



National Conference Agenda Day 1 – April 28, 2026

7:30 AM- 8:30 AM	REGISTRATION – Coffee and Pastry Bar
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Room A&B

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Kara Hollins , MPH University of Kansas Medical Center Christina Pacheco , JD, MPH; and Jody Love , MBA	Get the Lead Out: Empowering Rural Kansas to Reduce Lead Exposure through Community-Led Strategies	Room A&B Policy & Procedures
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	Dr. Kevin Guth , KGC Environmental	Assessment of lead exposure controls on bridge painting projects using worker blood lead levels	Room A&B Policy & Procedures
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Break		
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Michelle Miller Maderus formerly acting director of OLHCHH HUD (tentative) and Kate Kirkwood , Local Lead and Healthy Homes Grant Administrator	Is a HUD Grant Right for my Program? How do I get one?	Room A&B Policy & Procedures
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Howard Mielke (Invited not Confirmed), Adjunct Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Tulane University School of Medicine	Unveiling the Facts of Human Pb Exposure	Room A&B Policy & Procedures

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own
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Room C

8:30 AM – 9:15AM	Gail Gettens , MS, Health Communications Specialist	Changing Course: Road Map to Increase Pediatric Blood Lead Levels Testing Rates Part I - Effective Pediatrician Engagement: Quality Improvement project utilizing ECHO® Model for continuing medical Education	Room C Science & Technology
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	Gail Gettens , MS, Health Communications Specialist	Changing Course: Road Map to Increase Pediatric Blood Lead Level Testing Rates Part 2 - Impact of the HEDIS® Measure: Collaborating with state-level Offices of Medicaid Services for change	Room C Science & Technology
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	BREAK		
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Lenessa Owens-Chaplin , NY Civil Liberties Union and Oceanna Fair , chair of Families for Lead Freedom Now	Lead Water Coming Through Our Kitchen Sinks	Room C Science & Technology

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Candace Buckley , Executive Director Toledo Lead Resources Center and Monica Smith , Lead Safe Coordinator, City of Toledo	Building a Lead Safe Future: Community and Local Government Shared Action	Room C Science & Technology
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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch on your own

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St. Charles Room

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Larry Brooks , Retired Director Alameda County Healthy Homes Department and Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	California's Lead Paint Lawsuit/Settlement and Spending Plans	St Charles Room
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM BREAK			
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Mike Sharp , Senior Safety Officer Janus Corp, President- LHC	Myths, Mysteries, Mistakes	St Charles Room

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch on your own

Toulouse Ballroom

8:30 AM -10:30 AM	Kevin Kennedy , Environmental Health Scientist, Healthy Indoors Training and Consulting, LLC	Healthy Home Principles: Simple but Complex	Toulouse Ballroom
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	TBD		
11:00 AM -11:30 AM	Michelle Miller Maderus , (tentative) and Kate Kirkwood Local Lead and Healthy Homes Grant Administrator	What's a HUD Lead and HH grant really like?	
11:30 AM -12:00 PM	Perry Cabot , Multnomah County Health Dept.	Stronger Together, How Robust Partnerships and Effective Communications took a local public healthy response global	

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch on your own

Room A,B,C

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Kate Kirkwood , MBA, Principle Trainer Lead EDU, CEO LHC Mike Sharp Senior Safety Officer Janus Corp, President- LHC Special Ambassador Welcome	Conference Welcome	Room A,B,C
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Amanda Reddy, MS, Executive Director of the National Center for Healthy Housing	Plenary # 1-Snapshots of Innovation, State and local approaches to healthy housing and asthma friendly housing	Room A,B,C



2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAK		
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sheila Xiah Kragie, Agency Lead PB Coordinator, U.S. EPA	Plenary # 2-Progress update from EPA on Lead Activities	Room A,B,C
4:00 PM -4:45 PM	TBD - CDC Invited		Room A,B,C
4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	LEHA Awards - Jazz band leads us into the reception		Room A,B,C
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Free Agents Brass Band and Reception		Ballroom D

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Room A&B

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Chris Bowling , Flatwater Free Press	Investigative reporter specializing in housing, health, criminal justice and social issues	Ballroom A&B Science & Technology
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Naudia McCracken Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Supervisor, Douglas County Health Department	From Smelter Legacy to Prevention Success: Community Impacts and Blood Lead Trends in Omaha	Ballroom A&B Science & Technology
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Matt Jones , Lead Paint Program Manager BrightFields, Inc/Terraphase Engineering	Advanced Lead Dust Cleaning: Understanding and Achieving Lead Clearance - Panel	Ballroom A&B Science & Technology
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Tyler Webber/Andre Mitchell , Milwaukee Health Department (Invited Not Confirmed)		Ballroom A&B Science & Technology
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	Xander Terpstra , CEO/Co-founder Lumetallix	Instant Lead Detection On Site & At Home	Ballroom A&B Science & Technology
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch - Buffet Lunch Provided		Ballroom D
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Larry Brooks , Retired Director Alameda County Healthy Homes Department and Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Code Enforcement/Public Health Partnerships in Lead Poisoning Prevention and Asthma Reduction	Ballroom A&B Science & Technology
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Break		

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Michael Walker , Program Associate, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative and Ashley Zuverink , Program Manager-Detroit, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	Building Capacity with Home Repair Implementers and Home Repair Contractors to Collaborate Effectively in Home Repair	Ballroom A&B Science & Technology
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Amanda Hatherly , CEO, Building Performance Institute and Kevin Kennedy	Growing the Workforce with Healthy Housing Principles: An Updated Exam and Spanish-Language Accessibility	Ballroom A&B Science & Technology

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Ballroom C

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Megan Hughes MPH, New York State Dept of Health, Chief Sanitarian, Housing Hygiene, Stacey Thayer (HCR) , New York State Homes and Community Renewal	New York State Lead Registry: Interagency Collaboration and a Multifaceted Approach to Implementation	Ballroom C Program & Policy
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Joel Ervice , Associate Director Regional Asthma Management and Prevention; Amanda Reddy , Executive Director, National Center for Healthy Housing, Meredith Mueller , Wisconsin Dept of Health, Yvette Mitchell , Cleveland Dept of Public Health and Nathaniel Booker , Mayor of Maywood, IL	Snapshots of Innovation: State and local approaches to healthy housing and asthma-friendly housing.	Ballroom C Program & Policy
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM – 11:15 AM	Shawn Kerachsky , President CEO Community Infrastructure Partners	Leveraging Lead Service Line Replacements (LSLR) to Deliver Broader Home Health Impacts	Ballroom C Program & Policy
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Michelle Miller Madeiros , formerly of Department of Housing and Urban Development (tentative) and Kate Kirkwood , MBA, Principle Trainer Lead EDU, CEO LHHC	Beyond HHGMS, Benchmarks and eLOCCS: Strategies for HUD Grants success	Ballroom C Program & Policy
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch – Buffet Lunch Provided		
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Howard Mielke , Tulane School of Medicine (Invited not Confirmed)	History of New Orleans and Leaded Soil	Ballroom C Program & Policy
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM	Michelle Miller Madeiros , formerly of Department of Housing and Urban Development (tentative)	Q&A for former, current and would be grantees	Ballroom C Program & Policy
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break		
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Rachael Stough , Program Director, Tennessee's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	Tennessee's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Real-Time Electronic	Ballroom C Program &

		Providers' Toolkit	Policy
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Janet Scully , Program Manager, Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Lead Free Homes LA: Advancing Environmental Justice Through Lead Paint Settlement Investments	Ballroom C Program & Policy
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Janet Scully , Program Manager, Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Public Health Soil and Blood Testing in the Wildfire Impacted Communities	Ballroom C Program & Policy

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St Charles Ballroom

8:00 AM – 12:00 AM	Kevin Kennedy , Environmental Healthy Scientist Healthy Indoors Training and Consulting LLC	Advanced Measurement Techniques for the Healthy Home Assessor	St Charles Ballroom
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch – Buffet Lunch Provided		Ballroom D
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	TBD	RRP Refresher Certification Course (tentative)	St Charles Ballroom

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Toulouse Ballroom

10:30 Am - 11:15 AM	Kate Kirkwood , MBA, Principle Trainer Lead EDU, CEO LHHC	Lead Laws (what's RRP, Abatement, DST, LIRA... who does what? Where? Why?)	Toulouse Ballroom
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National Conference Agenda Day 3 – April 30, 2026

Ballroom A,B,C

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Neal Freuden , MA, MBA, President, EnviroPlan, LLC Kate Kirkwood , CEO, LHHC & Mike Sharp , President, LHHC Howard Mielke (Invited not Confirmed)	Chair, LEHA Third Party Exam Committee Wrap up and Future Convention information. Howard: “Unveiling the Facts of Human pb exposure”	Ballroom A,B,C
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Ruth Ann Norton , President and Chief Executive Officer Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	Healthy Housing Strategies for 2026	Ballroom A,B,C



10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Sarah Goodwin , Policy and Advocacy Manager, National Center for Healthy Housing & Michael McKnight , Senior Vice President of National Programs, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	Updates from National Non Profits and Q&A	Ballroom A,B,C
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	John Belt , Chief, Field Services Section, Principle Investigator OH Healthy Homes Program and Panel of Experts	What the future holds if we had a crystal ball	Ballroom A,B,C