

## GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21230

APPROVED 04/01/10 (w/edits from 3/4/10 mtg)

Thursday, February 4, 2010

### **COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Eric Lomboy, Alvin Bowles, Cheryl Hall, Melbourne Jenkins, Pat McLaine, Barbara Moore, Linda Roberts, and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

### **COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND**

Patrick Connor, Edward Landon, Nathaniel Oaks, Valerie Paton, and Pam Putman.

### **GUEST IN ATTENDANCE**

Donna Webster – WCHD (via phone), Shirley Corbin – MIA (representing), Whitney Williams – Lead Program MDE, Cara Dunne – Lead Program MDE, Kirsten Day – Lead Program MDE, Tracy Smith – Lead Program MDE, Mary LaCasse – DHMH, Wes Stewart – CECLP, Sammi Turner – JHHC, Michael Papi – JHHC, Tamara Aviles – MWPH.

- I. **Introductions** - Meeting began at 9:45 am
- II. **Old Business** – Review and approval of the Minutes from the January 7, 2010 meeting - Wes Stewart (CECLP) has edits to these meeting minutes. Approval held off until then.
- III. **Future Meeting Dates** – first Thursday of every month. 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, March 4, 2010.**
- IV. **General Discussion of 2010 Plan - Task Force - Did not get a chance to meet.** Discussion of what the Task Force committee should be focused on. Pat McLaine suggested 5 parts to plan in report should be reviewed. Organize meetings with people from various agencies. Not sure on source control. Mary Snyder-Vogel – referring to page 32 of plan – might help as guide. Pat – plan is written pretty well. Should deal with one section at a time starting with surveillance. Alvin suggests aiming for November to be done and present to Governor starting with Secretary. Shelly - suggests sending draft first. Will have to be some narrative as we haven't met the goals of the plan. This will be a Commission report. Need a meeting time. Pat McLaine suggested Thursdays from 9:00 am -10:30 am at MDE. It was recommended that John Krupinsky and Dr. Keyvan be participants in the Task Force meetings. Starting February 18<sup>th</sup> and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month thereafter. Task Force can be guests and committee members but is already getting large. Mary LaCasse suggested a cap to keep Task Force a reasonable size. Pat suggested meeting and reporting back to the Commission. Assign tasks out to people for information we need. Cap at 8. Wes stated this is an election year. We might want to get this

done sooner than November so we can get a commitment. Governor O'Malley has been supportive on this issue. Mary LaCasse – might be able to at least draft letter after 4 meetings to prospective candidates.

**V. 2010 Plan Task Force – setting mtg. Dates/time; agenda/assignments, etc.**

1<sup>st</sup> meeting – Surveillance Data – set up for Thursday, 2/18/10. Pat suggested Dr. Keyvan should be there. Maybe someone from the City. Update on where city is via BIRP (Baltimore Immunization Registry Program) would be helpful. Maybe Medicaid information as well. Mary Snyder-Vogel suggested a Representative from the Immunization Registry should come. Wes Stewart – House 294 Bill – increase immunization. Lead is in that Bill. Pat McLaine – Baltimore is the only jurisdiction that has a registry. Pat will send out invites to 1<sup>st</sup> Task Force meeting. Members – Pat McLaine, Alvin Bowles, Mary Snyder-Vogel, John Krupinsky, Eric Lomboy, Wes Stewart, Patrick Connor, Donna Webster, Barbara Moore. Mary Snyder-Vogel – tracking software.

**VI. Agency Updates:**

**MDE – Alvin Bowles**

Submitted department House Bill 422 giving authority to write regulations concerning RRP. Does not give us program – would need to get delegation from EPA. Nothing on “Big Decision” from Court of Appeals. Letter from Commission needs to be sent supporting this House Bill – hearing is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Only two states have done this transition from Stellar to HHLPSS (Healthy Housing Lead Poisoning Surveillance System). CDC isn't offering any money other than the software being free. Stellar is referenced on case management plan in 2010 plan. This will have to be updated. The City and State will still be separate. The new database will make MDE compatible with CDC. HHLPSS will be implemented in the Fall. MDE has worked with DHMH about making it part of their tracking system. They will have servers.

Pat McLaine made a motion in favor for the letter of support for HB 1153/SB 504. This motion was seconded by Barbara Moore. A vote was taken. Eight members were present; 4 voted in favor, 2 voted against with 2 abstentions. Eric Lomboy ruled that there were not sufficient votes to pass the motion.

**DHMH – Mary LaCasse**

Federal Child Health Bureau has asked for presentation from DHMH at next meeting.

**DHCD – Ed Landon**

Not present – prior commitment.

**Baltimore City Health Dept. Eric Lomboy**

Huge restructuring now that Sarah Norman is gone. Four bureaus now instead of two. New attorney is overseeing everyone's work. There is a data and surveillance person. Hopefully we'll find out if we're going to expand into Healthy Homes. Grant in play to do so. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake new Mayor as of noon today. She has already done 4 presentations to her transition team. Have been told we'll get a new health commissioner.

**Office of Childcare – Cheryl Hall**

Person who does system modifications had thoughts on what data we should put in. Phil Koshkin is in charge. Need data on number of facilities treating for lead. All facilities should follow MDE's requirements. Nothing currently systematically collected to tell us what facilities are doing that. Commission should send letter to ask for additional data going into system. No specific place on current inspection report that addresses what work or modifications have been done on a facility like window replacement, etc. Webster asked if we could look at current form. Then suggestions could be made.

**Maryland Insurance Administration - Shirley Corbin**

Nothing

**CECLP – Wes Stewart**

Some legislative issues. Proposal to reduce lead use in autos. Senator Gladden put in lead dusting bill – requests mandatory testing. This would eliminate visual inspection only. If it is a non-lead surface, you do not have to test those. Delegate McIntosh – send letter in support of Bill 504 (Senate Bill, not on House side yet). Requires dust and lead free treatments. Pat McLaine proposed sending letter in support by the Commission. Cost is one of the opposing arguments against the bill. Right now State doesn't go after Federal grants because they are hard to manage and we have no healthy homes advocate.

**VII. Public Comment**

Sammi Turner – suggested maybe using different wording would get more support of bill. Giving more control to tenants to demand dust testing instead of just government. Could use a women's group to testify about this?

Healthy Homes questions that inspectors are asking expanding our role. We need bigger variety of people pushing for this bill.

Donna Webster – arguments made last year still stand. Property Owners will have increased costs. Says she still wants choice of dust or visual.

Mel Jenkins – Time delay is huge factor. Property Owners committed to prevent lead poisoning but are in a hard place. The extra costs are passed on to tenants.

Donna Webster – dust test requirements for something that's lead free everywhere except a metal banister for instance?

Pat McLaine – where is data about results from dusting vs. visual?

Discussion about costs vs. benefits – general thoughts from everyone.

Pat McLaine – on technical side, can you use XRF to test dust? No

**Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.**

**Next Agenda – Time for group photo of the Commission (recommended by Mel Jenkins)**