

Indiana Healthy Homes Alliance Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 1, 2018
Improving Kids' Environment
1915 W. 18th St.
9-10:30 am

9:00 Introductions

In-person: Joan Ketterman- EMI
Margaret Frericks- IKE
Cathy Blume- ALA
Paul Krievins- ISDH Lead and Healthy Homes
Angela Cox- Henry Co. Health Dept.
Daphne Whitmire-Marion County Prosecutors Office
Anthony Burke- MCPHD
Phone: Jo Rhodes- MCPHD Asthma
Kara Sandy- ISDH Asthma

9:05 Nominations for new IHHA secretary

- Cathy Blume was nominated to become the new secretary and she accepted

9:10 Committee Updates

Seniors: Trauma and Injury with seniors. They looked at the Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths, and Injuries (STEDI) program and how IHHA information could be included in that program. They also discussed including information about IHHA with the local Centers on Aging. A few long term goals the group reported on were getting the STEDI program implemented across the state. They also would like to partner with United Way with their Days of Caring to do education around healthy housing as it relates to older adults.

Lead: Paul Krievins has met with the Indiana Department of Education and is starting to work with them to include lead screening questions as a part of the assessment for children who are struggling in school. He is also working to provide a yearly overview of lead and healthy homes in Indiana to provide the schools with as well. The issue at this time is getting the school nurses looped in on lead and healthy homes topics. Marion County Public Health Department is wrapping up the lead in water testing for schools and hopes to have the results ready by this fall. The committee are also considering creating a guide for lead poisoned children for the schools and school nurses to assist with what resources are available for those children.

Policy: They have been looking at screening policies for lead in other states. The big questions right now are do we test everyone or have a more targeted approach. Since the lead testing is not currently being done with those on Medicaid targeted would be best to start and possibly by zip codes. They are also looking at staggering the EBLL levels to gradually decrease the levels needed for case management as to not over load those who will be working with those children.

9:25 National Healthy Homes month/November Conference Update

MCPHD has made a donation to cover the cost of their employees attending and to support IKE/IHHA efforts. We would like to invite new people to attend and learn more about Healthy Homes programs and resources. We will also have the healthy homes checklists up at local agencies and possibly retailers again this year for June.

9:45 IHHA Planning

Presentations and networking have been going well to get the IHHA name out into the community. We would like to get more information about the work the committees are doing and sharing more about the organization in general. For the future we need to continue to share our message of healthy housing for all and how to do that. We also need to determine future and continuing funding for the projects and things that the committees would like to accomplish. We are a group that is a resource and connects people to other organizations so we do not have a specific group we serve. We would like to connect with other organizations to leverage healthy homes topics in their current work or include healthy homes into their work.

Possible organizations we would like to have more involved are Towns & Cities, IHEDA, Building together, Affordable Housing Association, MIBOR, and CIREIA. We need more in the housing industry at the table to assist with the ideas we have and how it relates to those in multi-family. We also need to consider doing more media outreach to the news and radio stations.

Earth Day: It went well again this year but we may need to re-evaluate the message for those in attendance. They seem to already have green cleaning practices in place and are more educated on healthy homes. This may not be an ideal group to target or at least not from an education perspective.

10:00 Member Updates

New study on lead and heart disease as well as a possible link to dementia. Green building after natural disasters leads to less ER visits. Environmental Defense fund has a pilot program addressing lead in water with childcare facilities.

Daphne has the flyer for her upcoming landlord Safe Rental trainings on May 16, June 20, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, and Oct. 26. If you are interested in attending or would like more information please go to www.Indy.gov/MCPO, call 317-327-1420, or email landlordtraining@indy.gov.

10:10 Farewell to Ismat

We were very thankful as an organization to have had the ability to work with Ismat both while she was in school as well as with her position at ISDH. We wish her and her husband the best as they move to Texas and start the next chapter of their lives.

10:30 Adjourn