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CDC Funding for Lead and Healthy Homes: FY11-12

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Call Purpose/Objectives:

- Brief state and local health departments on status of FY11 and FY12 funding proposal for lead and healthy homes
- Summarize advocacy strategies that are underway
- Review of advocacy/lobbying options
- Review draft messages
- Discuss other state and local implications of proposed cuts
- Outline next steps & opportunities for collaboration



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FY11

- House CR (HR 1) – Proposes a 23% cut to CDC programs
 - Program specific cuts not defined
- Two week CR – extends gov't funding through March 18th
- Senate CR – Bill introduced March 4th
 - Program details not yet available



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FY11 Grant Cycle

- 33% funding restriction for states (unless funding is going through a non-profit agency)
- 50% reduction in max award amount
- Second year of funding likely to be impacted by President's budget if it passes Congress



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FY 12 (President's Budget)

- Overall reduction for Environmental Health (\$43,289,000)
- Eliminates built environment activities (\$2,683,000)
- Reduces asthma and CLPPP/Healthy Homes (\$33,045,000)
- Creates “Healthy Home and Community Environments program”



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Healthy Home and Community Environments Program

- Program includes “*surveillance, partnerships, and implementation and evaluation of science-based interventions to address the health impact of environmental exposures in the homes and to reduce the burden of disease through comprehensive asthma control*” - FY2012 CJ Performance Budget
- CDC will take 2 years to transition to this approach



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Advocacy Efforts Underway

- Letter sent to all House members re: FY11 (HR 1)
- Letter sent to all Senate members re: FY11 (Bill under development)
- National advocacy calls held with Asthma program NGO representatives
- Met with CDC leadership re: FY12



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Advocacy Activities

Caveat: We are not lawyers. Consult your Counsel for more information.

- You can call, write, or email your representatives on your watch. Don't use any work time or supplies for this activity.
- You can contact your Commissioner/Director to communicate the impact of the cuts and ask that they communicate with your Governor's Office.
- You can provide written information upon request regarding what your program does and how it will be impacted.
- You can alert your advisory committees



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Consolidation

- Not necessarily a done deal
- Asthma groups generally not on board with consolidation
- Implications
 - Reduce National Asthma Control Program funded states from 36 to 15 or fewer
 - Reduce funded recipients from 40 to 34 to implement Healthy Homes programs.
 - CDC will no longer provide funding support to maintain HHPSS. States which adopt the system will be required to support it.



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Messaging (Consolidation)

- Needs much more thoughtful consolidation plan.
- Not clear how clinical and school component of asthma program will be addressed in a consolidated program.
- Impossible to gain 50% in efficiencies.



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Messaging (Cuts)

Work that will not get done

- Transition to HH threatened
- Decline in abatement orders
- Decline in cases followed or managed
- Targeting not possible without data (impacts HUD Program)
- Trend reporting lost, including attention to emerging sources of lead
- RRP tracking/outreach eliminated
- WIC-HS-other programs not reached

Economic impact

- Jobs lost
- Public Health Capacity Lost



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Other Implications of Cuts

- Group Discussion



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Action Plan & Next Steps

- Sign-on Letter to Secretary Sebelius drafted
- Write to Senators and Representatives and call their local and DC offices re: FY12
- Join in our automated system but that's not enough, the more personal the better
- Priority – members of appropriations
- Alert your advisory committee members and local CBOs



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