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In accordance with Indiana Code 16-41-39.4-6, established in Senate Enrolled Act 143, the Indiana Lead-Safe Housing Advisory Council was formed to address the issue of lead poisoning in Indiana. The Council, comprised of membership outline in Senate Enrolled Act, was charged with developing a preliminary report to be submitted by November 1, 2008 which must include recommendations for legislation to be introduced in the 2009 session of the Indiana General Assembly. The Council and interested parties met on:

- Friday, June 27, 2008
- Friday, September 12, 2008
- Friday, September 26, 2008
- Friday, October 3, 2008
- Thursday, October 9, 2008
- Monday, October 27, 2008

The following are recommendations for legislation that have been approved by the Indiana Lead-Safe Housing Advisory Council:

- 1. The State of Indiana should seek legislation to transfer the Lead-based Paint Program from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to the Indiana State Department of Health.**
- 2. The State of Indiana should review the current language creating the various lead disciplines and the new EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule and request any changes in legislation to accurately reflect needed lead disciplines.**
- 3. The State of Indiana should change Indiana Code 16-41-39.4-7(a) from “A retail establishment that sells paint or paint products shall do all of the following” to “A retail establishment that sells house paint or paint products shall do all of the following”.**

The Indiana Lead-Safe Housing Advisory Council recognized that there were two action items to protect Hoosiers from lead poisoning that could be accomplished without legislation. Those action items are:

- 1. The Indiana State Department of Health should aggressively pursue lead hazard control funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to cover jurisdictions unable to apply for direct funding.**
- 2. The State of Indiana should submit an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency to request authorization for the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program.**

The Indiana Lead-Safe Housing Advisory Council has identified numerous issues that will be developed and included in the final report that is due November 1, 2009. Future meeting dates have been set to work on issue related to housing, lead-related work force, funding, architectural elements/salvage and training. The next Indiana Lead-Safe Housing Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by the Members of the Lead-Safe Housing Advisory Council on XX, 2008.

Attachments:
Membership listing