



HEALTHY HOUSING COLLABORATIVE 2007 ACTIVITIES REPORT

This document contains a brief summary of the activities conducted with members of the Healthy Housing Collaborative during 2007. Special thanks to members of the Collaborative who provide ongoing support, input, ideas and time to promote healthy housing in Rhode Island.

I. Milestones of the year

- Issued the "Healthy Housing: Why RI should invest in the vision" report in January 2007
- Reviewed and prioritized recommendations included in the report
- Prepared an action plan with the priorities
- Membership grew significantly due to the merge with members of the Asthma Control Program workgroup, the Lead Program's Advisory Committee and leadership from the Department of Health
- Selected two co-chairs for the Collaborative: Nancy Sutton and Magaly Angeloni. Both are members of the Department of Health's Healthy Housing Steering Committee, along with Robert Vanderslice, PhD and Peter Simon, MD.
- Formed a group to help prepare a grant proposal to conduct Healthy Housing Summits in 2008 and 2009. The proposal was submitted in December 2007 and notices will be received in March 2008.
- Issued a Progress Report in November 2007, which measures housing in relation to the elimination of lead poisoning in the state.
- Presented the Healthy Housing strategy and structure in RI at the Asthma Regional Council, which gathered regional representatives from the Asthma program as well as regional representatives of the federal agencies (HUD, EPA, CDC).
- Became involved in 17 activities, which are ongoing, as detailed in the next section (I actually don't think this is a milestone and would consider deleting)
- Established 5 groups to work on specific activities, as indicated on page 3

II. Activities Update

Activity	End of the Year Status
1. Working with the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) and others in the development of a healthy housing indicator for evaluation purposes. Indicators could be used for a statewide housing database in the future	NCHH is working on identifying funding to support this effort.
2. Maintaining the Healthy Housing Collaborative formed by representatives from agencies throughout the state that are interested in housing, health care, community and policy issues	Ongoing
3. Using the Family Assessment form to collect environmental indicator data from the homes visited by the Family Outreach Program. This form was revised and implemented in July 2006	Ongoing.
4. Analyzing the data collected through the Family Outreach Program	Results were presented in Sept. 07. Another analysis is planned for 2008.
5. Working with Head Start Agencies to collect the same environmental data already being collected by the Family Outreach Program	Head Start agencies agreed to begin collecting data in Fall 2007. Will submit June 08.
6. Working with RI Legal Services in the formulation of a strategy to educate judges about healthy housing	Informational session offered to District Court Judges in Sept 2007 and to RI Legal Services attorneys in Dec 07.
7. Working on the Landlord/Tenant handbook which includes sections on healthy housing	HRC working on it.
8. Assessing the effectiveness of a proposed "healthy housing report card" for cities and towns	Testing a few approaches.
9. Developing a strategy, in conjunction with cities and towns, to offer safer environments for risk positive newborns	A pilot was initiated in partnership with Westbay CAP. A power point presentation will be made with this experience.
10. Working with the CARE (Community Action for a Renewed Environment) grant with the membership of the collaborative to address a variety of issues, including the problem of arsenic in soil, and the financial impacts of developing affordable housing	Ongoing – funded in Newport
11. Will participate in a subcommittee to develop a statewide strategy to formulate a structure for code enforcement	DOA-Building Commissioner will convene the subcommittee. Waiting to be contacted.
12. Analyzing lead data to determine if properties eligible for an inspection that are abated have fewer lead poisoned children in the future than properties eligible for an inspection that are NOT abated	Agreement with Brown University for data analysis was confirmed. Data will be sent to them in 2008.
13. On-going lead monitoring program for tap water to replace lead service lines in homes where children with high blood-lead levels live	Ongoing
14. Implementing a model program developed for the t Newport Housing Authority to address environmental interventions and access to healthcare concerns among residents who have asthma	Implementation ongoing
15. Assessing feasibility to replicate Newport Housing Authority Asthma Model (tool kit) in other public housing entities in RI	No funding available for this at the moment.
16. Identifying low-cost, healthy building methods to provide models that key groups can utilize in their decisions to purchase/use building materials.	Workgroup formed, led by Chris Gorham. Work will be done in 2008
17. Assessing the feasibility to expand Lead Centers role to include asthma interventions	Feasibility study completed Oct 2007. CATCH Funding for development of protocols received by St. Joseph's Hosp.

III. Workgroups formed

Group	Goal/Task	Chaired by	Members
1	To "Identify low-cost, healthy building methods to provide models that key groups can utilize in their decisions to purchase/use building materials. Disseminate this information to the RI Builder's Association, the 39 cities and towns, the Public Housing Authorities, the Community Development Corporations, non-profit developers and others."	Chris Gorham	Jim Celenza (RICOSH), Jack Leyden (DOA-Bldg Commission), Dave Spink, Brad Hyson (Apeiron Institute)
2	To "train the state's minimum housing code and building code officials on actions to take to improve the quality of Rhode Islanders' home environments" and "Advocate for the use of funding to train city and town code enforcement officers to assist in enforcing compliance with the state's Lead Hazard Mitigation Law."	Bob Vanderslice	Steve Fishbach, Doris De Los Santos, Jack Leyden, Rosemary DeMitre, Jim Celenza, Chris Gorham, Christine Brackett, Nancy Sutton
3	To "Create a statewide housing database containing critical health and housing information such as quality, affordability, and accessibility of housing units".	Magaly Angeloni	Daniela Quilliam, Bob Marshall, Bob Vanderslice, Peter Simon, Patrick Vivier, Deborah Pearlman
4	To prepare the "generic" or shorter version of a Healthy Housing Presentation using the slides and information from Dr. Richard Jackson's presentation.	Peter Simon and Jim Celenza	--
5	The impact that foreclosed properties on rental residents, who are often displaced with little or no warning.	Annette Bourne	Ray Neirinckx (HRC), Steve Fishbach (RI Legal Services), Jim Celenza (RICOSH), Peter Simon (DOH), Alison Hayes (RI Housing)

IV. Membership at the end of 2007

Co-Chairs: Nancy Sutton and Magaly Angeloni, RI Department of Health

	Name	Organization
1	Gilson DaSilva	BCBSRI
2	Cindy Paliotto	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program
3	Martha Sullivan	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program
4	Vincent Ceglie	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program
5	John Logan	Brown University
6	Patrick Vivier	Brown University
7	Warren Ducharme	Building Commission
8	John Leyden	Building Commissioner
9	M Oliver	Child Inc RI
10	Liz Colon	Childhood Lead Action Project
11	Roberta Aaronson	Childhood Lead Action Project
12	Maria Chionchio	Children's Friend and Services
13	Mike Cassidy	City of Pawtucket
14	Amintha Cinotti	City of Providence
15	Bob Hallal	City of Providence
16	Chris Dillon	City of Providence
17	Paul Marandola	City of Providence
18	Carol Schraeder	City of Warwick
19	Paulette Miller	City of Woonsocket
20	Derek Winslow	Clearcorps Providence
21	Brenda Leone	Com CAP
22	Sharon Trinidad	Com CAP
23	Larry Pucciarelli	Department of Human Services
24	Sue Libutti	Department of Human Services
25	Luana Cherenzia	East Bay CAP
26	MaryBeth Smuts	EPA
27	Frank Bragatin	Ferland Management
28	Arthur Plitt	Governor's Commission on Disabilities
29	Greg Gerritt	Green Party of Rhode Island
30	Chris Camillo	PCHC- Olneyville
31	Barbara Baldwin	Health Kids Collaborative
32	Brenda Clement	Housing Network RI
33	Doris De Los Santos	Housing Resources Commission
34	Noreen Shawcross	Housing Resources Commission
35	Raymond Neirinckx	Housing Resources Commission
36	Simon Kue	Housing Resources Commission
37	Ann Kineavy	Lifespan
38	Bonnie Braga	Lifespan
39	Gail Davis	Lifespan
40	Molly Clark	Lung Association of RI
41	Robert Burke	Memorial Hospital
42	Joan Plante	Neighborhood Health of RI
43	Nancy Harrison	Neighborhood Health of RI
44	Rosemary O'brien	Neighborhood Health of RI

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45	Jim Sattel	AHEC-Southern RI
46	Linda Bradley	Ocean State Center for Independent Living
47	Dawn Nardi	One RI
48	Eric Hirsch	Providence College
49	Donna Taylor	Providence Head Start
50	Marcia S	Providence Housing Authority
51	Marvin Carmody	Providence Public Housing
52	Leigh Pagnozzi	RI Coalition for the Homeless
53	Jim Celenza	RI Committee on Occupational Safety & Health
54	Amy Rainone	RI Housing
55	Annette Bourne	RI Housing
56	Chris Gorham	RI Housing
57	Ita Principe	RI Housing
58	Alex Moore	RI HUD Tenant Project
59	Jill Beckwith	RI Kidscount
60	Rebecca Kislak	RI Legal Services
61	Steve Fischbach	RI Legal Services
62	Monica Staaf	RI Realtors
63	Kim Bossian	South County
64	June Tourangeau	St. Joseph's Lead Center
65	Leslie Martineau	St. Joseph's
66	Suzy Paiva	St. Joseph's
67	Amy Pettine	The Providence Plan
68	Dianne Izzo-Orwitz	United Healthcare
69	Kristine Campagna	VNA of Care New England
70	Ralph Groves	Weatherization Program
71	Charles Marchand	Westbay CAP
72	Paula Dunne	Westbay CAP
73	Dawn Rogers	Westbay CAP
74	Ann Barone	WIC Program
75	Lisa Edenbaum	
76	Lori Keough	
77	Richard Staples	

In addition, 17 members from the RI Department of Health:

Ana Novais, Anne Primeau-Faubert, Betty Harvey, Daniela Quilliam, Deborah Pearlman, Ernest Julian, Ewa King, Jodie Garnetto, Lenny Green, Magaly Angeloni, Nancy Sutton, Peter Simon, Robert Marshall, Robert Vanderslice, Rosemary DeMitre, Sharanya Krishnan, William Hollinshead.