

Ideas on Voluntary Lead Safe Registry

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Interviewed nonprofit principals Cleveland <http://leadsafecle.org>

Kim Foreman – Lead Safe Resource Center

Matt Sattler and M Hirari – CHN Housing Partners

- Conducted various pilot projects - Voluntary programs have not had measurable success without an ordinance and threat of enforcement.
- March 2021 Cleveland requires a lead safe certificate for rental property
- Roll out 2 zipcodes every two years.
- Lead Safe Resource Center – Hotline and workforce development
- CHN Housing Partners – Construction, Inspection, Grants/Loans
- Goal to get 3000 to 4000 homes registered per year
- All done without the City of Cleveland Lead Program
- Certification is valid for 2 years and requires clearance dust wipe testing

1. HEH currently researching issues with HIPAA and making our work product available for public inspection.
2. Nonprofits (SDC) have begun to provide lead investigation and abatement services in Milwaukee.
3. HEH has been advocating that DHS provide public transparency about our important work.

254.166(1) Wis. Stats states, in part, The department shall prepare and file written reports of all lead investigations conducted under this section and shall make the contents of these reports available for inspection by the public, except for medical information, which may be disclosed only to the extent that patient health care records may be disclosed under ss. 146.82 to 146.835.

4. HEH is exploring opportunities to partner with DNS and utilize the LMS as a tool to inform the public on lead hazards and lead safe properties.
5. There will be GIS and network needs to implement any such effort.

Important to note: A lead safe registry is a separate effort than another effort being undertaken by the Health Department which is to change [state law](#) (66.0104 Wis. Stats) and allow the City to require homes to be lead safe before being rented. The Health Department is working with the City's Legislative Reference Bureau on this effort.