

GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

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APPROVED MINUTES

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(w/recommended edits from Ed Landon and Pat McLaine 6/9/11)

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alvin Bowles, Maura Dwyer, Cheryl Hall, Edward Landon, Patricia McLaine, Barbara Moore, and Delegate Nathaniel Oaks.

COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Tanya Clayborn, Patrick Connor, Melbourne Jenkins and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Geraldine Woodson, Donna Webster – WCHD (via conference phone), Jim Dyson –Connor, Joseph Wright – MDE , Tracy Smith – MDE, and Kirsten Day – MDE.

Introductions – The meeting began at about 9:50am – Alvin Bowles presiding. Minutes from the May meeting are being updated. Commission will move for approval at the next meeting.

Future Meeting Dates

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2011 at MDE in the AERIS conference room. The first half hour will be Commission work, and the rest will be related to the Summer Study. A list is being compiled of all the people on the Summer Study. The August Commission meeting is scheduled for August 11. This meeting will be devoted entirely to the Study. In September, meetings will resume on the 1st Thursday of each month. There will be six meetings in total for the Summer Study. The Commission is still trying to get housing data. Alvin is considering putting together a resource package. Any ideas about what should be in this package, let him know.

Update from 2010 Plan Taskforce

Pat McLaine – The report is being written. The Task Force met last Friday, June 3 by conference call. Will work on getting things together for this meeting.

Ed Landon – Get new members and give them copy of plan – they will understand how much work has already been done.

Pat McLaine – Need to have blood screening data.

Alvin Bowles – There is a problem with database on registered properties. MDE is also in the midst of getting things online. Trying to figure out just how many people are out there that have never been registered.

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Ed Landon – Should have somebody from the Housing Authority explain what is currently happening in their programs. Should have someone from Housing on the Summer Study Group.

Pat McLaine suggested inviting Graziano to come and speak to this issue.

Ed Landon – Someone from the HABC law department or management who can discuss the current issues. This information should be included as part of the next report.

Geraldine Woodson will speak to Ken Strong from the City.

Cheryl Hall asked if the Commission could get a brief summary of what's going on.

Geraldine Woodson stated she is not from Housing, therefore, cannot report on what they are doing.

Ed Landon explained that Housing has two hats. DHCD for City and Housing Authority. Ken Strong deals with the City side.

Cheryl Hall asked what is the value of the Commission getting involved.

Ed Landon responded that the Commission is asking for details that have a lot of bearing on where we go in the next 10 years.

Cheryl Hall – In terms of specific cases, what were the underlying issues?

Pat McLaine – We are interested in policy implications. Things from before law even started could affect things going forward.

Cheryl Hall – What direction is Baltimore moving to avoid these problems in the future?

Barbara Moore – What were the trends in those cases? Pockets in the City that still need to be addressed, etc.

Ed Landon – Someone from HABC legal might be the only one to have all that information going back decades. What were the gaps?

Cheryl Hall – Doesn't want to see Commission lose time without being focused about what we're asking for. Need list of questions drawn up.

Barbara Moore – In the 80s there were tight safety nets, then they were somewhat dismantled?

Cheryl Hall – Would Mary Snyder-Vogel or the Coalition know?

No.

Barbara Moore – Why didn't you win the case?

Delegate Oaks – What do you mean they're the only ones getting sued?

Ed Landon – No other public housing authorities are getting sued anywhere else in the country.

Pat McLaine – What are the gaps? We need to know this.

Cheryl Hall – Just need to be specific.

Barbara Moore – Section 8 and Housing had different requirements. Section 8 was less stringent.

Cheryl Hall – How many children were on the waiting lists at the time?

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Pat McLaine suggested that Alvin could make request and Delegate Oaks could continue to express support.

Cheryl Hall – This is a good opportunity to invite them to be part of Summer Study.

Agency Updates:

MDE, Alvin Bowles - closer to online registration and payment. MDE will be doing another mail out this year. The Department will be going live on October 24th. The mail out will be in early November. There will be information in the mail out about how to use the online system. Better and more accessible information. Details are being worked out now. No new updates on the Big Case.

DHMH, Maura Dwyer – Hosting asthma disparities conference. Register at afoMD website. Some sessions about home visiting programs. New DB for childhood lead registry. Finalized the agreement with DHMH for the server.

BCHD, Geraldine Woodson informed the Commission that Genevieve Birkby will be stepping in as the Healthy Homes representative.

Office of Childcare, Cheryl Hall – Nothing to report.

Insurance Commission – Nothing to report.

Pat McLaine reported that she and Linda Roberts attended the Prince George’s County event last week.

Donna Webster, Wicomico County - nothing to report

Barbara Moore had a question about vouchers: Does Baltimore City give them out or does the Coalition?

Geraldine Woodson answered that Baltimore City gives them to Coalition and they give them out. This voucher can be given for a BBL of 20 or above. Seventy-five were given out the first year. Only 22 have gotten vouchers out of 140 this year. Landlords are handling the lead problems but it can take them longer to correct the situation. The voucher gets the family to safe housing faster.

Pat McLaine summarized that a family gets a voucher if you have both high level of lead and can’t work out something with the landlord. This is part of the public health safety system. Things are getting better. Connor 12 step system only took about 2 weeks to get kid into safer housing.

Ed Landon stated it takes less than 90 days to get into safe housing now.

Pat McLaine – Good question to ask about how long this process takes.

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Geraldine Woodson – Explained “LEAP” program does lead abatement under the Coalition. Lead Abatement Program “LAP” falls under Housing. LITE program – one stop shop. Covers more than just lead. This is for owner occupied. The voucher program is for rentals. Ed Landon noted that there are good programs out there it’s just hard to figure out how to get to them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.