



Community Lead Response Advisory Committee

March 4, 2019

Meeting Minutes

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Weighing for Additional Work Prioritization**

- Ran three scenarios using age, blood lead level, income (average income for census tract areas, 1 being lowest income, 5 being highest), and percentage lead (CBI data, historical record, and excavations).
- Scenario 1:
 - Population 75%
 - Rest: 8.3%
- Scenario 2”
 - BLL: 75%
 - Rest: 8.3 %
- Scenario 3
 - Population: 40%
 - Rest: 20%
- Requesting suggestions for weighting from the group.
 - Suggestion: using % above poverty level as opposed to tiers of income.
- Suggestion: including women of reproductive age (15-34?) as part of our weighting – this would be a preventative strategy.
 - Will follow up with that data plugged into model
 - What weight would be give it? – likely combine it with the population of children under 6 years old.
 - Will pull it from census website.

QUESTION: What is the meaning of % lead?

- Dan explained that we use the CBI records and historic record to make these percentages.

- **2019 LSLR Program Updates**

Agreements and Opt-Out

- 4,600 returned so far (64%)
- Accepted agreements: 61%
- 622 vacants
- Opt out status:
 - Majority are people telling us they already replaced the private side.
 - Are going to call opt-outs who said they already replaced to have them sign the agreement regardless so that if we find lead, we can immediately start the full line replacement process. Low on priority list right now.
 - 12 have changed their minds.

QUESTION: Are people who say “cannot afford” confused about how the program works?

- This is usually the case, and we ask them to still sign the agreement and work with them.
- Others say they can’t take off work and there is not much we can do.

QUESTION FROM LEAD TEAM: Can ACHD ensure when there is a private line replaced without our knowledge, that we are aware of that.

- There is still a ban on partial repairs, but total moratorium on partial replacements.

Work Order Areas – vacants

- Homewood agreement return rate is one of the best in the program when you take out vacants from the unresponsive list.

Community Outreach

- All work order areas have been canvassed –
 - Twice to Homewood, Perry North, Perry South. Will canvass again in South Side Slopes at owner-occupied locations. Will continue in rest of work order areas after that.
 - WPXI article ran on canvassing efforts.
 - Door hangers were left if no one was there.



- Meetings:
 - Homewood Concerned Citizens Meeting
- Working with Operation Better Block coordinator to get info on concentrations of children.
- Posters:
 - 250 locations with posters and flyers around the city in work order areas (Post offices, grocery stores, community centers, etc.)

Construction Status

- Closing on Thursday, notice to proceed early next week.
- Lead Help Desk are starting coordination calls.
- One-Calls, plumbing permits, and street permits are in the works.
- Rep. Gainey wants to do an event end of March for the Homewood replacements.

• 2019 Additional Work Prioritization

- If we go into an area, we will first determine where 4-inch mains are – we will not include those locations in the Work Order.
- Will not include sidewalk mains – part of larger PWSA plan to replace those with one main in the street.
- In the future, we will couple lead service line replacement with water main replacement for there to be a more efficient use of funds.
- First sites:
 - Perry North
 - South: South Side Slopes
 - East: Morningside
- Plumbing permitting processing:
 - Getting permits has been fine, final inspection is a concern.
 - If they get a permit from ACHD for a site they don't end up using, we used to reimburse them – we can no longer do that with Pennvest.
 - ACHD started scheduling weekends and evenings to keep up with schedule.
 - Some plumbers will give an 8-hour window – has been difficult for customers.

QUESTION: Is PWSA meeting diversity benchmarks with construction firms?



- Yes, we have to file MBWBE status with Pennvest on a regular basis.

QUESTION: Can you stratify the data owner-occupied/tenant occupied?

- Yes, this is possible using the data we have and we do this for the purpose of canvassing efforts.

Other PUC Requirements

- Web map update
- Letter to Winter Moratorium customers about free filters
 - Will do monthly update to bring in new CAP customers to the program.
- 208 pitchers and filters distributed for CAP customers since first letter.

Private Side Only Cost Study

- There would be about 1,400 private side only replacements + 1,900 verifications which would add up to \$10 million more if we were doing private only lead lines in 2019
- ~\$4.4 million in 2018.
- Board's current policy is to prevent partials
 - Would need to put it to them to consider.
 - CLRAC interested in seeing these policies before they go to the board.

• Date and priorities for next meeting

- Same time
- Wednesday 24th