

Indiana Healthy Homes Alliance Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 7, 2017
Improving Kids' Environment
1915 W. 18th St.
9-10:30 am

9:00 Introductions

9:05 Call with Steve Weil regarding LEHA Conference in Indy in November 2018-RESCHEDULED

9:20 IHHA Survey Results (For an exact copy of the results email: mfrericks@ikecoalition.org)

- Provide more educational opportunities at meetings (i.e. bring in guest speakers, similar to the Latino Round Table)
- Move to Bi-Monthly meetings but use the “off” month to regroup in small committees
- Re-establish small committees (see below for new committees)
- IHHA newsletter
- Uphold 3 hour a month commitment

9:30 Going forward

- Establish major goals and highlight “services” we can provide for different groups
 - Landlord/tenant registry
 - Bed bug policy
 - Tenant protection laws
- Focus on advocacy and policy
- Secure funding for research opportunities
- Increase partnerships
 - Prosperity Indiana (tag team with their affordable housing summit in January)

New Committees: (See attached page for detailed notes)

1. Policy (Bed Bug Policy and Landlord Registry)
 - Goal: Establish a statewide policy for bed bugs in rental properties and create a statewide landlord registry.
2. Vulnerable Populations (Senior Care)
 - Goal: Engage an organization such as Habitat for Humanity to discuss programming that would address accessibility/mobility for current aging home owners.
3. Education (Learning Challenges associated with Lead Poisoning for Schools)
 - Goal: Identify adequate resources for schools with children who may face learning challenges associated with lead poisoning.

10:15 Member Update

10:30 Adjourn

Attendees:

Margaret Frericks-IKE

Ismat Bhuiyan-ISDH Lead

Cathy Blume-ALA

Daphne Whitmire-County Prosecutors Office

Reba Taylor-Hill-MCPHD

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Jo Rhodes-MCPHD

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Kara Sandy-ISDH Asthma

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If you cannot attend in person, use this conference call line: 866-516-3949,

Passcode: 7968883#

For a copy of the July meeting minutes visit the IHHA website at:

<http://indianahealthyhomesalliance.org/meeting-minutes/>

Highlights from Committee Groups
September 7th, 2017
IHHA Meeting

Policy Committee:

1. Bed Bug Policy
 - a. Meet with Greg Porter as IHHA to determine what the policy will include as well as determine needs from him as to education and community support for the policy
 - b. Research other Indiana ordinances that are similar or ordinances in other states that are similar
 - c. Start holding community conversations about bedbugs to both the general public as well as landlords/management companies
 - d. Start compiling a list of people willing to speak at hearings around this policy
 - e. Gather stories from across the state about bedbugs in rental properties
 - f. Determine opposition (IAA, CIREIA, Affordable Housing Association, etc.) and determine best route to keep them silent on the policy or not be totally against it.
2. Landlord Registry
 - a. Daphne is working with Community East Hospital on determining if repeat visitors to the hospital are living in rental housing and if so are those properties registered
 - b. We would like to get all hospitals/clinics on board with this reporting and also be able to track if the reasons are housing related.
 - i. If they are housing related following up with the patient and landlord to determine how to fix the issue
 - ii. Also have the ability to show the types of health issues linked to rental housing in Marion County
 - iii. This can also be utilized for children who are absent from school frequently due to illness that may be caused by issues in the home.

Vulnerable Population Committee:

3. Senior Care
 - a. Recurring issues that are seen this population are:
 - i. Accessibility and mobility within the home- examples include flooring transitions from room to room and doorway size
 - ii. Fall prevention which has a direct correlation to the examples in item 1
 - iii. Indoor air quality- an example would be older residents in an apartment complex that is not smoke free
 - iv. A desire to age in place which conflicts with the condition of the home- as one grows older their abilities to complete preventative maintenance/upkeep on a home may decline
 - b. Ideas and Goals:
 - i. Engage an organization such as Habitat for Humanity to discuss programming that would address accessibility/mobility for current aging home owners.
 - c. Actions:
 - i. Contact the Indiana Habitat for Humanity office. Request a phone interview to identify any current work being done that targets aging clients. Determine who

in their organization would be willing to meet with us and discuss this issue.

<http://www.habitatindiana.org/>

1. Bridge the knowledge gap of statewide resources that focus on healthy homes.
 - ii. Group members will research statewide resources targeting home accessibility/mobility.
 1. During discussion, one member noted that organizations such as the Area Agencies on Aging would prefer that outside groups refer clients to them (Agency on Aging) directly. This would allow their agency to better case manage clients in need of that service.
 2. However, there is a high volume of aging clients and subsequent delays in engaging or directing them to needed resources. Therefore, we would recommend a discussion with the Area's on Aging about how we can work more collaboratively.
 - iii. Identifying peer educators for future instructional/mentoring sessions.
 - iv. A group member noted that evidence suggests education is better received from someone their own age. When preparing future educational programs, plan to use peer educators.
 1. Step one would be to begin identifying individuals who would be willing to serve as a peer educator on topics such as aging in place, fall prevention, and utilization of community resources.
4. Education Committee:
- o Big Picture: Identify adequate resources for schools with children who may face learning challenges associated with lead poisoning.
 - a. Find out who at Dept. of Education could address this issue to schools
 - b. Research education laws for the state of Indiana for students with learning disabilities
 - c. Identify professional development days/ upcoming conferences in school districts to set up meetings with teachers about educating on learning challenges associated with lead poisoning
 - d. Compile all resources that parents would find beneficial
 - e. See what other states are doing (i.e. Illinois has a good model)
 - f. Talk with providers/schools to see if it is possible to request EBLL tests when Immunization records are required so schools are also aware of any developmental delays.
 - g. Case Management at the state ends at age 7, so it is important provide resources for schools and parents that can help find resources once the child starts school
(Learning Challenges associated with Lead Poisoning for Schools)