

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES and
COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH
CITY OF COLUMBUS
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
Effective January 1, 2016

This memorandum represents an understanding between the Department of Public Utilities and Columbus Public Health regarding the performance and compensation for services associated with the City's Lead Poisoning Prevention program, which is held by Columbus Public Health. The following goals are agreeable to the Department of Public Utilities and Columbus Public Health.

Goals

1. Provide risk assessment services related to reports of children under the age of six (6) years old with excessive levels of lead (Pb) found through confirmed laboratory methods. These lab results are mandated to be reported to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), who then provides Columbus Public Health with information to provide assessments and investigatory services. All risk assessments will include residential water sampling to determine the extent, if any, that drinking water from the home is a source of lead exposure.
2. Provide educational and preventative services related to prevention of lead exposure through community outreach and presentation.

To achieve these goals, the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) and Columbus Public Health (CPH) agree to the following items:

I. Communication

Communication relevant to the Lead Poisoning Prevention program shall be made between the Administrator for the Division of Water and the Administrator of Environmental Health for Columbus Public Health or their designees.

II. Programmatic Expectations

The Department of Public Utilities agrees to pay \$300,000 annually beginning in January of 2016 to fund staffing required to carry out the aforementioned goals of the program. This funding amount is intended to pay for the salary, benefits, tools and supplies required to perform all necessary functions. Opportunity for funding adjustment will be made available during annual reviews of this agreement as stipulated in Section IV. All funding as prescribed in the memorandum shall be used exclusively to support the duties of the designated staff for the purposes of investigation of reports of lead exposures. Department of Public Utilities will provide all necessary sampling containers

and training related to water samples collected as part of this agreement. Department of Public Utilities will provide testing for lead for all water samples collected as part of this agreement.

Specific functions related to this funding include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- A. Performance of risk assessments and public health lead investigations at all residences and other indicated structures where a child with a confirmed elevated blood lead level greater than ten (10) micrograms/deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$). This risk assessment would include a first draw water sample.
- B. Performance of public health lead investigations (PHLI) for all confirmed reports of elevated blood lead levels greater than five (5) micrograms/deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$).
- C. Performance of home assessments at residences and other indicated structures where a child with a confirmed elevated blood lead level greater than five (5) micrograms/deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$) but less than ten (10) micrograms/deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$). This home assessment would include a first draw water sample
- D. Provide personalized education to families with lead burdened children to ensure that caregivers are aware of risk factors of lead exposure and are connected to appropriate social services to help their family.
- E. Prepare lead hazard control orders, where allowable per Ohio Administrative Code, for all owners of properties where a lead hazard has been identified.
- F. Facilitate follow up sampling where lead is found in water.
- G. Provide follow up on lead hazard control orders or other orders related to findings during a risk assessment including filing of court cases.
- H. Provide annual reports of activity to the Department of Public Utilities.
- I. Provide presentations upon request to community groups related to the possible hazards found within the home, including exposure to lead.
- J. Provide appropriate referrals to CPH programming for initiatives relating to prevention of infant mortality and promotion of healthy mothers.

IV. Future Revisions to this Memorandum of Understanding

The Department of Public Utilities and Columbus Public Health agree to meet every five (5) years to discuss the terms of this agreement and make revisions thereto. Changes to the conditions of this agreement, including funding amounts, may be proposed at that time.

V. Termination

Either department may, at any time, terminate this agreement. A notice of termination must be submitted in writing not less than 90 days from the effective date of termination. Such termination may be for the cause or convenience of either department.

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The attached memorandum, dated November 24, 2015 identifies the roles and responsibilities of personnel for services associated with the City's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program within Columbus Public Health.

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