



**Lead-Free NJ Advocacy Coordinating Committee Meeting**  
**10/16/24 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Purpose:** Support Community Hub initiatives, establish a timeline for nonpartisan Governor candidate education, propose a strategic plan draft, track state-level legislation, and coordinate committee initiatives. *Note: Proposals move forward following discussion unless a member/partner formally voices a "cannot live with it stance."* Read more in [LFNJ Operating Procedures](#).

**1. Welcome (Yvette & Kelvin) 5 mins**

**2. Community Hub Support Requests or Updates (Yvette) 15 mins, 3:35 – 3:50**

**a. Trenton**

- i. The second annual Lead Awareness and Community BBQ on October 12 was a success - great attendance from the community, blood lead level screening provided by Trenton Health department
- ii. Comments for EPA NPL Proposal due November 4:

[Printable Version - Sample Public Comments](#)

**b. Paterson**

- i. October 19 Get the Lead Out of Paterson Child Wellness Day: [English flyer](#) | [Spanish flyer](#)
- ii. Started four applications for LRAP clients.
- iii. [Get the Lead Out of Paterson](#) meeting recording
- iv. Received a grant to conduct research with Rutgers, examine the effectiveness of onsite blood lead level testing
- v. Requesting support with printed materials
- vi. Requesting support for securing a standing order/blood lead level testing at community events in Paterson
  1. Is there a way to have Governor Murphy sign an executive order to have children tested for Lead?
  2. Attendee offered to facilitate connections with FQHC: Kristen.Lepore@hhs.gov
  3. Attendee suggested contacting local hospitals
  4. Attendee suggested contacting WIC for support
- vii. Requesting support for healthy homes trainings

**c. Orange**

- i. 10/26 Listen and Learn at the HUUB - [Register](#)

**d. South Jersey**



- i. Staff are attending several community events this month, including 10/4 Tammy Murphy Family Fest
- ii. 10/23 webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/oct23leadfree>

**3. Strategic Plan (Debbie & Rashan) 10 mins, 4:00 – 4:10**

- a. Please review and send comments to Debbie & Rashan (CC Heather)
- b. [2024-2025 LFNJ Strategic Work Plan](#)

**4. Nonpartisan Governor Candidate Education (Kelvin & Debbie) 10 mins, 3:50 – 4:00**

- a. Ideas: Develop education materials, host a candidate forum
- b. Timeline & responsibilities

- c. Suggestion to partner with League of Women Voters NJ
- 5. State Legislation: Information share & coordination (Kelvin) 10 mins 4:10 – 4:20:** This section is crucial as it provides updates on state-level legislation that directly impacts our community hub's initiatives and the coordination efforts needed to address them.
- a. [S1034](#) sign-on [letter from NJLCV](#) - Requires disclosure of lead drinking water hazards to tenants of residential units; prohibits landlords from obstructing replacement of lead service lines; concerns the testing of residential rental units for lead drinking water hazards. **(Contact [dcameron@njfuture.org](mailto:dcameron@njfuture.org) Deandrah)**
  - b. [A4848](#) was introduced in September. It requires healthcare professionals to perform lead screening on pregnant persons under certain circumstances.
    - i. Elyse Pivnick (Isles) is testifying in support, with recommendations for changes, on 10/18. Contact Elyse ([epivnick@isles.org](mailto:epivnick@isles.org))
  - c. [A3800](#) passed the Assembly in June and was introduced to the Senate in September. It banned certain children's products containing excessive lead, mercury, or cadmium.\*
  - d. [S3368](#) passed in September – administrative updates to lead paint inspection law: [notes from Isles](#)
  - e.  Legislative Advocacy Calendar Example: & [LFNJ NJ Lead Policy Tracker](#)
- 6. Timely Committee Updates (Yvette) 10 mins 4:20 – 4:30**
- a. Housing Committee (Bert/Catherine/Cassie)**
    - i. 10/22 Committee Meeting, 2 pm
    - ii. 10/29 Workshop at HCDNNJ Conference
    - iii. DCA is seeking ideas and support for spending \$180 million in LRAP funds that must be paid by the end of 2026
    - iv. [Comments on HUD Developing a Formula Grant Program to Allocate Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Grant Programs](#) (by 11/15)
  - b. Water Advocacy Committee**
    - i. Next meeting 11/13
    - ii.  Water Policy & Advocacy Committee Updates \_ Oct\_ 16\_2024\_.docx
  - c. Health Committee (Elyse/Sheila)**
    - i. Support testimony to inform NJDOH FY26 budget. If speaking, register by 10/18 [here](#).
    - ii. [Joint Housing & Health Committee comments](#) were submitted for HUD Revision to Elevated Blood Lead Level Threshold on 10/11/24
- 7. Special Project: Update municipal factsheet (Kelvin) 10 mins 4:30 - 4:40**
- a. For distribution at the NJ League of Municipalities conference
  - b. <https://www.leadfreenj.org/faq-sheet-mayor-final-nobleed/>
- 8. Member Share (Open) 20 mins 4:40 – 5**
- a. [MAYOR RAS J. BARAKA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S LEAD PIPE AND PAINT ACTION PLAN](#)**
  - b. Lead inspector Gloria shared insight on implementation of the lead paint inspection law, and is eager to support lead exposure prevention efforts.
  - c. Filtered Not Bottled Grant application deadline is 10/31/24: <https://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/filtered-not-bottled-grant-program>
  - d. Registration is still open for the Rutgers CEED 7th Annual Environmental Health and Justice Summit, this Friday, October 18, 2024. Please contact Maria Crecenzio at [crecenzio@eohsi.rutgers.edu](mailto:crecenzio@eohsi.rutgers.edu) directly to register.

- e. 10/26 Clinton Hill Healthy Homes Expo at Temple of Hip Hop in Newark, they are still looking for Vendors. The event will have music, food, asthma workshops, air quality testing, lead resources. Please contact Janise Reliford-Afola at [housingprograms@clintonhillaction.org](mailto:housingprograms@clintonhillaction.org)
- f. Jersey City Together Education Team continues to monitor the Schools Drinking Water Project. The contractor started work at the last JCBOE-owned school building this week. That means that by this December all 40 schools will be done (since 2019). Celebration to follow.

## Reference

- [Previous meeting notes 2.29.24](#)
- [Legislative Advocacy Calendar Example](#)
- [LFNJ NJ Lead Policy Tracker](#)
- [LFNJ Operating Procedures](#)
- [Lead Priorities Doc](#)