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October 3, 2024 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Hybrid Meeting** **Lead Commission** **Distributed Meeting Material**

- 241003 Agenda
- 240905 Meeting Minutes
- MDE Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership
- HUD Seeking Input on EBLL Threshold

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION October 3, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. • Hybrid Meeting Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks
- Approval of Minutes – September 2024
- Old & New Business
 - Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions Announcement and Awards Presentation (Ruth Ann Norton)
 - Commissioner Updates (Wendy Phillips)
 - Update on Just Communities (DHCD)
 - EPA's efforts on "Get the Lead Out" Campaign (EPA Region 3 Environmental Justice Coordinator Carol Ann Gross-Davis)
 - HUD Revision to Elevated Blood Lead Threshold (Ruth Ann Norton)
 - Updates on Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24 (Commission)
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
 - **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment) Tyler Abbott
 - **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health) Dr. Cliff Mitchell
 - **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter)
 - **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care) Manjula Paul
 - **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration) Benita Cooper
 - **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development)
 - **BC-DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development) Nicole Hart/Katherine Taylor
 - **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): JulieDiGirolamo
 - **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative) Ruth Ann Norton
- Commissioner Comments and Updates
- Public Comments and Updates
- Next Meeting Reminder: Thursday, November 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. which includes the Agenda items below:
 - 2025 Commission Meeting Calendar (Commissioners)
 - 2025 Commission Reporting Calendar (Commissioners)
 - Updates on Lead Testing in Schools: (WSA/Water Supply Program/Tim Rule)

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION September 5, 2024 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Hybrid Meeting Draft Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen	Paula Montgomery	Christina Peusch
Benita Cooper	Barbara Moore	Paul Rogers
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	Adam Skolnik
Cliff Mitchell	Manjula Paul	

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Senator Jill Carter	Anna Davis
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Guests Present:

Fred Banks-MDE	Carlie Furtaw-GHHI	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Felicia Graves-MDE	Maria Prawirodihardjo-MSDE
Tameka Brown-BCHD	Angela Hall-GHHI	Andrew Roelke-MDE
Chris Corzine-OAG	Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Tim Rule-MDE
Marjorie D'Ambrosio-MDE	Samantha Jacobs-Cribbs-HCHD	Nancy Servatius-MDH
Julie DiGirolamo-BCHD	Carrie Johnson-Public	Kevin Stanley-MDE
Samantha DiNatale-UMBC	Eunice Johnson-GES	George (Wes) Stewart-GHHI
William Doyle-HCHD	Wade McCord-MDE	Chris White-ARC
Attilah Edges-MDE	Shadia Musa-GHHI	Thelonious Williams - MDH
Sheneka Frasier-Kyer-MDE	Allie Nestadt - Public	

Documents Distributed:

- Agenda 290905
- Draft Minutes 240606
- Lead Commission LPPP Compliance and Enforcement Presentation Sept 2024
- Maryland Lead Commission PP Presentation-EPA Lead Soil Guidance Standards 9-5-24

Welcome and Introductions:

Commission Chair Ruth Ann Norton, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI), called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M. with welcome and introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Adam Skolnik, Executive Director for the Maryland Multi-Housing Association, Inc. (MMHA) , seconded by Commissioner Barbara Moore, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital (MWPH) to accept the June 6, 2024 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Old & New Business:

- **Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Annual Report, 2023:** Wendy Phillips, Administrative Officer III for the Land and Materials Administration (LMA) of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) provided the location to the 2023 Commission Annual Report which can be found on the Lead Poisoning Prevention website at this link [here](#).
- **Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions:** Ms. Phillips reminded the Commission about the yearly Awards and Recognition. An award will be presented for three categories during the month of October. Ms. Phillips will circulate the nomination form via email to the Commissioners and ask for nominations by September 18, 2024. The Commissioners will then vote for their choice of recipients amongst the list of nominees submitted and send in their votes by September 24, 2024. During the October 03, 2024 meeting, the Commission will announce the recipients of the awards.
- **Lead Commissioner Members Update:** Ms. Phillips reminded those Commissioners, whose membership expires at the end of September 2024, to renew their membership using the online system from the Governor’s Appointments Office: [Commissioner Reappointment Application Instructions & Online Application Submittal](#). Expirations are four years from the effective date of the statutory staggering date. Ms. Phillips previously provided an updated list of all current memberships and vacancies with its expirations dates which can also be found on the Lead Commission website under [MDE Membership Positions](#). Chair Norton asked that Ms. Phillips set up an orientation meeting between herself and the new Commissioners.
- **MDE - Compliance and Enforcement:** Fred Banks, Program Manager for MDE’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) presented on MDE’s Compliance and Enforcement. Mr. Banks highlighted the following: Title 6, Subtitle 8 of the MD Environment Article Presumptions and Requirements of a Rental Owner; Number of Estimated Rental Units in Maryland; Registered Properties by County; Administrative Penalties; Compliance Inspections; Environmental Investigations; Training and Oversight; Training Summary; and Types of Lead Certificates. The presentation slideshow can be found on the Lead Commission’s website under “Meeting Materials” [here](#). Additional information pertaining to Inspection Certificates can be found at this link [here](#).
- **“Lead Safe” Definition and Workgroup:** Chair Norton asked the Commission to provide feedback on their understanding of the term “Lead Safe” and whether it would be helpful for the state to establish a “Lead Safe” standard that could be easily understood by the public. She proposed forming a workgroup to explore the issue further and develop solutions. The workgroup should include legal representatives to assist with interpreting the law. Paula Montgomery indicated that ‘Lead Safe’ is defined under Environment Article Title 6-801-Definitions and that the Commission should consider reviewing the statute when making any recommendations.

- **EPA’s New Lead Screening Levels for Soil and Play Areas:** Mr. Banks presented on the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) newly released guidance for levels of lead in soil. Mr. Banks highlighted the following: Lower Exposure Levels; Soil Screening Standards; Actions Taken; EPA Guidance Documents and Strategies. The presentation slideshow can be found on the Lead Commission’s website under “Meeting Materials” [here](#).
- **Aviation Gas:** Commissioner Dr. Paul Rogers from the Maryland Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP) informed the Commission that the state of California recently passed a law that outlawed aviation gas. An article detailing this information can be found [here](#). He raised the question of what the state of Maryland plans to do regarding aviation gas. Mr. Banks indicated that in 2023 MDE briefly began discussions on the subject but there has not been any progress on the matter. Mr. Banks will follow up with MDE’s Air Administration and report any updates.
- **Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24:** MDE, MDH, and GHHI shared their ideas and plans for the upcoming lead week in October and indicated that plans are moving forward.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Commissioner Paula Montgomery, Lead Outreach and Education Coordinator for MDE indicated that MDE applied for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Technical Studies Grant. The grant is around \$280k over a 3 year period. If awarded, MDE would use the funding to evaluate to better understand the value of lead risk assessments when triggered by children with Blood Lead Levels (BLL’s) at or above Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC’s) blood lead reference value of 3.5 µg/dL.
- **GHHI (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative):** Wes Stewart, Senior Advisor and General Counsel/Maryland Programs Director for the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) reported that GHHI’s Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program is now accepting grant applications and the application portal is now open for all three tiers of grants. If interested, you can apply [here](#). Additionally, Carlie Furtaw, Environmental Health Educator at GHHI provided a link to the info on the lead testing in schools update [here](#).

Adjournment:

The Commission meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Future Meeting Date:

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Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership

Category	Current Member and Represented Organization	Term End Date ¹
Member of the House	Delegate Dalya Attar	Serves at the pleasure of the House Speaker
Member of the Senate	Senator Jill P. Carter	Serves at the pleasure of the Senate President
1.Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Secretary or designee	Paula Montgomery	09/30/24
2.Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Secretary or designee	Cliff Mitchell	09/30/25
3.Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) Secretary or designee	Pending	09/30/27
4.Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) Commissioner or designee	Benita Cooper	09/30/27
5.Director of Early Childhood Development Division, State Department of Education (MSDE), or the Director's designee	Manjula Paul	09/30/26
6.Representative of local government	Nicole Hart	10/01/28
7.Representative from a nonprofit organization	Ruth Ann Norton, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, Lead Commission Chair	09/30/24
8.American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter	Vacant	09/30/24
9.Representative of owners of rental property located in Baltimore City built before 1950	Jacob Benzaquen, JBZ Management	09/30/27
10.Representative of owners of rental property located outside Baltimore City built before 1950	Adam Skolnik, Maryland Multi Housing Association	09/30/26
11.Representative of owners of rental property built after 1949	Vacant	Vacant
12.Representative of a child health or youth advocacy group	Pending Nadia Hutchinson	Vacant
13.Health care provider	Barbara Moore, Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital	09/30/23
14.Child advocate	Anna L. Davis, Of Counsel Gordon, Wolf & Carney, Chtd.	09/30/23
15.Parent of a lead poisoned child	Pending Alexandra Nestadt	10/10/25
16.Lead hazard identification professional	Susan Kleinhammer, LeadTec Services, Inc.	09/30/26

¹ Members whose term end dates have passed are continuing to serve as no successor was appointed.

HUD Seeking Input on Revision to EBLL Threshold



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PUBLIC COMMENT



September 11, 2024

Federal Register(FR) Notice for Comment

On September 11th, HUD published a [Federal Register \(FR\) Notice for Comment](#) seeking public input on a revision to the elevated blood lead level (EBLL) threshold in HUD's requirements for assisted housing built before 1978. HUD intends to revise its EBLL threshold to 3.5 micrograms of lead per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) of blood for a child under the age of 6, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) current blood lead reference value (BLRV). This revision changes the threshold from the current level of 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$. Required responses to EBLs include environmental investigations of homes to identify potential sources of lead, and hazard control of housing-related sources of lead.

With this change, HUD assisted housing owners, managers and Public Housing Agencies will be required to respond to confirmed EBLs cases at the lower level, if finalized in the FR. Comments are due by October 11, 2024.

Questions about this notice and proposed revisions can be directed to Dr. Warren Friedman at warren.friedman@hud.gov

Collaboration Corner

Do you have a question or a request for information, resources, or connections that you'd like to send out to Healthy Homes' wide network of professionals? Email us at HealthyHomes@hud.gov with your request and contact information, and it may be featured in our next newsletter!

About Our Office

The HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes' mission is to help all Americans, especially children and other vulnerable populations in low-income households, reach their full potential by making homes safe and healthy. [Learn more.](#)

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