

## **Springfield Healthy Homes Collaborative, 8/15/17**

**Attendees:** Sarita Hudson (PHC), Anthony Thomas (Wayfinders- GTLO), Julio Cordero (Wayfinders), Craig Tomlinson (SPCA), Veronica Pleasant (SPCA), Joni Beck Brewer (Square One), MaryBeth Smuts (EPA), Colleen Loveless (Revitalize CDC), Amanda Hanley (Habitat for Humanity), Deb Sas (Eversource), John Fisher (Wayfinders), Michele Hart (Baystate Pulmonary Rehab), Ethel Griffin (Revitalize CDC), Rhona Julien (EPA), Myles Callender (Revitalize), Aracelis Torres (Square One), Joel Chandler (Square On), Janet Grant (HCC), Linda Soucy (Colombia Gas), Kate Tobin (MA DPH-CLPPP), Nigel Greaves (COS-Office of Housing) , Neel Abdul-Hameed, Crystal Senter-Brown (RCDC), Keleigh Waldner (PHC)

## **Introductions**

### **City of Springfield Healthy Homes Program**

- **Healthy Homes Repair Program:** 0% interest, forgivable loans to repair properties (lead abatement, trip and fall hazards, other healthy homes issues) in Memorial Square and Six Corners; For landlords and owner-occupants; eligibility based off of occupants' income; No cap on loan (until it exceeds value of home)
  - City anticipates rehabbing 100 homes over the next 2-3 years
  - Deadline for first round is August 31, 2017
  - City Rehab Specialist will inspect and write up specifications; owner responsible for obtaining three quotes
  - City will have list of pre-approved contractors (registered, insured, licensed, NOT vetted for quality)
- **Lead and Carpentry-Basics Training:** City will be hosting lead training and basic carpentry skills training; low-income residents can receive training for free
  - Nigel will share information with network once details are solidified

### **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**

- PHC and Square One have received DPH contract to run the CLPPP for Hampden County, working with kids with elevated lead blood levels
  - **CHW/Case Management:** Kids with elevated lead levels will be referred to CHW at Square One, who will connect family to services
    - Connect to NDR Healthy Home Rehab Program, WayFinders-Get the Lead Out, Fair Housing (John Fisher), etc.
  - **Education/Outreach:** General outreach about lead poisoning prevention
- New lead law will likely be passed in next few months to a year. New law will decrease actionable levels. Now BLL of 10 will dictate mandatory state inspection and deleading (as opposed to current level of 25), and 5 will be the new level of concern.

### **Asthma Home Visiting Pilot**

- CHWs do education, asthma management, and RevitalizeCDC does healthy homes assessment and limited asthma-related repairs; SPCA to do energy audits and weatherization if eligible

### **Ener-G-Save**

- Grinspoon foundation sponsored thermal imaging of homes throughout Pioneer Valley. They will send these images to people's homes and suggest what they can do to make it more energy efficient. They have energy auditors, but there isn't additional funding to address energy issues. Homeowner can go through MassSave, who can cover up to 90% of the cost (for moderate income households)- they do not put lien on the home. MassSave also has 0% heat loan.
- People who are low-income will continue to go through SPCA for audit/weatherization.

### **Resources**

- Attendees received resource list "Finding Resources to help your Family" as well as resource/eligibility table. If your program is not on here or if information is incorrect, send Sarita the updated information.

### **State Sanitary Code Revision and Hearing**

- Hearing in Northampton on October 4, 2017
- Changes include: Integrated Pest Management and Mechanical Ventilation in Bathrooms required for buildings with 4 or more units
- MA Asthma Action Partnership is writing up a letter in support; Sarita will share

### **Other News/Announcements**

- CHW Certificate Program at HCC: Classes start in September, under a DOL grant so offered at vary reduced price. Core Competencies T/R 3:30-6:30p.

### **Next Steps**

- Nigel to share details about lead and carpentry trainings when solidified; Keleigh/Sarita to circulate to Springfield Healthy Homes network
- Keleigh/Sarita to circulate Resource List and Resource/Eligibility Table; Everyone to review resource lists and provide updated information.
- Sarita to share MA Asthma Action Partnership State Sanitary Code Revision Letter of Support
- SHHC will meet monthly or every other month