



January 18, 1974

TO P. E. Robinson, E. McCabe, J. Callaghan, M. Swetonic, J. Cole

FROM Donald R. Lynam *D.R.L.* *E.L.*

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Ms. Yvonne Kelly and the attached recommendations from the Conference on Lead held in Washington on November 12 and 13, 1973.

I met with Dr. Green and Ms. Kelly at the conference and mentioned that LIA was considering the possibility of a pilot type program. In view of our meeting with Dr. Guinee and the recommendation that we work with New York City, the possibility of a pilot program with this group no longer seems possible. However, I think we should definitely meet with Dr. Green and determine the best means by which we can help.

Perhaps it would be better to ask Dr. McCabe to meet with Dr. Green rather than asking Dr. Green and Ms. Kelly to come to New York.

I would appreciate any comments which you might have.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF LEAD IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Dr. Donald Lynam
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Dear Doctor Lynam:

During our recent telephone conversation in December, I indicated that I would contact you very soon after the next meeting of the Committee for L.E.A.D.

The organizational structure of the Committee for L.E.A.D. was the major issue considered at that meeting and considerations for implementation of the recommendations will be considered at the next meeting in mid January.

Dr. Green and I would like to meet with you as soon as possible following the mid January meeting to discuss how the Committee and Lead Industries Association might coordinate their efforts in lead elimination. Which of the two cities, Washington or New York will be most convenient since you previously mentioned that you would like to have your staff attend the meeting.

I have enclosed a revised copy of the recommendations for your review and I would appreciate your comment.

Your continued participation in our efforts to eliminate Lead poisoning in the District of Columbia will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Yvonne M. Kelley

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RECOMMENDATIONS

TOPIC AREA ISSUES

Committee for L.E.A.D.

A. Organizational Structure of the Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS

Composition - the ongoing Committee should be established by District of Columbia. The Committee should represent the following:

1. The Conference Sponsors
2. Parents of Children with Lead Poisoning
3. Public and Private Agencies Participating in the Conference
4. Concerned individuals knowledgeable of the District of Columbia's Problems
5. Local and Federal Legislators

Models for the Committee for L.E.A.D.

1. An Advisory Committee made up of various governmental agencies and parents with the majority of members being parents.
2. A Mayor's Task Force for Elimination of Lead Poisoning headed by a responsible official. The Task Force should have inter-agency representation from District government - Departments of Health, Economic Development, Housing, Environmental Service, Public Works, private groups and Federal agencies.

B. Guidelines for Action to be Taken

1. Coordination of present services and the development of new services for lead elimination to be developed concurrently.
2. Consider steps to increase the present quality of services and resources.
3. Identification of new resources for expanded lead elimination. The areas suggested but not restricted to these are screening, community education - parent child relations and prevention.
4. Recognition of the effects of poor housing on the problem of lead poisoning.
5. Join or initiate the effort to reduce the use of lead in paint which might increase the total body burden of lead in children.

TOPIC AREA
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- B. Continued
- C. Tasks to be Considered for Action

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6. Development of an ongoing organization
- 1. We recommend an ombudsman under private agency auspices to deal with the problems arising from lead hazards.
- 2. The Department of HEW is advised to state formally which agency has the focus for coordinating all aspects of lead and trace metal problems.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Housing - Improvement of the Level of housing for children at risk for lead poisoning

A. Maintenance of Housing at Code

1. That a private non-profit corporation be established to perform hazard reduction work at the City's request and to perform as it may wish to engage in from time to time and that the supply of labor skilled in this field be promoted; or the Department of Economic Development to contract with volunteer type organizations (Youth Corp, Pride).
2. That RLA, National Capital Housing and HUD should be required of lead hazards in their maintenance programs and to maintain Code level required of private landlords.
3. The Housing Division reemphasize its program of encouraging make temporary repairs to reduce the immediate hazard, with landlords obligation to make the more permanent repairs to Code Enforcement Agency.

B. Alternative Housing Placement

1. Emergency Housing provision for the families of lead poisoning.
2. Priority on the waiting list for public housing for families living in houses with lead hazards.

C. Changes needed in Licensing, Inspection and Code Enforcement

1. We recommend improvement in the routine inspection of housing lead hazard problem into the regular inspection program and the whole building be required for multiple dwellings where has been found in one of the units.
2. That the inspection for lead of all public and private dwellings new period of occupancy should be required and enforced.
3. We recommend that inspection and removal of lead hazards licensing of all day care facilities.
4. Investigate the desirability of a separate lead paint unit Division and that the number of inspectors and inspector paint activities be increased to 1/6th of the total inspection

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C. Continued

D. Sources of revenue and incentives
for housing repairs or abatement

E. The rights of tenants

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. The possibility of lead poisoning resulting from lead based paint of buildings should be explored in order to determine if lead abatement to reduce lead in exterior paint.
1. Explore tax incentives for landlords who abate problems.
2. Federal funding may be needed for abatement as well as for lead testing.
3. That tax incentives should be created for property owners who remove the lead based paint can be allowed a deduction on his tax returns.
4. When the deleading is performed by the District of Columbia, the cost for such repairs should be incorporated into the building code and the owner's responsibility for payment would be extended over the present 2 year period.
5. Provisions and funds for homesteading in neighborhoods with high unemployment should be initiated for low income families with small children.
1. The Board of Hearing & Review should be required to give priority to cases involving lead poisoning.
2. Retaliatory evictions are deplorable and Congress is suggested to make making it illegal to evict or cause to be evicted occupant for the purpose of avoiding corrective maintenance ordered by the Development Division.

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Health

A. Coordination of services

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A more coordinated relationship between the health provider and treatment is necessary to provide more effective and res lead poison victims. Consideration should be given to t weekend screening programs and a central lab which would quickly and efficiently.
2. That all agencies and health care facilities should be a bility of the Hospital for Sick Children for emergency s is being reduced in the child's home.
3. We recommend closer coordination between screening and t inspections.

B. Expansion of services

1. Funding is needed so that teams or pairs of visiting nur nurses) and social workers may visit families more often ualized basis,
2. There should be an ongoing effort to strengthen parent c District of Columbia. More parent-child multi-purpose c neighborhoods. Existing day care centers need more supp community outreach programs for increased services in fo individualized programs should be funded.

C. Legislation

1. Required screening for all preschool aged children resid houses containing lead based paint.

TOPIC AREA
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Parent-child relations/Community education

A. The content of the educational program

1. Educational programs emphasizing the potential hazard of lead paint, lead in food, and the possible hazard of prolonged storage of acidic foods may release lead to food should be initiated.
2. A broader education thrust of the facts about lead poisoning, contamination, screening procedure, treatment, identification, screening and treatment, housing code regulations and temporary relocation procedures for deleading housing - must be made available to the community.
3. That the informational and educational programs be greatly expanded to include information of the causes and consequences of lead paint poisoning, of the ways to decrease the hazards and of the rights of occupants.

B. Modules for dissemination of information

1. More parent-child multi-purpose centers are needed in all neighborhoods. Day care centers need more support. Child care aides for outreach and for increased services in follow-up clinics and individualized care should be funded.
2. Indirect education through soap operas, spot announcements, theater, puppet shows, newspapers, periodicals, neighborhood meetings, all other possible channels of communication should be used to disseminate poisoning prevention information.
3. A 24 hour hot line to respond to questions regarding lead poisoning should be developed.
4. Speaker's Bureau for professional, Civic and social organizations.
5. Pamphlets and flyers could be distributed in grocery stores, welfare checks, utility bills, through churches and many other outlets. They should include lead poison facts to new mothers in pre-natal care.
6. That a team (health aides, social workers, etc.) should be trained to help families how to maintain their dwellings. Education - demonstration.
7. That information concerning lead based paint be included in the inspection of barricaded buildings.

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B. continued

C. The design for the delivery
of the educational material

D. Resources

E. Suggested Audiences

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The prime time for television viewing for the different segments should be identified so that the appropriate message may be presented.
1. The educational materials and approaches must be multilingual and appropriate to the needs of the groups to be addressed. School curricula from preschool through high school setting should reflect the dangers of lead poisoning.
2. More extensive and creative use of the media should be developed through a systematic approach. Steps must be taken to identify the specific needs and outcomes - the skills or knowledge needed by the population to reduce the incidence of lead poisoning; design the appropriate materials for the different segments of the population through the usage of the media; and to develop an approach to continuously evaluate the effectiveness of the media campaign and to develop new approaches as problems arise.
3. A one day institute on educational technology for the members of the committee to discuss the use of educational technology and its application to lead poisoning should be set up.
1. Efforts should be made to utilize to the fullest extent the available resources of the Washington Area Advertising Council and the Washington Area Association.
2. Industry such as the paint manufacturers and retailer lead industries and others should take a more active role in community education and the services needed to prevent lead poisoning.
1. Such groups as physicians in private practice, lawyers, teachers, health-care workers and social workers should become informed about the facts of lead poisoning.
2. Parents or babysitters of small children living in deteriorating housing, children, school age children, general public and etc.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Other Sources of Lead Contamination

A. Lead in gasoline

1. The use of private automobiles in urban traffic should be reduced and car pooling encouraged.
2. Since the EPA Administrator is about to reach a momentous decision, be it resolved that a committee of this workshop offer to meet with him to discuss the proposed regulations prior to his decision.
3. After the Administrator's decision the members of this committee report within 30 days. (All dissenting views to be presented.)
4. Federal EPA should establish an ambient air quality standard under Sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act so that the District of Columbia metropolitan areas are not pre-empted from removing lead from gasoline more than the Federal government.
5. Federal EPA should establish an ambient air quality standard under Sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act so that removal of lead is not slowed by the PNA question since almost all PNAs come from gasoline.
6. Responsible agencies should sharply increase their funding for research into the health effects of lead additives in gasoline and, at the same time, complete a systematic reevaluation of the knowledge in the field.

B. Lead in food

1. The FDA should urge the Canning and Food Industry to establish standards that will result in minimal levels of lead.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Study for the District of
Columbia

1. A comprehensive survey of dirt, dust and airborne lead level area of Washington, D.C. should be undertaken.
2. Authority (and funding) should be given to the Department of the investigation of causes of poisoning in housing that show
3. Further study is needed to determine what effect lead based other than the interior of buildings, has on the blood lead

B. General study for the District
of Columbia and the rest of the Nation

1. Retrospective and prospective epidemiological studies should the effect of low-level lead exposure on the incidence and s humans.
2. A program emphasizing the importance of optimal nutrition in lead toxicity in young children should be encouraged.
3. That the development of new means of permanently, rapidly and lead hazards be encouraged and promoted.

PARTICIPANTS

STEPS TO TAKE

LEAD COMMITTEE	LEAD TASK FORCE	
D.C. GOVERNMENT		
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		
LEGISLATION		
SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS		
INDUSTRY		
RESEARCH		
MISCELLANEOUS		
PRIVATE PROVIDERS		
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL		
AFFILIATE PROGRAMS		

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