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Subject: Flint Pb Health Education Conference Call Summary

Hello All,

Below is a summary from our call. Please note the action items. In addition, Karen Lishinski pointed out this EPA website as a good resource: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/lead.cfm>

SUMMARY:

A conference call with the attendees listed below occurred on 9/22/2015 discussing lead (Pb) outreach in the city of Flint. The purpose of the call was to facilitate introductions, and identify Pb health education materials, current Pb outreach efforts in Flint and existing resources. DEQ provided a brief background of the drinking water compliance process in relation to efforts being conducted in Flint. Information sharing occurred between attendees about the Pb in drinking water sampling efforts in Flint.

Each agency/department listed their current health education efforts and available resources that could be made available relative to Pb outreach in Flint. The CLPPP provides some limited funding to prosperity region 6 to conduct Pb outreach. CLPPP is building a Pb Tool Kit for providers. Information about Pb in drinking water does not currently exist in these materials, but they are interested to build that information into the tool kit. DEQ has contacts with the Flint's drinking water program. GCHD has been getting many phone calls and they have had to create factsheets about water hardness and trihalomethanes.

Action Items from the Call:

1. Participants will e-mail their Pb outreach materials and presentations that are in current use to Michelle Bruneau (BruneauM@michigan.gov).
2. GCHD will send Michelle a list of concerns they have been getting from the Flint community.
3. Michelle will look over the materials to assess what messages are covered, what messages are not covered, and provide suggestions on what work may need to be done to address gaps.
4. Follow-up is needed on the water sampling directions being provided by the city to homeowners that request a Pb in tap water analysis. (There are two sampling procedures depending on the purpose of the water sample.)
5. Karen Lishinski will provide a contact at WIC, so they can be invited to our follow-up conference call.
6. MDHHS-DEH will arrange a follow-up conference call in approximately two weeks.

Attendees:

Dawn Hallwood (Genesee Co HD)
 James Henry (GCHD)
 Mark Valacak (GCHD)
 Brad Wurfel (DEQ)
 Liane Shekter-Smith (DEQ)
 Richard Benzie (DEQ)
 Stephen Busch (DEQ)

Nancy Peeler (DHHS)
Karen Lishinski (DHHS)
Linda Dykema (DHHS)
Kory Groetsch (DHHS)
Michelle Bruneau (DHHS)

Current plan is to schedule another conference call in two weeks. Clearly, this is a dynamic and evolving situation.

FYI- I am currently in St. Ignace participating in an emergency response exercise.

Best Regards,

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