

**GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION**  
**Maryland Department of the Environment**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 2, 2021**

**Documents Distributed:**

Draft Minutes 210506.pdf  
Final Agenda 210902.pdf

**Opening Welcome and Introductions:**

Paula Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM with welcome and introductions.

**Members Present:**

Dalya Attar	Cliff Mitchell	Manjula Paul
Jack Daniels	Paula Montgomery	Christina Peusch
Anna Davis	Barbara Moore	Paul Rogers
Mary Beth Haller	Ruth Ann Norton	Adam Skolnik

**Members Absent:**

Jacob Benzaquen	Benita Cooper	Leonidas Newton
Jill Carter	Susan Kleinhammer	

**Guests Present:**

Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Eamon Flynn-MDH	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Shante Branch-MDE	Lisa Horne-MDH	Victor Powell-HUD
Camille Burke-BCHD	Dawn Joy-AMA	Tim Rule-MDE
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Jonathan Klanderud-MDE	Georgella Samu-MDE
Patrick Connor-CONNOR	Kaley Laleker-MDE	Chris White-Arc Environmental
Chris Corzine-OAG	Kelsey McClain-GHHI	Daniel Zanchettin-MGA
Kathryn Delahanty-Public		

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Christina Peusch, seconded by Anna Davis to accept the May 6, 2021 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

- **LeadCare II Blood Lead Test Kit Recall:** The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program received a notice from the FDA informing MDE of recalls for three different levels of lead care kits. As a collaborative effort, MDH and MDE sent letters to all providers and agencies notifying them of this information and to encourage the providers and agencies to review the mandate for the lots of what could not be utilized and/or what to discard. The recommended method would be to get venous blood samples instead of using the kits in order to validate those individuals who had values below 5 since the results were not reliable for any and all values below 5. It was recommended that providers and agencies get children back into the clinic, retested, and validate the values.
- **Water Supply Program Regulation Updates:** Georgella Samu provided an update that MDE has begun the implementation of the 5 parts per billion action level. Georgella Samu provided statistical numbers of all the lead results that were tested above the 5 parts per billion action level and the 20 parts per billion action level. She indicated that schools have begun sending WSA new lead reports. This was as a result of the new regulations which indicate that schools have to do remediation retroactively and will have until June or July of 2022 to do remediation on previous fixtures that tested above the 5 parts per billion. WSA is working to update its database in order to track more fixtures and to track the remediation. WSA is currently revising the regulations to include the new 5 parts per billion standard and the remediation deadline. Tim Rule also provided updates regarding the definition for drinking water outlets which is anything known to be used for consumption purposes and therefore must be tested. WSA is linking their definition to EPA's definition under chapter 386 6-1501. EPA defines drinking water outlets as a water fountain, faucet, or tap that is used or potentially used for drinking or food preparation and making hot drinks and ice machines. WSA does not have any immediate plans to change the regulations, however WSA will be revising the regulations in the future to update the action level.
- **Solicitation Re: Commission Membership for child health or youth advocacy group:** Paula Montgomery reminded the Commission that if anyone has any recommendations of individuals who could be a representative of the Commission for this position to please provide the information to Wendy Phillips. Expirations are four years from the effective date of the statutory staggering date. Wendy Phillips will provide an updated list of all current memberships and vacancies with its expirations dates. The list can also be found at the following MDE webpage link:  
<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/Documents/LeadCommission/DetailedMembershipLeadCommission.pdf>
- **Update on Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee:** Cliff Mitchell indicated that the Commission should postpone the issuance of the letters until October because the primary care community is being inundated with issues related to COVID. In addition, the letters could be used for supporting Lead Poisoning Prevention week. Some modifications will need to be made to the letters so that it is linked to the October lead awareness issue and to the

availability of the interventions specifically around home lead abatement as well as linking it to services directly. This will give parents an additional incentive just beyond the testing to identify and recognize that there are resources for them to access through GHHI, DHCD, etc. Cliff Mitchell will attend the next scheduled subcommittee meeting which he recommends to schedule in the next two weeks. During the meeting they will work to redraft the letter. Wendy Phillips will send the most recent drafts of the 2021 Parent Letter-Version 2 and the Physician follow-up letter out to Cliff Mitchell, Paul Rogers, and Paula Montgomery.

- **Presentation: “Data collected from CDC supplemental grant”:** Paula Montgomery provided a powerpoint presentation on the data collected from the CDC supplemental grant. The presentation will be made available at a future date after some updates are finalized.

### **New Business:**

- **MDE Updates: Compliance and Enforcement:** Jonathan Klanderud provided a powerpoint presentation on Compliance and Enforcement. The presentation and numbers will be made available to the Commission at a future date once the Annual Enforcement and Compliance Report is finalized by MDE.
- **Annual Lead Report Update:** Paula indicated that the report and presentation is currently being compiled. Because of the delay in receiving data and data entry because of COVID, preliminary numbers of testing and outcomes will be made available by November 1, 2021. The Annual Report will be delayed until MDE can insure that all the data from 2020 has been entered and quality assurance has been achieved.
- **DHCD Updates: Lead Hazard Reduction:** Jack Daniels provided a brief update on the Lead Hazard Reduction. A report of the final numbers for fiscal year ‘21 will be sent to the Commission once Jack Daniels finalizes the numbers and sends to Wendy Phillips to disseminate.
- **Lead Poisoning Prevention Week Discussion:** Paula Montgomery indicated that MDE is working to provide a unified message with all state and local partners and GHHI. MDE is currently working on a video for rental property owners to explain Lead Poisoning and how MDE is involved with the process. MDE is in the process of getting a group together and writing a script.

### **Agency/Hot Topics/Current Events:**

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development:** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care):** Manjula Paul wanted to know in addition to media campaigns and messages, if there was anything OCC

could do to identify the barriers /challenges that the parent community is experiencing for taking the children for testing. Manjula Paul provided the update that the volunteer water testing program in child care that was discussed during March/April 2021's Commission meeting was not implemented. Manjula Paul also reported that MSDE/OCC is in the office now 5 days a week and the licensing specialist has started doing inspections.

- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): There were no comments or updates provided.

**Commissioner Comments and Updates:**

There were no comments or updates provided.

**Public Comments and Updates:**

There were no comments or updates provided.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30

**Future Meeting Date:**

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2021 via Google Meet, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM.