

GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore MD 21230

February 2, 2012

Approved (3-1-12) Minutes

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Dr. Maura Dwyer, Melbourne Jenkins and Linda Roberts.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Shakietta Denson – CECLP, Wes Stewart – CELP, Dana Schmidt -MMHA, Donna Messick – WCHD (via conference phone), John O'Brien – MDE staff, John Krupinsky – MDE staff, Paula Montgomery – MDE staff and Tracy Smith – MDE staff.

INTRODUCTIONS

Pat McLaine began the meeting @ 9:30am. Minutes from January's meeting will be voted on at the March 1 meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next scheduled meeting is March 1, 2012 at MDE in the AERIS conference room. The Commission will meet from 9:30am - 11:30am.

DISCUSSION

Horacio Tablada presented a briefing on the summer study report, which is posted on MDE's web-site and can be e-mailed upon request. Comments from this report are not needed by MDE.

CDC is contemplating changing blood lead level of concern. Impact on Maryland will not be known until there is a final decision.

The summer study group recommended that MDE seek delegation for the RRP Rule. Legislation pursuant to Federal accreditation requirements, requirements for dust testing when properties are sold, clarifying authorizing lead abatement at the local level, changing the date of an affected rental property, and changing fees for rental registration may be introduced.

MDE would need to see a bill(s) before taking a position. MDE will forward any proposed legislation to Commission members.

A fee of 25 cents/gallon container of paint may be introduced for paying for abatement orders. A tax credit for window replacements is being considered. There have been 2 formal briefings in Annapolis with regards to the Court of Appeals decision and a bill is being worked on related to this court decision.

Alvin Bowles officially retired on February 1st. Alvin's position has been posted and Paula Montgomery is the acting Program Manager.

Donna Webster commented about concerns with how fee proposed changes could affect the housing market in addition to property owners who are also complying with local requirements.

Agency Updates

DHMH – no representative

DHCD – Ed Landon – nothing to report

Wicomico County – Donna Messick – nothing to report

MDE - Paula Montgomery

MDE has not received any full risk reduction visual inspections, only certificates, due to MDE's extensive outreach efforts. John Krupinsky commented that Baltimore City data migration is near completion.

Paula Montgomery commented that MDE did not change language in the emergency regulations but that MDE had confirmed with legal that there were no concerns with the language change. The comment period for the emergency regulations is over.

John Krupinsky reported that it will be at least 3-4 months before there is a decision from CDC for lowering blood lead levels from 10 – 5 µg/dl. Budget cuts will be known by July. CDC may be invited via a conference call to a future meeting. MDE will check if there is an objection to sending a letter of inquiry to CDC.

Wes Stewart commented that the Baltimore City Health Department will know by April 18th whether HUD will approve their application for lead abatement funding.

Pat McLaine will invite representatives from Baltimore City Health and Housing Departments to the March meeting. Maura will follow-up with regards to confirming DHMH's representative on the Commission (not clear).

Ed Landon asked about having a representative at a future Commission meeting who could answer lab questions. The Commission will invite DHMH Laboratory Administration to attend the April Commission meeting.

John Krupinsky will inquire about a contact from DHMH. John Krupinsky noted that there will be a Healthy Homes presentation at the March Commission meeting and presentations from the lower Eastern Shore and Baltimore City at March's Commission meeting.

Office of Child Care - Cheryl Hall

Regional Licensing Offices addresses and phone numbers for the Regional Manager may be found at:

http://marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/licensing_branch/licensing_offices

The Office of Child Care does not maintain a database for facilities that have had lead dust wipe testing. The Baltimore City Health Department Environmental Sanitarian contract provides environmental inspections prior to licensing and once yearly for certain facilities. These individual inspections are contained in a database at the BCHD. Individual reports of facilities successfully passing the inspection are contained in the facility licensing file. Facilities having completed a lead paint inspection and dust wipe test are not maintained in a database.

Patrick Connor noted that having inspection certificates available on-line would be useful.

Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning - Wes Stewart

reported that the Coalition held a meeting yesterday with regards to concerns about federal funding cuts and CDC lowering the blood lead level of concern. Specific concerns were raised about Maryland waiting until after July 1st with regards to determining what to do about potential cuts and about whether the State will be prepared for Federal cuts after September 1st.

Pat McLaine adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.