

The background features a large, faint graphic of a paintbrush and a paint can. The paintbrush is positioned vertically, with its handle at the bottom and its head at the top. The paint can is positioned horizontally, overlapping the brush head. The background is divided into four quadrants by a central horizontal and vertical line. The top-left and bottom-right quadrants are a light beige color, while the top-right and bottom-left quadrants are a light gray color.

# 2010 Healthy Homes Section Manager's Update

The Michigan Department of  
Community Health

SOCIETY FAILS TO PROTECT  
DETROIT CHILDREN FROM  
EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN  
THEIR HOMES.



SO DO WE STAY INDOORS  
AND RISK LEAD POISONING,  
OR GO OUTDOORS  
AND RISK LEAD POISONING?

The good news is that the City and the State are making great efforts to reduce the lead in the home!

# Governor's Lead Commission

Although the Commission has now sunset several notable accomplishments occurred:

- Renewed emphasis on testing of children
- Our Section funded a new lead curriculum for Rental Property Owners taught by a Rental Property Owners (in final development phase)
- MSHDA developed “Housing Rehabilitation And Lead and Hazard Control Resource Guide”

# Governor's Lead Commission

- MSHDA updated it's Property Improvement Loan (PIP) guidelines and Resource Document for Local \$\$
- The subcommittee investigating alternate funding opportunities such as a fee on each gallon of paint sold to fill gap of Healthy Michigan Funds has remained active on this issue.

# EPA Renovation Remodeling and Painting Rule

We have been committed to becoming  
and EPA Authorization for our state  
program.

Steve Smith will provide details in his  
presentation.

# Healthy Homes

Our Section has authored a research paper on the conclusions of our first HUD Healthy Homes University Demonstration Grant. This is under CDC editorial review at this time, and we anticipate that it will be published in a special edition of CDC's Public Health Reports in Spring of 2010.

# Healthy Homes

The Vice President's Office along with HUD, EPA and DOE as well as other federal agencies have been working with private foundations such as Kresge, Annie E. Casey and others to fund the Healthy Homes Initiative. Detroit and Flint have been identified as key cities for inclusion in this effort. Main goal is to combine efforts of multiple agencies to a common goal of healthy housing.

# Healthy Homes

Our Healthy Homes University will be working to create a “tool box” for expansion of Healthy Homes across the state. We will be seeking funding to develop this “Tool Box.”

# Enforcement

In addition to Dan Lince, Jim Copeland and Jay Wagar, we have recently recruited Steve Smith to enforcement efforts.

Our emphasis has, and will continue to be, to ensure that the occupants of child occupied facilities are protected and that the lead professionals we certify are abiding by our rules. Dan will provide you with more of the details.

# Lead Hazard Control

- We are doing very well in the number of homes being abated in our current HUD award by abating 35 out of the total 235 of units (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of new grant). This is possible by the hard work of **Carin Speidel** and our Regional Field Consultants of **Paul Kelly, Chris Nelson,** and **George Williams**. They, along with our contractors, have worked hard to control costs as well as blend funds of homeowners, landlords and other city, county and state agencies.
- We now have made over 1700 homes lead safe!



# Lead Safe Housing Registry

- The number of units and the information we are obtaining on each unit is increasing significantly. We now have a total of 40,000 addresses on our registry of course only Rental Properties are listed to the public at this time.
- A major modification has been accomplished this year which is the use of the registry as a web based database for our Sections notification and housing needs.
- A time is soon approaching where you may be able to add information directly to the registry as part of the notification process.



- Home Page
- Search for Home
- Search by County Map
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The Michigan Department of Community Health is pleased to provide this registry to you. This registry is a listing of single-family homes, duplexes, apartments, and daycare homes and centers that have received a professional lead service. This could be one that identified lead paint or one that has removed lead paint hazards. These services have been performed by state certified lead professionals or companies. We trust it will help you to make an informed decision prior to buying or renting a home, or placing a child in a day care facility.

**Important Information**

Please be aware that the information provided concerning lead paint may change as conditions of the home change. Lead hazards may be created as a result of normal use and changes to the structure. Likewise, hazardous lead components may be removed as structures undergo renovations, such as new windows. Therefore, the information provided here should be thought of as a "snap-shot" in time, and is accurate only for the time during which the service was done. A careful review of past services and the current condition of the building will help assess the present conditions. Another assessment may be needed by state certified professionals, since the original activity was performed on a home. These individuals can be located at our website [www.michigan.gov/leadsafe](http://www.michigan.gov/leadsafe).

Please note, the information on the Lead Safe Housing Registry, is provided by a variety of

# Certifications

- Numbers of most professionals have continued to increase this year.
- Our certification card machine was used by the Medical Marijuana Section this year – would all of you who got these cards by mistake please turn them in today!
- Jay and Sonya have **assured me** that we will be able to accept **new applications** electronically by the end of the year.
- Jay and Sonya to provide more details...

# EBL Oversight

Michele Borgialli and George Williams have continued to refine and improve the EBL investigations report and protocols this past year. Recently a new chart has been done that shows what Good, Fair and Intact are and is available on our website. They have continued to provide telephone and on-site assistance to many EBL investigators. Michele will give you an update on this .....

# EBL Oversight

The demand for these services has been so great; as well as the need to perform EBL services in rural areas that our Section is in the process of hiring a EBL Investigator/administrative position. This person will also do compliance investigations of EBL investigators with an emphasis on **compliance assistance** to ensure EBL investigations are conducted properly without the need for citations.

# My Thoughts

In the last several years we have seen the terrible consequences of what can happen when individuals look at profiting at the expense of others. Bernie Madoff is the best example as well as banks, mortgage companies, oil companies (BP), politicians and numerous others who put self-interest before others and as a result we have seen a collapse of our country, a meltdown in the housing industry and the sickening pollution of gulf waters and rivers in our own state.

# Thoughts

This has extended down to individuals in our lead industry. Individuals who took pay-offs for performing bogus investigations for multi-unit apartment complexes leaving hundreds of children exposed to lead paint hazards. An individual who took money from landlords and tenants in an illegal fashion while claiming to help the child. Contractors who offered lead hazard control services while performing work without certified workers or using required lead-safe work practices.

# Thoughts

These cases of greed have left us a nation in dire unemployment and economic straights and for myself and my staff we have spent countless hours working to investigate and prosecute individuals to protect the health of innocent children.

For those of you who have conducted yourself above reproach we commend you for your high moral standards. For those of you who have taken a less moral road, we will hold you accountable and you will “pay” for your actions.

I urge you to think about the consequences of each of your actions on both you as individual, your company and the children we are here to protect. THANK-YOU