**COLE Education/Engagement Committee Chair Report February 2025**

-We have bi-monthly meetings

-We will use Google folder to share member updates and minutes

-We will evaluate name change Engagement/Education.

**Tasks:**

1. Continue to provide Lead Education at community meetings.
2. Continue work on COLE Train the Trainer PowerPoint. This will be adapted to meet member audiences and community requests.
3. Continue to develop COLE/CLSHHP resources library of educational materials. These are available to members for their programs. we are creating To Go Kits. See Sally for more info.
4. Be available for volunteering at community events.
5. Work with Alexandra Frankel while and when she completes her doctoral research on COLE History - Water, Environmental Justice and Communities. We will have a rich collection of COLE stories and we will need to create a way to share them.
6. Make connections with other cities to learn about their lead programs:

-Lead Free Cleveland- check into advocacy work and organization structure - Sally will check

-Denver's Free filter program - check how filters and replacements are made available free, and to whom- Alexandra will check

Member updates

1. CLSHHP: Rafiq Wallace

+preliminary stage Job Fair- community members can come and interact with community partners and find job opportunities. Resume and skill building Looking at Feb. 15th.

+Town Hall on February 17th at 3 pm at Hephatha. Elected officials and Higher rent and Low maintenance. Will give away lead safe kits. NOTE: due to cold weather, this event was moved to Monday, Feb 17. Town Hall at 3pm. A Meal and lead testing and resource viewing will follow. Sally will be asking again for volunteers.

1. MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary: Katie Doss

+upper level of building is almost finished

+they are working on doing some work to bring the “family” back together by doing some events with fathers in the community.

+there will be potential for a lot of opportunities with this extra space

+This Saturday, Jan. 11th is the next lead testing day

+343 children have been tested in partnership with CHW at MBHS

+Families get groceries and $10 gift card when they bring their children for lead testing.

1. Milwaukee Water Commons: Rhonda Nordstrom

+Evaluating 2024 Years

+Working on a Winter Water School

1. Community Water Services: Debra Taylor

+Setting up meeting with 4 Cs to do some Lead Poisoning Prevention on January 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm. CWS will be putting filtration systems into 200 daycare provider facilities.

+Milwaukee Water Services has a powerpoint on Lead poisoning that they will share.

1. Strong Baby Sanctuary: Chris Keim

+SBS continues to grow

+Working on Housing Peer Navigator position for SBS

+did not get Youth Lead Education Training Grant , but will look for other ways to create this program.

1. Plastic Free MKE: Leah Holloway

+Plastic Pollution Coalition: Wrote grant with Sally to get funds to do education emphasizing the filter first idea.

+They want to make a video about the harms of plastic without scaring people.

+Note: we did not get grant but will work with PPC on alternatives.

Next meetings: Every Other Month on the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 on Zoom. - March 11, May 13, July 8, Sept 9, Nov 11.

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