

Early Ages Healthy Stages Coalition August Meeting Minutes

Time: 9:30 am- 11:30 am

Date: August 9, 2019 Location: Warrensville Heights Library

L Welcome and Introductions Discussion Welcome's and Introduction Points Today's Agenda: • Review of July's meeting • Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition: Opportunities to Leverage Partnerships and Policy Working Group sessions as needed July's meeting focused on opportunities with the Central State EFNEP program and continued dialogue within the working groups using the revised action oriented agenda form. Things that went well: the ability to network and connect; better understanding of revised working group forms; there continues to be rich dialogue among working group members; working groups feel that they are continuing to make progress. Conclusion/ Welcome to our first time attendees! ٠ Actions Folks are still having issues with getting communications that EAHS is sending. We will continue to trouble shoot as issues are brought to our attention. Coalition communication strategies will be a talking point for September's coalition • meeting.

II. Presentation: Wyonette Cheairs, Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition		
Discussion Points	• The coalition was launched in January 2019 to address lead poisoning in children in the City of Cleveland. This is in response to 25% of children in Cleveland with elevated lead levels prior to kindergarten and the recognition for a need for a comprehensive solution. The Cleveland approach to this effort is a customization of science and best practice approaches from other efforts across the country. The coalition is coordinated by Enterprise Community Partners, as has a steering committee of 17 members and 7	

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	 subcommittees. One of the biggest initial wins has been the adoption of lead safe law by Cleveland City Council. This legislation applies to rental properties and landlords in the City of Cleveland. Included in the law are requirements for properties to be certified lead safe by March 2023, creates Lead Safe Auditor position, establishes a lead safe advisory board, the creation of the lead safe home fund, which includes a lead safe resource center and lead safe home loan and grant program. The effort focuses on lead safe environments vs. lead-free environments. ECE implications: Child care programs were not included in the initial legislation and there are in fact licensed programs with lead hazards providing childcare services to children. The coalition is in the process of starting 2 subcommittees of the coalition's policy working group: ECE Screening and Testing, which will focus on increasing screening and testing for children ages 0-2; and Lead-Safe Standards, which will look at existing licensing standards and rules and seek opportunities in licensing to include lead standards.
Conclusion/ Actions	 EAHS members find value in leveraging opportunities between both coalitions. EAHS will work on generating a list of talking points/ECE efforts that the coalition recommends the Lead Safe group consideration. Initial ideas on this include more on-site testing at ECE facilities to increase screening rates; integrate lead policies and nutrition opportunities into Ohio Healthy Program; provide support and guidance to providers at all star levels in addressing lead – there is a gap in who is being supported; review new screening recommendations from the Healthy Homes Advisory Committee; include lead in EAHS advocacy efforts around Step Up to Quality; need for consistent messaging. Handouts and presentation will be posted to the EAHS website. EAHS members are encouraged to get involved in the new ECE subcommittees.

III. Working Groups	
Discussion Points	Working groups did not meeting in August.
Conclusion/ Actions	If any working group schedules a meeting outside of our monthly EAHS coalition meetings or has communication via email, please notify Shayla L Davis, so that someone can plan to attend.

Discussion Points	Please save the date for the next meeting of the EAHS Coalition:
	September 13, 2019
	9:30-11:30 am
	Location:
	Tri-C Corporate College East
	4400 Richmond Road, Room 238
	Warrensville Heights, OH 44128
	Parking instructions will be provided with registration
Upcoming Events:	• Meetings for the remainder of 2019 have been posted to the Events Pages on the EAHS website
	Interested in hosting in 2020? Please email us at info@earlyageshealthystages.org

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