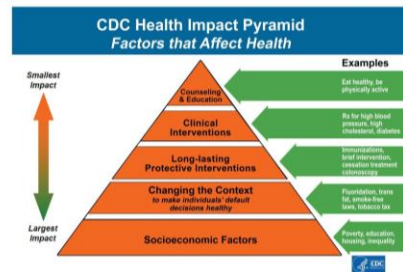
## 2016 Action Agenda - ENV

Environmental Risk Factors and Health (ENV)	
<b>ENV-1</b>	Reduce to less than 2.9% the prevalence rate of children less than 6 years of age with confirmed blood <b>lead</b> levels at or above the CDC reference value (5 µg/dL).
<b>ENV-5</b> =	Increase public awareness of the presence and risk of poor <b>air quality</b> days. (DEVELOPMENTAL)
<b>ENV-6</b> =	Increase the enforcement of minimum <b>housing code standards</b> through the collaboration and support of code enforcement programs. (DEVELOPMENTAL)

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## Action Agendas

- Is there at least one policy, system, or environmental change included in the strategies?
- How can we better focus on health equity?



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## Guiding Principles

- Integrate approach & collaborate with partners
- Align with national frameworks and existing plans, initiatives
- Use health improvement approach
  - Goals (Measurable improvements in population health)
  - Strategies (Prevention and risk reduction)
- Employ data-driven objectives & evidence-based strategies
- Keep Health Equity at the fore
- Balance between scope and depth of focus



## Format & Organization of SHIP Work

- Each workgroup meets 1-2 times/quarter
- Co-conveners present progress to SHIP Advisory Council quarterly (& solicit advice)
- DPH conducts full SHIP Coalition conference calls 1-3 times/year
- Annual Summit is held to draft the next year's action agendas

## Outdoor Air Quality Awareness Workgroup

- Lead by Carolyn Wysocki (ECHO) & Ruth Canovi (American Lung Association)
- CT DEEP held an informative air quality awareness "primer" in April 2016
- Still in developmental phase





## Air Quality Awareness Workgroup Action Agenda

- Build a coalition of key stakeholders to tackle awareness
- Develop inventory of current activities in CT that promote awareness of air quality among key stakeholders and at-risk populations
- Gather data about public perception /knowledge of air quality and its impact on health
- Work with at-risk populations/care providers/etc. on getting the word out and actions that can be taken

## Healthy Housing Coalition Workgroup

- Lead by Judith Dicine (Chief State's Attorney's Office)
- Partners include:
  - CEHA
  - CAHCEO
  - Building Officials
  - Fire Marshals
  - Local Health Departments
  - Social Services Departments

## Healthy Housing Action Agenda

- Adopt a statewide property maintenance code
- Establish Incentives for owners to comply with health and safety laws 
- Media awareness campaign of the importance of health and safety code compliance in housing 

## Lead Coalition Workgroup

- Lead by Krista Veneziano and Christine Hahn
- Partners include:
  - Local Health
  - CT Housing Finance Authority (CHFA)
  - DCF Training Academy
  - OEC
  - Regional Lead Treatment Centers
  - CHN
  - Code Enforcements Officials
  - Department of Housing

## Lead Coalition Action Agenda

- Encourage local, state, & other federal agencies to share data between health & housing agencies
- Increase preventive lead-safe housing standards enforcement for rental & owner occupied housing
- Identify financing for lead hazard remediation & lead abatement for residential

## Lead Coalition Action Agenda (con't)

- Educate families, services providers, advocates and public officials on sources of lead in homes & other child-occupied facilities so that lead hazards are eliminated BEFORE children are exposed
- Promote environmental assessments (inspections and risk assessments) to identify and mitigate lead hazards in homes before children demonstrate BLLs above the reference value.

## Lead Action Agenda Challenges

- Developing Key Partnerships for Lead
  - Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
  - Community Health Network
- Keep the work moving & partners involved
- Other...

## Next Steps?

- Complete tracking of progress for current year
- Finalize Action Agenda for Year 2
- Spread the word—many of us are doing the work anyway
- Align local action plans (as community needs dictate) with state action agenda—especially for lead

**QUESTIONS?**

**THANK YOU!**