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**Protecting the Health of Children:
A National Snapshot of Environmental Health Services**

“Voices of Flint”

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Community/Academic Partnership



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Who we are

The HFRCC:

- ▶ Is a **Community-Academic Partnership**
- ▶ Involves voluntary participation by community members, organizations and researchers
- ▶ Is focused on
 - the economic environmental, behavioral and physical health of Flint residents,
 - data dissemination, as well as training and education for academic and community partners



Community Engagement

- ▶ Identify opportunities to hear voices of community on a variety of concerns
- ▶ Connect Community with Academic Partners
- ▶ Discuss and vet research questions/ideas
- ▶ Gain insights on perspectives and community impact
- ▶ Encourage participation at various levels of the research process



Community Conversation

- ▶ Building on Community Dialogues, a Solution-Oriented approach to identifying a problem(s)
- ▶ Engaging Community members in providing input and perspective
- ▶ Encouraging participation in sharing knowledge and identifying needs
- ▶ Understand Community Concerns and Expectations



Contextualize the Conversation

- ▶ Make it relevant to the Community
- ▶ Gain an Understanding of the Community Perspective
 - ▶ Concerns and issues may vary
 - ▶ Impact on Children's Health may differ
 - ▶ Eligibility criteria may differ
 - ▶ Resources may differ
- ▶ Encourage participation at various levels of the conversation
- ▶ Connect Community with Partners



Address Access Issues

- ▶ **Access to information**
 - ▶ Is there an awareness about what is available?
 - ▶ How is this information communicated?
 - ▶ Is there consideration for special populations:
 - ▶ Non-readers/low literacy
 - ▶ Deaf and hard of hearing
 - ▶ Non-English speaking

- ▶ **Access of information**
 - ▶ How can community members access information and services?
 - ▶ Are the information and services both accessible and acceptable?



Voices from Flint

- ▶ APHA Children’s Environmental Health
- ▶ Executive Committee Member – Ella Greene-Moton
 - Coordination with HFRCC - CC
 - Engaging community members
 - Engaging appropriate service organizations
- ▶ Event Date: April 24, 2018
- ▶ Co-Facilitated by APHA & HFRCC
- ▶ Participants:
 - 25 community members
 - 3 agencies





Participation

- Community Members who had children ages 0-8
- Flint Water Crisis
 - Lead exposure
 - WATER & LEAD BASED PAINT
 - Other environmental toxins
- Community Agency/Organization Representation
 - Genesee County Health Department – Environmental Health
 - City of Flint Recovery Officer
 - RECAST - City of Flint/Michigan State University



Bridge and Broker

- ▶ **Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center (HFRCC) - CC**
 - ▶ Assist in coordinating research
 - ▶ Engaging Community to clarify Research & Research Opportunities
 - ▶ Engage Service Organizations/Agencies
 - ▶ Provide Education and Coaching on how to access and use resources
 - ▶ Serves as a resource
- ▶ **Community Organizations & Research & Service Projects**
 - ▶ Build on existing Relationships
 - ▶ Community Partnerships can serve as connectors between Community, Academic Partners and Agencies



APHA Expectations

- Better understand community's:
 - Questions/concerns regarding environmental health
 - Background on the issue
 - Knowledge of services available in the community and accessibility
 - Community's response to information presented

- Better understand how this information could be used at a policy level



Community Expectations of APHA

- Better understand:
 - Questions/concerns regarding environmental health
 - Background on the issue
 - Benefit to community for participation
 - Long-term impacts of the project/conversation
 - How the community will be informed of outcomes



Outcomes

- Greater awareness of the:
 - National focus on Children’s Environmental Health
 - The programs and services available in our community
 - How their voices can assist other communities
 - Waiting to learn more about the results of this project

- Commitment to maintain connection and communication with Community



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