**Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities (CEJSC)**

**9:30 am-11:30 am**

**Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016**

**Maryland Department of the Environment**

**1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230**

**In Attendance**

* Commissioners: Rebecca Rehr, Subha Chandar (by phone), Janet Moya Cornick
* Participates: Duane Johnson, Richard Allen, Bill Paul, Jeaneen Logan, Stephanie Cobb Williams, Angelo Bianco, Laura Rogers

**Introductions**

Duane Johnson started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and their departments.

**CEHPAC UPDATES**

* Subha Chandar gave an update on DHMH lead regulations- Subha indicated at this time they are moving forward with their outreach, started communicating with Pediatricians and other Physicians and that things are coming together and have gotten some good feedback. In terms of the lead regulations Subha said they are going through the process, they are just waiting for the final lead regulations. The comment period has ended and they are waiting for them to be published.
* Rebecca ask Subha have DHMH look at all of the Health Enterprise Zones? Subha said yes and what is the relationship between the lead program and Health Enterprise Zone? Subha said the zones are used for outreach more than anything.
* Rebecca wanted to know the update on Sub County Data on the EPHT. Subha said they just had a meeting a week ago with local health officers and that they usually have round table discussions with them on the EPHT portal. She said the health officers are on board with the Sub County Data but they have to do a quality check on their data before releasing it to the public with a preliminary release around April 2016.
* It was some discussion about the use of Green Cleaners in schools and did the commission wanted to move forward on that issue. Subha said she wasn’t sure what the outcome was of that. Rebecca said we might want to see what CEHPAC is doing because Delegate Angel has introduce green cleaning legislation in the house and that CEPHAC was holding a February meeting to see what particular legislation they were supporting but wasn’t sure if that meeting took place or if they decided to support delegate Angel legislation.

**Local Government Outreach**

* It was suggested to reach out to Andrew Fellow concerning Les Knapp update and his position on the commission.

**Cumulative Impact**

Rebecca said the last time the work group met was in December 2015 and that it had come to a consensus on the four permits that MDE recommended and the two other steps in the process which was how to identify over burden communities and what indicators to use? The most talk about indicators used are race and income but the work group couldn’t agree on which indicators to use. The conversation ended around how do the communities want to define outreach?

**Other News**

Rebecca spoke briefly on the topic of Synthetic Turf field legislation indicating that she didn’t see an EJ connection but rather a health issue and maybe EJ should just keep an eye on it in case any EJ issues surface.

Mr. Richard Allen informed the commission that the 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference will be held on March 9-12, 2016 in Washington, DC.

**Meeting Adjourn**