

NEW YORK STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LEAD POISONING PREVENTION
NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
APRIL 13, 2016
ALBANY, NEW YORK
EMPIRE STATE PLAZA, MEETING ROOM 1

Topics	Discussion
Attendees Council Members:	<p>Council Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nathan Graber, M.D, M.P.H., Director, Center for Environmental Health, NYSDOH (Council Chair) ➤ Michael Cambridge, R.S., Director, Division of Environmental Health Protection, NYSDOH (Commissioner Designee) ➤ Eileen Franko, Ph.D., Director of Safety and Health, NYS Department of Labor (Commissioner Designee) ➤ Michael Weber, Representing Darrel Townes, Commissioner, NYS Homes and Community Renewal (Commissioner Designee) ➤ Susan Duchnycz, Division of Child Care Services, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, (Commissioner Designee) ➤ Pamela Hadad Hurst, Special Assistant, Commissioner’s Policy Office, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (Commissioner Designee) ➤ Mary Elizabeth Mokrzycki, Program Manager, City of Syracuse Lead Program (Local Housing Authority) ➤ Dr. Morri Markowitz, Medical Director, Montefiore Regional Lead Resource Center (Hospital Representative) ➤ Gerard Hathaway, Assistant Director, Codes Division, NYS Department of State (Commissioner Designee) ➤ Deborah Nagin, M.P.H., Director, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) – Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Adjunct Member) <p>Western Regional Office Rochester Video Conference Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nancy Heidinger, Lead Program Erie County Department of Health (Educator) ➤ Andrew McLellan, President/Director, Environmental Education Associates Inc. Amherst, NY (Undesignated At Large Public Member) ➤ David Broadbent, M.D., M.P.H., Co-Chair, Coalition to End Lead Poisoning in NYS (Community Group) <p>Metropolitan Regional Office NYC Video Conference Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Matthew J. Chachere, Staff Attorney, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (Environmental Group) ➤ Abby Greenberg, M.D., Member, Nassau County Board of Health and American Academy of Pediatrics – District II (Professional Medical Organization)

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	<p>Absent Council Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thomas Keenan, Temporary Assistance Specialist, NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA), Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (BRIA) (Commissioner Designee) ➤ Patrice Bogan, Deputy Director, Oneida County Health Department (Local Government) ➤ Kallanna Manjunath, M.D, Chief Medical Officer and Pediatrician, Whitney M. Young J. Health Services (Undesignated At Large Public Member) ➤ John Shannon, Administrative Director for the Upstate N.Y. Laborers’ Education and Training Fund (Labor Union) <p>Additional Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thomas Carroll, Section Chief, Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection, NYSDOH ➤ Andy Ruby, Bureau of Budget Management, Fiscal Management Group, NYSDOH ➤ Alicia Fletcher, Program Director, Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention, NYSDOH ➤ Kelly Hughes, Public Health Representative, Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention, NYSDOH ➤ Roger Sokol, Ph.D., Director, Bureau of Water Supply Protection, NYSDOH
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>In accordance with Executive Order #3 and the Open Meeting Law, this meeting is available on the internet and the meeting notice and links to the webcast are available at http://www.nyhealth.gov/events and will be archived for 30 days following the meeting. In accordance with Executive Law, section 166, members of the public who appear before the Council and represent any agency regulated by the Department of Health must fill out a Notice of Appearance form provided at the registration table.</p> <p>Dr. Nathan Graber convened the meeting at 11:00 AM and shared opening remarks. The current vacancies on the Advisory Council were shared and include the Child Health Advocate, Parent Advocate, and Industry seats.</p>

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<p>NYSDOH Department of Budget, Andy Ruby</p>	<p>Department of Budget Update (Mr. Andy Ruby)</p> <p>The 2015-16 budget will maintain current funding for both programs.</p>
<p>Lead Program Updates, Thomas Carroll, Section Chief, Housing Hygiene, Bureau of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection</p>	<p>Lead Program Updates (Mr. Thomas Carroll)</p> <p>The DOH provided an update and overview of the state and federal budget that included CDC grant activities for the remaining two years of the grant. The new Healthy Neighborhood Program (HNP) awards that previously funded 13 counties are now funding a total of 19 counties.</p> <p>Advisory Council Member Comments/Actions Items:</p> <p>The discussion following the presentation consisted of how the DOH handles Blood Lead Levels (BLLs) of 5-9ug/dL. The DOH reported it has begun the comprehensive process of updating lead guidance and requested the Council’s thoughts on how to integrate the CDC guidance into existing guidance. At this time tracking BLLs 5-9 µg/dL is an option in the 2014-2015 Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) work plan. Forty five (45) out of the 56 counties provide some type of follow-up activity for tracking BLLs 5-9 µg/dL.</p>
<p>Discussion on 5 to 9 µg/dL Blood Lead Levels (BLLs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A discussion of the follow-up activities being conducted by counties for tracking BLLs 5-9 µg/dL will be shared at the next meeting ➤ Draft guidelines will be shared with the Council before publication

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<p>Adult Lead Program, Alicia Fletcher, Kelly Hughes, Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention</p>	<p>The NYS Heavy Metals Registry and Pregnant Women Follow-up (Ms. Alicia Fletcher and Ms. Kelly Hughes)</p> <p>The DOH presented information on current activities performed to follow-up on adults with BLLs of 10 ug/dL or above. The activities include telephone interviews for women of childbearing years 16-45 yrs, contact with the reported OB/GYN to discuss the elevated BLL, future retesting the women, and coordination with the pediatrician, if applicable, to arrange blood lead testing on the newborn following the birth. DOH reported regular contact with the local health department (LHD) where the pregnant women reside to alert the LHD of the women with the elevated BLL results and the situation.</p>
<p>Pregnant Women – Current follow-up of Elevated Blood Lead Levels</p>	<p>Advisory Council Member Comments/Actions Items:</p> <p>A suggestion was made to include an OB/GYN seat on the Advisory Council. The Council members present were supportive of the action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DOH and Council members will review to determine whether an OB/GYN physician might fill a Council seat and will consider candidates.
<p>Lunch Break</p>	<p>12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Lead Advisory Council Minutes of March 4, 2015 Reviewed</p>	<p>The Council reviewed and discussed the minutes from the March 4, 2015 Council meeting.</p> <p>Advisory Council Member Comments/Actions Items:</p> <p>Three Council members (Dr. Greenberg, Pamela Hadad Hurst, and Andrew McClellan) requested revisions to the minutes. Dr. Franko made a motion to adopt the minutes with the changes/revisions. The motion was seconded by several members and the minutes were accepted by the Council with the three revisions included. The minutes, with three revisions, were approved by all with one abstention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DOH will revise the meeting minutes accordingly

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<p>Drinking water Lead and Copper Rule, Roger Sokol, Director, Bureau of Water Supply Protection</p>	<p>Drinking Water Lead Copper Rule (Dr. Roger Sokol)</p> <p>DOH provided an overview on the how lead in drinking water is regulated in the State. DOH presented the history of the regulations, background on the sources of lead, and current implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule. The information included – how lead gets into drinking water, clarification of what actions the Lead and Copper Rule requires public water systems take to minimize lead and copper in drinking water, the water sample collection process, and public notification.</p> <p>Advisory Council Member Comments/Actions Items:</p> <p>Several clarification questions were raised during and following the presentation. The discussion included:</p> <p>The basis for the lead action level; the basis was described as practical and feasible.</p> <p>The mechanism for public communication. One mode of public communication is the annual water quality report prepared by each public water system. The lead results appear in a table of contaminants tested for; if no exceedances are present, the table will indicate such. The annual report is sent to the person paying the water bill and for multifamily dwellings, the landlords are asked to share/or post the report. Many systems also post the reports on-line.</p> <p>The water sampling location for compliance monitoring. The sampling is a first-draw water sample from a point in the plumbing system that has not been used for a minimum of six hours.</p> <p>The relationship between lead in water and BLLs in children; a Council member suggested since the lead in water is dissolved, it may easier for a child to absorb.</p> <p>The frequency of exceedance of the lead action level in NYS public water systems. Two water systems were described as exceeding the action level for lead out of the 9,000 regulated water systems and 3,000 community water systems.</p> <p>The significance of lead in water compared to lead in dust and the overall effect on BLLs. A Council member indicated – several decades ago, authorities/stakeholders stopped looking at water as the cause of elevated BLLs in children but suggested we may need to consider lead in water as a possible concern for children with BLLs of 5-9ug/dL going forward.</p>
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<p>Advisory Council Members Updates on Lead-Related Activities</p>	<p>The State’s plans for the Lead and Copper Rule in the future. The state is working to update regulations and will continue to focus on compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. To continue the delivery of quality drinking water, it is important to have open dialogue with providers and consumers, to provide tools for education, and to be highly invested in the oversight of systems.</p> <p>Clarification between the applicable water sampling (Tier 1 or Tier 2) for a single family residence and multifamily unit. The single family residence is generally a Tier 1, and the multifamily is generally a Tier 2. A statement was shared as to how NYC implements the Lead and Copper Rule in single family homes.</p> <p>Council Members Updates</p> <p>Dr. Morri Markowitz, Medical Director, Montefiore Regional Lead Resource Center (Hospital Representative) Discussed research he is involved with looking at lead exposures in the hospital radiology department associated with protective aprons that contain lead. They are currently measuring the dust from the lead apron and noted up to 990 mcg per square foot. BLL testing is underway, and they have written a paper on the findings.</p> <p>Michael Weber, Representing Darrel Townes, Commissioner, NYS Homes and Community Renewal (Commissioner Designee) Provided an update indicating last year (2015), the NYS Homes and Community Renewal RFP funding for multifamily housing required building practices that test for lead and remediation if rehabilitation done.</p> <p>Pamela Hadad Hurst, Special Assistant, Commissioner’s Policy Office, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Stated the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is consistently testing for heavy metals such as lead in packaging products. When lead is found, DEC notifies the applicable industry parties of the findings.</p> <p>Gerard Hathaway, Assistant Director, Codes Division, NYS Department of State (Commissioner Designee) Provided a brief update indicating that during Codes classes – the Codes Division references the 40 CFR 745 Lead Poisoning Code. This is an effort to educate all those taking the Codes class of the requirement that anyone conducting renovations on homes should have proper certification to do lead safe work practices.</p>
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Eileen Franko, Ph.D., Director of Safety and Health, NYS Department of Labor

Nothing new to report.

Mary Elizabeth Mokrzycki, Program Manager, City of Syracuse Lead Program

Nothing new to report.

Susan Duchnycz, Division of Child Care Services, NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Described an online training video for providers and the public teaching lead safety. In 2015, 10,530 people completed the training, and since 2010, 50,262 have completed training.

Deborah Nagin, M.P.H., Director, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) – Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Adjunct Member)

Stated NYC provides education on water and replacement of fixture, and technical support. The NYCDOHMH is making inroads with the targeted Williamsburg Hasidic community concerning lead poisoning prevention.

Nancy Heidinger, Lead Program Erie County Department of Health

Announced they are waiting for the County Executive to determine whether there will be increased funding for lead activities in Erie County. The County Health Department would like provide more activities for children with BLLs 5ug/dL and above.

Andrew McLellan, President/Director, Environmental Education Associates Inc. Amherst, NY (Undesignated At Large Public Member)

Stated the Buffalo Coalition on Lead and the media have led to positive opportunities working with the Erie County Executive. The group is also excited concerning the work with Niagara County who has applied to HUD for a grant.

David Broadbent, M.D., M.P.H., Co-Chair, Coalition to End Lead Poisoning in NYS (Community Group)

Thanked everyone for getting on track with the Advisory. Suggested the Advisory Council include an OB/GYN representative to help identify best practices and shape guidance moving forward. Shared that preschool administrators would like access to lead testing levels of children.

Matthew J. Chachere, Staff Attorney, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation

Provided an update on litigation in a high court concerning a landlord and a child with an alternate primary residence. Requested that DOH provide significant time at the next meeting to discuss the decrease in clearance dust levels to 10

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secondary to new guidance on BLLs 5ug/dL and above. Suggested that the DOH also discuss the potential for NYS to take over/implement the US EPA Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (RRP).

Abby Greenberg, M.D., Member, Nassau County Board of Health and American Academy of Pediatrics – District II
Shared an interest in hearing more about the potential lead exposure from lead aprons in radiology settings at the next meeting.

Requests for Next Meeting

- Discuss the potential for a decrease in clearance dust levels to 10 (secondary to new guidance on BLLs 5-9 ug/dL).
- Discuss the potential for NYS to take over/implement the US EPA RRP.
- Discuss next year's preliminary Lead Program Budget.
- An update from Dr. Morri Markowitz concerning the research on lead exposure from protective aprons.

Meeting Closed

Dr. Graber called for any public comments; no public comments were received. The notice for the next meeting will be sent out soon. Dr. Graber asked for a motion to adjourn, the motion was made by Dr. Franko and seconded by several members.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.