

GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore MD 21230

PATUXENT CONFERENCE ROOM

January 5, 2012

Approved Minutes

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Patrick Connor, Cheryl Hall, Melbourne Jenkins, Edward Landon, Pat McLaine, Barbara Moore, Linda Roberts, Delegate Nathaniel Oaks, and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Dr. Maura Dwyer

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Shakietta Denson – CECLP, Wes Stewart – CELP, Dana Schmidt -MMHA, Donna Messick – WCHD (via conference phone), Ken Strong – Baltimore City Housing, Sybil Wojcib – DHMH, Geraldine Woodson – BCHD, John O'Brien – MDE staff, John Krupinsky – MDE staff, Paula Montgomery – MDE staff and Tracy Smith – MDE staff.

INTRODUCTIONS

Pat McLaine began the meeting at 9:40am. Minutes were voted on and approved from the December 1, 2011 meeting.

There will be a task force meeting on January 12, 2012 at 9am. The summer study is in draft and is being worked on.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next scheduled meeting is February 2, 2012 at MDE in the AERIS conference room. The Commission will meet from 9:30am - 11:30am.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Ken Strong from Baltimore City Housing announced that a lead abatement division chief had been chosen. Mr. Strong discussed that his agency will be submitting an application to HUD for lead abatement funding, with a goal of abating at least 210 homes. The application includes additional outreach and education, including home visits in partnership with the Baltimore City Health Department for children at risk (blood lead levels between 4 – 9 µg/dl).

Mr. Strong requested a letter of support from the Commission for help with his agency's application and discussed the formation of a Baltimore City lead commission that is in-sync but not duplicative from the State's lead commission.

No official word on the status of potential reduced funding from both CDC and **child care??**[state?]. 2012 concerns will be addressed via legislation next month.

MDE discussed concerns with HELPS (including the manual input of data.) Data from the Baltimore City Health Department is being migrated into the database. DHMH has of all of software that is needed.

Wes Stewart reported that there have been 260 qualified offers; 86% of properties were non-compliant and not eligible for qualified offers. Qualified offers have not been a large part of the law. MDE is working with the Coalition to revise the contract.

Pat McLaine inquired about the status of on-line registration that has been in effect since November 14th. MDE explained that there have been some system changes but the process is going a lot better than anticipated.

MDE has performed a lot of outreach in the last 3 – 4 months, specifically with regards to changes in inspection requirements as a result of changes to [LAW}. MDE has had 8 meetings with property owner associations, 4 contractor meetings and inspection certificate exchanges.

Pat McLaine mentioned the comment period on emergency regulations. Comments on regulations are to be directed to Paula Montgomery

A Healthy Home demonstration will be presented at the Commission's March meeting.

Agency Updates

DHCD - Ed Landon

Indicated that property maintenance training has begun in the State.

Baltimore City Health Department – Geraldine Woodson

Nothing to report

Office of Child Care – Cheryl Hall

The potential loss of \$147,000 (2 Sanitarians and an administrative person) for child care agency in Baltimore City was discussed, including the hiring of independent inspectors to perform lead testing. Concern that the child care operator may have to pay for these inspections. Loans from the State are available but take time to be approved. Day care centers are not eligible for money from HUD.

Ken Strong, Baltimore City Housing, provided an update on progress and requested the Commission's help in a letter of support for Baltimore City Housing's application for funding from HUD. Eight commission members voted in favor of sending a letter of support, one abstention. Pat McLaine will prepare and circulate a letter of support.

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Wes Stewart reported that the coalition will conduct property owner training in Carroll County today and in College Park next week.

There were no legislative issues today. The summer study report should be completed by the end of the week.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.