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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION September 1, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet Approved Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- Awards & Recognition.pdf
- Draft Minutes 220505.pdf
- Final Agenda 220901.pdf
- Laws - Statute Text - 6-807 through 6-810.pdf
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Chart FY '22.pdf
- Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership.pdf
- dhmh_4620_bloodleadtestingcertificate_2016.pdf
- maryland_immunization_certification_form_dhmh_896_-_february_2014.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions and informed the Commission that Wendy Phillips will be sending out a survey to the Commissioners. The survey will ask Commissioners for their top 3 objectives that they would like to achieve on behalf of the State as the Commission meets over the next several months. Ruth Ann also reminded the Commission of the open member positions and encouraged attendees to forward any recommendations they have for the open positions. A list of the current and expired membership appointments can be found on the Lead Commission's website [Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership](#). Those interested in membership renewal or submission of new applications can apply directly on the Governor's website [Online Application Instructions and Submittal](#). Over the next few months, agencies will be preparing a transition report for the new Governor as it relates to lead poisoning. Ruth Ann informed the Commission that she will be requesting that the agencies make its report available to the Commission.

Members Present:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch
Jacob Benzaquen	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Jack Daniels	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	
Mary Beth Haller	Manjula Paul	

Members Absent:

Senator Jill Carter	Benita Cooper	Anna Davis
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Guests Present:

Justin Barry-GHHI	Eamon Flynn-MDH	Kaley Laleker-MDE
Frederick Banks-MDE	Darlene Israel-MDH	Fred Mason-MSDE
Shante Branch-MDE	Dawn Joy-AMA	Kelsey McClain-GHHI
Camille Burke-BCHD	Comfort Kissi-GHHI	Wade McCord-MDE
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Jonathan Klanderud-MDE	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Chris Corzine-OAG	Nick Kyriacou-Public	Brenda Reyes-HUD

Tim Rule-MDE
Tiana Sheppard-GHHI
Anastasia Solano-MDE

George Stewart-GHHI
Katherine Taylor-BCHD
Chris White-Arc Environmental

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Paul Rogers, seconded by a Commission Member to accept the May 5, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: October 2022:

- Public Community Based Meeting Henderson Hopkins School: Ruth Ann Norton reminded the Commission of a previous discussion that the Commission hold a public community based meeting in October at the Henderson Hopkins School to coincide with the National Children's Environmental Health Month and the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness month. It is intended that the meeting be streamed publicly via facebook. Ruth Ann Norton believes that she can secure the venue at the school during the day but will take input from the Commissioners if they prefer to hold it at a different time.
- Health Department Open Forum: Cliff Mitchell recommended that the Health Department Open Forum be postponed to a later date possibly in November in which an entire meeting can be dedicated to this topic. Additionally, Manjula Paul suggested that focus also be put on educating parents of the regulation changes.
- Lead Commission Recognition
- MSDE/OCC Update Report: This item will be rescheduled to a future date.

Old Business:

- Lead Commission Recognition Reminder:
 - Ruth Ann reminded the Commission about the yearly Awards and Recognition. She anticipates providing an award for each of the three categories during the month of lead week in October. Wendy Phillips will circulate the nomination form and ask for recommendations by September 16, 2021. The Commissioners vote on the winners by the end of September. During the October meeting the Commission will announce the recognition award.

New Business:

- **Public Education Regarding Regulations Changes:** Ruth Ann Norton suggested that the Commission do some public communication prior to October 28, 2022 along with a series of videos that can be shared with the public. MDE will be the lead for providing the public information with support from MDH. Paula Montgomery is currently working with the MDE Office of Communications to develop educational videos. Additionally, MDE will be working on some social media campaign reels for youtube, twitter, and facebook. Ruth Ann Norton asked that the videos and reels be shared with the Commission at the October meeting.
- **Lead and Water in Schools: Update on the 2021 Bill HB0636 = School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act). Text - Chapter - Signed by the Governor. and the progress that has been made on the implementation:** Fred Mason of the Maryland State Department of Education provided an update on the progress that has been made on HB0636. Since the 2021 legislation, school systems have used the Healthy School Facilities Fund to address the fixtures that tested between 5 and 20 parts per billion which are available on the internet at https://iac.mdschoolconstruction.org/?page_id=750. Schools can also use their own funds for fixture replacements as well as using the Aging Schools Program for capital projects.
- **CHIP Program Statistical Update Report:** Cliff Mitchell and Jack Daniels provided a report update on the CHIP Program which included: the number of families reached; the average cost per home; the funding status and current State match; ARP updates; overall barriers that are being faced; and future plans.
- **DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Report:** Jack Daniels provided an update on programmatic updates; DHCD's plans to apply for HUD funding for lead in the future; status of HUD grants; and expenditure of ARP to support lead prevention.
- **Report on Compliance and Enforcement:** Jonathan Klanderud introduced Dr. Frederick Banks who is the new Deputy Program Manager with MDE's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Jonathan Klanderud also provided the handout, "Lead Poisoning Prevention Chart FY '22" and provided a report on compliance and enforcement.

- **Legislation Pre-Files:** No pre-files were discussed at this time.
- **Review of Community Outreach funding status under the MD Environment Code 6-8:** Ruth Ann Norton reported that she recently had a meeting with the Secretary of MDE, Director of Land & Materials Administration, and the Program Manager for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to discuss the effect of MDE's discontinuation of the outreach contract on GHHI's ability to offer legal services.
- **GHHI's Need for Legal Service Attorney:** In the recent meeting with GHHI and MDE, GHHI encouraged MDE to restore funding for this position which was eliminated due to the discontinuation of community outreach funding.

Pending Legislative Action Dates

- Effective October 28, 2022 when a child under the age of six or a pregnant woman has a blood lead level greater than or equal to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter, MDE or the local health department will be notifying the parent or the pregnant woman and the property owner and initiating case management.
- Prior to December 31, 2022, MDE is required to report to the legislature its evaluation of how to effectively incorporate the blood lead reference value into the overall lead programs.
- Effective January 1, 2024, when a child under the age of six or a pregnant woman has a blood lead level greater than or equal to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter, an environmental investigation will be conducted.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Kaley Laleker announced that Shante Branch, the Program Manager of the MDE Lead Poisoning and Prevention Program will be leaving MDE effective Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Recently, MDE hired a new epidemiologist, Shamola Dye. MDE recently had a legislative audit which covered the end of 2016 through April 2021. Auditors identified 973 units that they believed lacked certificates. With 4 out of the 10 samples taken, MDE did not perform an investigation to determine if the units had appropriate certificates. MDE compared their findings against the LRCA database and was able to decrease the numbers to 309. MDE sent advisory letters to the property owners of the 309 in July and have also prepared Notices of Non-Compliance which will be sent out September 6, 2022. MDE is working on improving this process to better catch instances where there are discrepancies.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell indicated that MDH is in the process of completing the evaluation for the impact of the regulation changes; working on revising form 4620; working closely with MDE for the business processes for how local health departments will manage lead exposed children; and working on integrating all its operations.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development):** No updates were provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camille Burke reported that they have new hires: Katherine Taylor, Valerie Milling, and a new sanitarian from Morgan State. Additionally, the City received ARPA funds but none for lead.
- **MDAAP (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter):** Paul Rogers reported that MDAAP is recruiting around 20 pediatric practices that will be an individual quality improvement to look at how MDAAP can improve testing in the pediatric office as well as monitoring children with elevated blood levels which will be over a 10 month period.
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City):** There were no updates given.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development):** There were no updates given.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care):** There were no updates given.
- **MIA (Maryland Insurance Administration):** There were no updates given.
- **GHHI (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative):** Ruth Ann Norton announced that GHHI received 2.5 million dollars from the ARPA funding in Baltimore City for the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative to work on lead and

healthy housing. GHHI will soon be releasing its calendar of events for lead week/month. Lastly, GHHI welcomed new staff, Comfort Kissi, and Tiana Sheppard.

Commissioner Comments and Updates:

Susan Kleinhammer recommended that the Commission revisit the topic of having contractors provide proof of certification of lead training when permits are being pulled for construction work in the City. Susan Kleinhammer will email Mary Beth Haller in order to assist in this.

Public Comments and Updates: No updates or comments were received.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.