

**GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION**

Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore MD 21230

AERIS Conference Room  
September 4, 2014  
Start: 0937  
End: 1107

APPROVED Minutes (11/6/14)

**Members in Attendance**

Patrick Connor, Nancy Egan (via phone), Melbourne Jenkins, Ed Landon, Pat McLaine (via phone), Barbara Moore (via phone), Delegate Nathaniel Oaks, John Scott, Tameka Witherspoon.

**Members not in Attendance**

Cliff Mitchell, Linda Roberts and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

**Guests in Attendance**

Ezatollah Keyvan-Larijani – MDE, Jody Johnson – self, Ron Wineholt – AOBA, Arthur Gray – DHCD, Myra Knowlton – BCHD, John Krupinsky – MDE staff, Paula Montgomery – MDE staff, Wes Stewart – CECLP/GHHI, Geraldine Woodson – BCHD,

**Introductions**

**Welcome to New Members**

- John Scott, Jr.
- Tameka Witherspoon

**Future Meeting Dates**

The next Lead Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2014 at MDE in the AERIS Conference Room, Front Lobby, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

**Approval of Minutes**

August meeting Minutes will be deferred until October 2014

## **Discussion**

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

Dr. Keyvan made a presentation on “Annual Report of 2013 Childhood Lead Poisoning”. The PowerPoint Presentation will be provided to Commission Members. Registry processes about 11,700 samples per month. System has been computerized since 1992 with data for 2 million children. MDE has a list of “Lead Care” locations but not all locations are testing Maryland children. MDE provides BLL results of 10µg/dL and above to county health department but not for BLLs of 5-9µg/dL. The Health Care provider is the primary contact for the 5 to 9 µg/dL sample results. MDE provides Baltimore City all blood lead data on a weekly basis, including BLLs of 5-9µg/d. Eight (8) laboratories perform over 89% of the blood leads for Maryland children; all report electronically. MDE data includes the child’s highest reported blood lead level (Cap or Venous). Readers of the 2013 report should not use NHANES data for comparison purposes. The report process is different and does permit for comparison.

The Chair inquired about Case Management of greater than 5µg/dL including but not limited MDE cross referencing address for investigation. MDE indicates that more than 50% of the greater than 5µg/dL cases are in Baltimore City. The in-place MOU covers these cases. In the Counties, support for greater than 5µg/dL is not readily available. No info packets are being provided for children with BLLs of 5µg/dL and higher. MDE is getting some calls. Barbara Moore asked who initiates calls to MDE. John Krupinsky indicated that counties do a variety of things (some send educational material, some refer to MDE, some do EA6-8 questionnaires and look up compliance). But follow-up only occurs if the provider calls MDE. Barbara indicated that most providers do now know what to do. Dr. Keyvan noted that CDC is not clear about this problem and what to do. There are also occupational cases of lead poisoning, identified by MDE as part of the adult lead registry.

The lack of a clear state standard for investigation was raised. Even when a risk assessment is done, potential sources of exposure may be identified but there may not be one sole source for lead. Some case investigators stop investigating if they see lead in the house; others are more curious. Other sources can include vinyl windows and siding with lead.

Pat McLaine asked if there was follow-up of 5-9s with the registry. Paula Montgomery reported that Baltimore City refers all rental properties with an associated BLL of 5-9µg/dL to MDE and MDE pursues enforcement. Baltimore City will also refer a notice of Defect.MDE had been doing work on the Shore (in Wicomico and Somerset) when MDE had the CEC grant. But without doing case management on BLLs 5-9µg/dL, Paula Montgomery did not see how MDE could evaluate them. MDE is waiting on recommendations from DHMH on testing and Point of Care testing. Paula noted that MDE is in the process of developing integrated systems now; current systems are antiquated and don’t talk to each other. MDE does not have IT specialists to

do this. Majority of Baltimore City Blood Lead results list addresses that are not accurate. The listed address can be: solely a mail address; a previous residence; or otherwise wrong.

Wes Stewart requested that MDE and the Commission take a more aggressive role in primary prevention. There is no protocol in place for children with BLLs 5-9µg/dL. Case management standards are needed for the state.

Patrick Connor requested that the Commission have input to 2013 Surveillance Report. MDE does not think this can happen because the report is complete. Commission will not review or have input prior to the report being released. The Chair commented that the Commission is not at the "Table" on this report. Commissioners requested a copy of the report and were told it was coming out. Commissioners requested copies of the slides from the meeting; MDE will try to send out or provide at the next meeting. Commissioners will get a link to the report when it comes out.

Ed Landon reported that Consumer Investment Fund (CIF) for lead hazard reduction is available. BGE merger in part provided this funding. A DHCD representative will provide a presentation to the Commission.

#### **Agency updates**

**MDE – Paula Montgomery** – RRP Regulations will be presented to the Secretary next month and will be provided to the accredited community for comment. Copy will be sent to Commissioners. MDE continues to process new regulations for the 1950 to 1978 residential dwelling units.

**DHCD – Ed Landon** – The state will be adopting new codes. An October 10<sup>th</sup> hearing is scheduled. January 1, 2015 the new International codes are to be adopted. The new Property Maintenance Code may be adopted next year. Energy codes will be in effect in 2015, local jurisdictions will have 5 months to adopt their codes. Property maintenance, rehab and green codes will be adopted next year after the International Council adopts.

**BCHD – Ms. Woodson** – Baltimore City's presentation on the Perspective from the Street View will be provided at next month's meeting.

**MIA – Nancy Egan** – No Report

**DHMH – Cliff Mitchell** – Not in attendance

**Office of Child Care** – Not in attendance

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Landon, seconded by Patrick Connor and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

