

**Drinking Water Advisory Council
Lead in Drinking Water (LIDW) Work Group
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2016**

In attendance: Greg Heitzman, Chair (BWK), Jennifer Burt (DPH), Obe Cox (CCW), Mike Gardner (BGMU), Gary Larimore (KRWA), Ron Lovan (NKYW), Brad Montgomery (ACEC), Justin Sensabaugh (KYAW)

Absent: Bill Robertson (PWWKY), Rengao Song (LWC), Thomas Rockaway (UofL), Kay Sanborn (KYTN-AWWA), Brian Thomas (MWD)

Division of Water (DOW): Tom Gabbard, Asst. Director; Carole Catalfo, Sarah Gaddis, Todd Ritter, Joe Uliasz

Liaison and Public Attendees: Lane Boldman (KCC), S. Morgan Faulkner (KYOAG-ORI), Melissa Melton (RCAP)

The meeting began at 1:35 p.m. EST.

Call Meeting to Order and Membership Roll Call

Chair Greg Heitzman led the roll call, confirmed a quorum, and introduced guests.

Approve Minutes of August 17, 2016

The workgroup approved the May meeting minutes by consensus.

Training Presentation (Training Sub-Group) – Gary Larimore

Gary Larimore gave a presentation regarding needed training, and the importance of educating the public, on behalf of the Training Sub-Group. The presentation identified critical stakeholders, such as state and federal government entities, health departments, schools, and day care centers, as well as training resources that already exist, how best to disseminate the information and training where it is most needed, and avenues of reaching target audiences. An overview of Louisville Water's "Flush the Line" program and Lead Service Line Replacement programs were included.

During and following the presentation, the group discussed how best to tap into the public education system, using Ohio as an example, available resources to assist utility personnel with customer education, and the challenges faced by non-English speaking customers. Potential training venues include conferences, seminars and workshops, and "tail gate" sessions. The group discussed the need for continued emphasis on corrosion control and water chemistry. Non-certified utility workers need to be properly trained on lead service line identification, but engaging their employers and workers to attend trainings presents many challenges. Training for critical stakeholders exists but tends to be more technical rather than consumer-based.

The group discussed developing a generic information packet for consumers with utility sponsorship and assistance from the state. The Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA) may be a good resource because it often produces booklets and other educational materials for the public and regulated community, and links training to education. There may be some hesitancy from the regulated community

to disseminate information simply because it draws attention to an issue that is not prevalent in Kentucky. Since the DCA may also be able to deflect some of the hesitancy to begin a program, Tom Gabbard will contact Paulette Akers, DCA Director, to discuss the potential for a collaborative education and training program.

Update from EPA on Tier 1 Sampling Protocol – Tom Gabbard

The EPA recently sent a memo regarding Lead & Copper Rule monitoring of drinking water. EPA is receiving feedback that many areas did not have enough Tier 1 sites for dependable, representative sampling. There was also a reminder to document field repair and maintenance as part of the required materials evaluation. The deadline for the Drinking Water Action Plan is April 30, 2017, but EPA indicated that it should be released within a month. The action plan will also be discussed with the Drinking Water Advisory Council.

Review sub-group assignments and Schedule – Greg Heitzman

The group agreed by consensus to cancel the November meeting to accommodate scheduling conflicts. All scheduled sub-group presentations will be pushed back one month. The next meeting will be December 21, 2016 with a presentation from the Finance sub-group.

Open Discussion for Workgroup

There have been no recent discussions regarding the EPA inventory requirement. A recent EPA news release suggested the safety of water filters. ASDWA stated that Brita and Keurig filters were working well at removing lead which was data-supported in a Washington Post article on October 22. There will be a Flint Water Summit in March 2017.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments from public attendees.

Next Workgroup Meeting – December 21, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. EST.