







Lead-Free NJ Advocacy Coordinating Committee Meeting
3/11/25 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

- **Community Hub Updates & Support Requests (20 mins) 3:30 – 3:50, Yvette Jordan**
 - **Paterson Alliance:** Paterson Division of Health agreed to collaborate on an event in April
 - **The HUUB:** A partnership is being developed with City of Orange to collaborate on lead service line replacement outreach
 - **East Trenton Collaborative:** In collaboration with WE ACT Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (WE ACT TCTAC) and South Ward Environmental Alliance, ETC will host an environmental justice listening session in June
 - Trenton stakeholders met with the School Development Authority (SDA) to discuss drinking water concerns.
 - This LFNJ committee discussed how access to clean water intersects with climate change (rising heat), [school lead in drinking water testing occurs this year](#), and [NJ regulations for access to water in schools](#)
 - Shereyl participated in the Clean Water, Healthy Families, Good Jobs Campaign advocating for \$60 million in state match to the federal water infrastructure funding, including LSL replacement through a meeting with NJ DEP Commissioner and Governor's Office.
 - **PRAC of Southern NJ:** They are working on launching billboards and social media ads
 - Rashan shared about his personal experience navigating childhood blood lead level testing
- **FY26 State Budget Advocacy (15 mins) 3:50 – 4:05, Debbie Mans**
 -  FY26 NJ Budget Lead Updates
 -  Lead Questions for FY26 NJ Agency Budget Hearing
 - [Governor's Budget in Brief](#): | [Governor's Detailed Budget](#)
 - Registration for budget public hearings: <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/budget-hearings-registration>
 - One off budget appropriations will be highly scrutinized this year.
 - Isles, Clean Water Action, New Jersey Future, Yvette Jordan plan on submitting public testimony
- **Legislative Priorities for Spring 2025 (10 mins) 4:05 – 4:15, Yvette Jordan**
 - **A2929/S1034:** Requires disclosure of lead drinking water hazards to tenants of residential units; prohibits landlords from obstructing replacement of lead service lines; concerns testing of residential units for lead drinking water hazards. **Deandrah**
 - The bill passed the Assembly, and is awaiting final vote in the Senate. Hopefully, it will be voted on March 24. The DEP and DCA are discussing joint enforcement.
 - To support, you can contact your state Senator to tell them that this bill is a priority for you, and should be posted for a vote. Contact Deandrah (dcameron@njfuture.org) for guidance
 - **A4848/S3616:** Requires health care professionals to perform lead screening on pregnant persons under certain circumstances. **Elyse, Ben**
 - The bill passed the Assembly, and passed the first Senate committee, and is now Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. It will require passage in this committee and the full Senate. Isles is working on discrepancies between the Senate and Assembly version of the bills.

- Isles plans to work with NJDOH and the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG) on an outreach campaign
- **Lead Gubernatorial Candidate Education (15 mins) 4:15 – 4:30, Rashan Prailow**
 -  LFNJ Gubernatorial Platform [Draft] Feb 2025
 - If no objections, this document will be adopted. It will be published on the LFNJ website this week.
 - Discussion: How can we publicize this message? How can we reach candidates? Who can help sharing?
 - List all members
 - Have a very short version for busy campaign staff to quickly read key points
 - This could also be used for legislative candidates
 - Survey responses: Ask one question for all candidates, send a detailed survey after the primaries
 - Invite the candidates to meet with the collaborative
 - Next steps: Publish the platform this week for members, draft the candidate outreach email & short version this month, and send detailed survey to candidates after the primary.
- **Committee Progress on Strategic Plan (10 mins) 4:30 – 4:40, Committee Chairs**
 -  2024-2025 LFNJ Strategic Work Plan
 - Upcoming meetings: Health Committee March 17, Housing Committee April 16, Water Advocacy Committee first week of April
 - Introducing new Housing Committee staff Natasha Tabachnikoff
- **Federal Impacts (10 mins) 4:40 – 4:50, Open share**
- **Member Share (10 mins) 4:50 – 5:00, Open share**
 - The Climate Superfund Bill may overlap with this committee's goals
 - Anyone who wants to come to Jersey City PS 30 (171 Seaview Ave, 07305) on Thursday morning March 20 at 9:15 to celebrate the Schools Drinking Water Project completion (44 schools and ECCS), contact me: JimNelsonGlobal@gmail.com; <https://www.njtogether.org/water>

Notes by cbolinger@njfuture.org, please contact for corrections.

Updates:

- [Grassroots Organizing Grant Opportunity](#)
- [Attend the First NJDEP Environmental Justice Advisory Council Public Meeting](#)
- Blog published - [Black Maternal Health: The Hidden Danger of Lead Poisoning](#)
- Blog published - [The Importance of "Filter First": A Preventive Approach to Reduce Lead Contamination in Drinking Water](#)



- January LFNJ Community Hub Convening
- LFNJ community hub in Trenton, East Trenton Collaborative and Orange, The HUUB were **awarded a grant from the Filtered not Bottled Grant Program.**
- On January 17, 2025, HUD published a **notice** modifying its elevated blood lead level (EBLL). Lead-Free NJ members previously **submitted public comments** on this proposal

Committee Resources:

- Last meeting notes: [1.16.25 Steering and Advocacy Committee Notes](#)
- [LFNJ Operating Procedures](#)
- [Newsletters](#)
 - [2024 July membership meeting](#)
 - [Lead-Free NJ committees](#)
 - [NJ Lead Policy Track](#)
 - [Legislative Advocacy Calendar example](#)