

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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

### Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions. MDE Secretary, Horacio Tablada, reminded the Commission of MDE's commitment and dedication to fight against lead poison in the state of Maryland. Secretary Tablada also announced the appointment of Tyler Abbott who will replace Kaley Laleker, Director of the Land and Materials Administration when she leaves MDE at the end of November 2022. Lastly, Ruth Ann Norton announced that she accepted the role on the new governor's team to be the policy executive co-chair for housing through February. Tyler Abbott provided a brief introduction and shared his goals for the Lead Commission.

### Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Anna Davis	Ruth Ann Norton	
Susan Kleinhammer	Manjula Paul	
Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch	

### Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Jack Daniels	Adam Skolnik
Senator Jill Carter	Mary Beth Haller	
Benita Cooper	Barbara Moore	

### Guests Present:

Tyler Abbott-MDE	Darlene Israel-MDH	Wes Stewart-GHHI
Thea Becton-HUD	Dawn Joy-AMA	Horacio Tablada-MDE
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Comfort Kissi-GHHI	Katherine Taylor-BCHD
Camille Burke-BCHD	Jonathan Klanderud-MDE	Chris White-Arc Environmental
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Jo Anne Murray-MSDE	Julie Whitis-MDH
Stephanie Cobb-Williams-MDE	Tim Rule-MDE	Khalia Young-No boundaries Coalition
Shamola Dye-MDE	Tiana Sheppard-GHHI	
Eamon Flynn-MDH	Anastasia Solano-MDE	
Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Stephanie Staats-HUD	

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the November Minutes have been tabled until the January 2023 Commission meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- Health Department Open Forum-Takeaways:
  - Camile Burke expressed concern for lack of authority to enforce the new lower blood lead level.
  - Paul Rogers offered to provide to local health departments the lectures that he has been preparing for the ECHO Program.

### **New Business:**

- **MDH Evaluation of Universal Testing and Updates on Home Visits:** Cliff Mitchell, MDH gave a presentation on “Childhood Blood Lead Testing in Maryland, 2022: Evaluation and Recommendations”. The presentation highlighted background of March 28, 2016 Regulations (COMAR 10.11.04); Follow Up Evaluations; Childhood Lead Testing in Maryland 2010-2020 test results; Impact of Testing Regulations Changes on Testing Rates; Impact of Testing Regulations Changes on Measured Blood Lead Levels; Future Blood Lead Testing Targeting Options; Findings; Recommendations; and Acknowledgements. A copy of the presentation will be available on the Lead Commission website.
- **Discuss Lead Commission Calendar Tentative Dates for 2023:** The discussion of the 2023 calendar items have been tabled until the January 2023 Commission meeting.

**Pending Legislative Action Dates:** No updates to report.

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

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Rena Boss-Victoria reported that HELPS is continuing to be developed and the hope is for it to soon be in production.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell reported that MDH will soon be releasing the revised form 46-20 as soon as MDH receives approval which is anticipated to be in January 2023. MDH recently met with the local health department case management teams across Maryland and MDH will continue to provide guidance to them.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development:** No Updates Provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camile Burke reported that she and Katherine Taylor are the newest members of the leadership academy for public health from the CDC. Camile Burke also announced that on December 10, 2022 BCHD will be hosting an event with GHHI at Mondoman Mall in order to do some testing and raise awareness about lead poisoning prevention and initiatives from GHHI. Ms. Burke also reported that BCHD is also now focusing on improving relationships with individuals of the housing code enforcement.
- **MDAAP (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter):** Paul Rogers commented that the EPA currently provided an announcement asking for comments about regulations that should be issued to control the lead and gasoline used in piston engine airplanes which is the biggest source of lead pollution around the airports.
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City):** No Updates Provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development):** Katherine Taylor indicated that DHCD is currently looking to hire a program manager, and community aids.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care):** No Updates Provided.
- **MIA (Maryland Insurance Administration):** No Updates Provided.
- **GHHI (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative):** Wes Stewart commented that the EPA report is out on the new strategy to reduce lead exposure and disparities for lead. Wes Stewart also reported that ARPA funding around the country is increasing.

**Commissioner Comments and Updates:** No comments and updates.

**Public Comments and Updates:** No public comments and updates.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Christina Peusch to adjourn the meeting. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

**Future Meeting Date:**

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2023 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.