

Environmental Health Action Team (4/17/18)

1) 2018 Environmental Health Action Team SHIP Action Agenda updates

- Krista has the 2018 Action Team Agenda she will upload on the Dropbox
 - Krista will create an “old” folder for the old versions
 - If saved a new version save it with a new date and move old to the “old” folder
- Sandy had lost access and it took her 4 months to gain access again
- Kim has issues with gaining access

2) Intern Project – Shannon Cater, SHD

- Airnow Flag program (PowerPoint presentation) – pilot project; great progress so applied for another grant to continue
- Raise flag to indicate the Air Quality Index
 - Communicate the air quality and then educate at each color
 - Green (good), yellow, orange, red, purple (bad)
 - How to be active during each color
- Airnow.gov (widget)
 - Put it on the DPH website?
- Present at the next advisory council meeting
- Reach out to:
 - CT Hospital Association
 - Senior Centers

3) DPH Healthy Homes Initiative – Kim Ploszaj, DPH

- PowerPoint presentation
- Convened in January – Healthy Homes Strategic Planning Committee; what has been developed and how are things going to be moving forward
 - Education – Allison Sullivan
 - Policy – Krista Veneziano
 - Workforce – Kim Ploszaj
- Next meeting for the full group is 5/18/18

4) Property Maintenance Code – Judy Dicine, CSA

- Trying to get help on PMC, it is a proposed bill and not proposed during the proposal period it needs to be attached to a raised bill; Commissioner Pino has been supportive – advisory committee developed and review the adoption of a PMC and report back by January 2019; same as those that were involved in the development; OPM has been approached and is aware of the effort – concern that there hasn’t been a public hearing; DAS is supportive of the bill as being a part of the committee and has made this known to the Governor’s office and OPM; Rosario’s office is still working on it
- Excited about funding potentials – help health and crime; still in a building stage for funding
- Many commissioners are supportive

- Need more support from local health directors (Andrea)
 - May be different for health districts with so many different towns involved
 - Communicate that this code provides structure for code enforcement of property maintenance
 - If we all point to the same document/code then it will be standardized
- Caleb – matter of consistent training across communities (some communities with codes and others without)
- Nancy – different ordinances and things get funneled to LHD (high grass); not a lot of enforcement on owner occupied residences
- Judy – need to continue to educate; is it time to have another meeting with the DoH?
- Andrea – is there a good mix of who would be on the advisory committee?
 - District, single LHD, sanitarian, landlord organization
- Don - Section 8 housing is not up to par with what a LHD would allow
- Maybe present at the Semi-Annual Directors of Health meeting
- Relocation is worrisome to many; Andrea can share Stratford’s relocation plan
- Waterbury has a good relocation process – Linda Whibey, Mike Gilmore
- Need to add hoarding to SHIP somewhere

5) Updates/Wrap-up/Next Meeting

Air updates:

- Met last Thursday (3/12/18) with 9 people in attendance; Shannon talked about her intern project in SHD; continuing how to bridge gap between environmental groups; Susan Quincy (DEEP) work with Boy and Girl Scouts
- Follow up with Kristin Sullivan about the question on the BRFSS (do you know about the air quality index & so you change your behavior)
- Will work on getting future meetings on the calendar; next meeting mid-late June
- Comprehensive inventory of activities – maybe SHD will be able to help

Action:

- *Do a better job getting the meeting notes out to people who can't be at the meeting*
- *DPH website is not up to date with 2018 action agendas (platform challenges)*
- *Progress updates will be linked within the dashboards: under the strategies section (lots of challenges with new platform)*

Lead:

- Meeting on Friday (3/13/18)
- Removed the Green Leaf information (but may be able to add back in)
- Removed primary prevention funding pieces
- Denise Ortiz presented on media campaign information...so we can share it with partners for them to use (drop box for just those)
- Kristin Sullivan mentioned that we should focus on a couple actions
 - Media campaign
 - Fact sheet on lead for legislature
- Steve Hernandez/Lucy sponsor a lead day at the Legislature (Fall 2018)

- Andrea – email from mayor about the federal budget for lead; funding has been increased
 - Encouraging others to apply who don't already have funding
- Kim will get meeting notes together
- Next meeting is June 10th (go-to-meeting)

Healthy Housing:

- See above
- Donna Parker has been transferred to cover New Britain, Hartford, New London, Norwich
- Bridgeport, Norwalk, Danbury position is open and will be posted sometime soon

Updates about chronic

- Many meetings were canceled due to weather
- New Healthy Equity Orlando Velazco
 - Margaret Hines coming back to DPH for 30 days to help train him