

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore MD 21230

(APPROVED 11/5/09)

Thursday, September 3, 2009

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Eric Lomboy, Alvin Bowles, Cheryl Hall, Edward Landon, Patricia McLaine, Barbara Moore, Valerie Paton and Linda Roberts.

COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Patrick Connor, Melbourne Jenkins, Delegate Nathaniel Oaks, Pam Putman, and Mary Snyder-Vogel

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Shirley Corbin – MIA, Molly Call – CECLP, Sarah Reese Carter – DHMH, Paula Montgomery – MDE, Tracy Smith – MDE, Michael Papi – JHHC, Sarah Norman – BCHD, Donna Webster – Wicomico County Hlth Dept. (via conference phone) and Lane Dillon – PGCHD.

I. Introductions

II. Old Business- The minutes for the Thursday, June 4, 2009 meeting were approved.

III. Announcements of Future Meeting Dates

Lead Commission **2009** Meetings – first Thursday of every month. ***NO meeting is scheduled in November.*** All meetings are scheduled to meet 9:30 am – 11:30 am at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009 in the AERIS Conference room.**

IV. Assessment of Commission Format, discussion of future meetings and agenda- Eric Lomboy

Open Discussion

- Eric stated that WIC testing is not progressing.
- He is asking input from the Commission to determine if the format of the meeting should change in the future.
- Pat McLaine stated that she is not clear on the current priorities of the Commission and requested that we make data the focus to determine the success of case management & enforcement.
- Eric stated that financing has taken a hit at both the federal and state levels. There are stricter measures with regards to reporting requirements, which is indicative of the current economic situation.
- Barbara Moore asked about the DHCD report on monies spent. Nancy Palmer is no longer with DHCD. Eric stated he will look into who can provide the commission with this information.

- Ed Landon asked about possibility of fund combining. Eric stated even though it was recommended during this past year's legislative session, it did not pass. Eric stated that part of the issue with it not passing is that the State must be convinced that it will not cost them additional money to do this. Weatherization & Lead was discussed in particular; however, it proved to be too challenging because there is so much coordination that needs to transpire.
- The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning are performing a combination of weatherization and lead on 60 properties to see if the two can be combined and done effectively.
- Pat McLaine asked about the status of the letter she drafted on behalf of the Commission for DOE and HUD regarding combining funding resources was. Eric stated that he believed it was with Patrick Connor for comment. Ed Landon made the recommendation to get delegates involved. Pat stated that the letter was at that level. Recommendations were made by commission members to send the letter to Delegate Oaks, who is the Commission representative from the House of Delegates. Barbara Moore made the recommendation that we send it to those delegates who have supported the Commission in the past.
- Michael Papi (guest) of Priority Partners asked if the Commission has looked into relocation housing for lead poisoned children. Alvin Bowles stated that there was a letter sent by the Commission to the Governor and the Secretary proposing a relocation project; however, because of funding issues it did not move forward.

Moving Forward

- Data Systems to be discussed at October's meeting- Pat McLaine will be working on this.
- Eric will contact DHCD to see who can present to the Commission where monies have been spent. Date will be in December.
- Letter for DOE and HUD regarding combining funding resources will be emailed to Commission members this afternoon for final comment.

IV. Agency Updates

Baltimore City Health Department - Sarah Norman

- Healthy Homes Summit to take place Wednesday September 9, 2009 in Baltimore
 - Hoping for a variety of individuals to support the healthy homes mission in Baltimore City. There will be approximately 120 participants from local and state agencies, CDC, HUD, EPA, property owners, Latino community and the Fire Department.
 - Mayor Dixon will be speaking
 - Breakout sessions will be focused on brainstorming and implementing healthy homes in Baltimore. Sessions to include but not limited to lead, smoking, housing, inspections, enforcement, integrated pest management.
 - The goal is to come up with one or two and to move forward with recommendations to the Mayor and congressional delegation in a report with a holistic approach to healthy homes.

Department of Housing and Community Development- Ed Landon

- State of Maryland is adopting the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).
 - Should be posted in the Maryland Register in early October 2009.
 - Will replace the 1987 - MD livability code (Technical portion of Code).
 - The International Code Council Conference (ICC) will be held from October 24 through November 11, 2009. Specific code hearings will run from October 24th to the 31st and November 4 to the 11th.
 - The ICC Conference will be held from November 1 the 4th. Same location.
 - Specific IPMC Code development hearings will take place on Wednesday, November 4th. This day would be when you should attend the hearings and support the code changes proposed because they deal with lead safety practices.
 - Everyone can NOT vote at this hearing BUT can come and support the IPMC changes.
 - Only code officials and government voting members can vote at the Final Hearing which will be held in 2011 for the final 2012 code
 - Visit iccsafe.org for code changes:<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/2009-10cycle/ProposedChanges.html>

Maryland Department of the Environment- Alvin Bowles

- During this year's legislative session, the General Assembly amended the Lead in Products Law to be consistent with the Federal Law.
 - Emergency regulations and permanent regulations were sent to the AELR. Emergency regulations have moved forward are retroactive to August 21, 2009. The permanent regulations are out for public comment. The comment period ends 9/14/09.
- There are changes taking place currently to the Federal RRP Rule. These changes will effect how MDE is moving forward with implementing them in Maryland. MDE is proposing a statute change this year to get the delegation of authority to enforce provisions of the RRP.
- Grants/MOU - in the past, MDE has awarded 21 MOU's. This year (FY 2010) MDE only awarded seven counties (Allegany, Baltimore City, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Washington and Wicomico).
- CDC grant was approved - MDE, Baltimore City and Wicomico County will get funds. The grant has been reduced by \$31,000.
- New contract with the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning was awarded on August 6, 2009. It is a five (5) year contract.
- No word yet on the Court of Appeals case, which has to do with the constitutionality of the State Lead Law. Issues center on the qualified offer portion of the law.

Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning- Molly Call

- Section Eight Voucher Program- 200 vouchers will be awarded to families with children that have elevated blood lead levels of 10 µg/DL or greater to move them to lead safe housing. It takes currently 2-3 months to get the families moved. It is a coordinative effort between CECLP, Baltimore City Health Department and Housing Authority of Baltimore City.
- National Add Counsel website to be up and available by April 2010. It is a collaboration between CECLP, HUD and the EPA. Sign-up will be allowed for those agencies that want to be listed on the website.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene- Sarah Reese-Carter

- CDC has put out new guidelines for testing children on Medicaid. DHMH will not be instituting any new changes.
- Barbara Moore asked DHMH about MCO screening data and how to obtain it. Sarah stated that Stacey Davis is the contact for MCO data and Pat McCabe's office handles the MCO reports. Sarah Reese-Carter will look into getting this data for the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.