

May 17th, 2018

North Shore Health Department Board of Health
2018 Resolution of Support

Title: Support for North Shore Health Department to provide outreach and education on the potential exposures to lead in the seven communities of the North Shore and to investigate cases of elevated blood lead levels.

Whereas, every American deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe environment, free from the harmful effects of lead; and

Whereas, at least 4 million households around the country include children who are exposed to high levels of lead; and

Whereas, lead interferes with normal brain development; is associated with permanently reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral disorders; and is an indicator of increased crime rates; and

Whereas, low levels of lead exposure can cause irreversible nervous system damage, and high levels can cause seizures, comas, and even death; and

Whereas, approximately 2% of children in the North Shore have an initial blood lead level \geq 5 mcg/dL, the current reference value set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

Whereas, the major sources of lead exposure are the dust from deteriorating lead-based paints, and the lead pipelines that deliver water to homes; and

Whereas, Wisconsin and the North Shore Health Department aims to increase testing for lead exposure in children and to eliminate the sources of lead exposure; and

Whereas, the North Shore Health Department should educate and raise awareness of lead exposure risks and prevention measures to residents and families in the North Shore; now,

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Shore Health Department will continue outreach efforts to raise awareness about the risks of lead exposure and educate on ways to prevent lead poisoning across all seven communities in the North Shore.

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Shore Health Department will continue to respond to and investigate cases of elevated blood lead levels as outlined in Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 254.11.