

Lead Task Force
Eliminating lead from the environment Sub-Committee
Kathy Tiernan, Chair

Goal: long term Eliminating lead from the environment	
Barriers/needs	Strategy: Intervention objectives
<p><i>Will eliminating lead from the environment take care of the above 3 issues?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Public Information Kurt Koopmann ✚ Screening, reporting and case management Dana Beckham ✚ Environmental /Home Assessments Ronnie Schultz 	
<p>Do current ordinances control lead exposure?</p>	<p>Identify current ordinances <i>Enforce current ordinance</i> <i>Explore best practice ordinances for similar cities with lead poisoning</i> <i>Look at ordnances assisting both rental and owners</i></p>
<p>Is HUD money available to help eliminate lead from community</p>	<p><i>Explore HUD to possibly provide exception to population requirement for funding</i></p>
<p>Do we know the sources of lead?</p>	<p>Big committee will provide guidance on our focus – paint, soil, occupational, water</p>
<p>Are we able to eliminate lead inside the home?</p>	<p><i>Focus on regulations of paint inside homes</i></p>
<p>Houses built before 1978 have lead paint</p>	<p>Encapsulate house LBP</p>
<p>There are industrial/ commercial sources of lead</p>	<p>Ship/boat yards</p>
<p>Lead free is impossible</p>	<p>Determine ways for lead safe certification</p>
<p>City does not keep records</p>	

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Intervention Objectives Who will do how much of what by when	Resources available	Resources needed	Cost
<i>Long term</i>			
City will have enforceable laws/ordinances that protect children from lead exposure by 2010			
City will have enforceable laws/ordinances that protect all citizens from lead exposure during restoration/renovation by 2010			
Housing that is not certified lead safe will not be eligible for city water services by 2009			
City will include a lead safe certification to all child care businesses by 2009			
City will request HUD monies to assist in eliminating/encapsulating lead by 2009	City Housing and Grants Office		
<i>Immediate</i>			
Task Force will educate BIG committee on current laws/ordinances that address eliminating lead by the Feb Committee meeting	Folks from environmental health centers,	Access	None
Winnie and Willy will assist Houston Chronicle writer with story of confronting a contractor with exposure	Writer	None	None
David Bowers will bring BIG committee up to speed on realtors requirements for lead	Material	None	None

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safe education in Feb meeting			
Pam and John will bring BIG committee up to speed on 'safe? Healthy? homes' national program	Files	None	None
For us to learn:			
Request BIG committee to clarify definition of SOURCES OF LEAD			
Request BIG committee to clarify definition of ELIMINATING LEAD			

Summary of meeting one:

We had a very enthusiastic group for the first day after a holiday. After introductions and a few stories the group focused on the problems we face as a city when we listened to Willy's story of family/neighbors exposure by a careless contractor. We then focused on the activities that may be in existence to protect citizens.

For the BIG COMMITTEE we would like to report:

1. Willy's story –
 - ✚ what are the key issues we currently face as a citizen to protect our selves and our property from exposure
 - ✚ what ordinances exist to protect us from exposure
 - ✚ what practices exist to protect citizens from exposure
 - ✚ what regulations exist to eliminate lead from exterior and interior surfaces and the earth
 - ✚ what regulations exist to protect workers/neighbors from exposure while eliminating lead for environment
2. What practices exist to protect citizens from lead based paint exposure?
 Realtors: David Bowers-
 Environmental health centers (academic) Pam Diamond and John Sullivan
3. What regulations exist to protect citizens from lead?
 Kathy and Winnie
4. What is our target for eliminating lead? LBP, water, industry?
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Current law	Level	Regulates	Enforcement	Barriers
Galveston city ordinance	Local	Exterior removal of lead based paint pre-1978 structures	City building Dept code enforcement	-No one on nights and weekends -Knowledge of the law by enforcers and city dispatcher -not reaching those in sub-standard - manpower
Galveston city ordinance	County	Reporting lead levels in children	Health officer	Not tied to eliminating lead at source
Texas Water Code	State	Inappropriate disposal of hazardous waste	Texas Parks and Wildlife (2.5 people) TCQ (TX commission on Quality) has role?	Manpower