

## **GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION**

Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore MD 21230

September 5, 2013  
MDEStat Room

Approved Minutes (11-7-13)

### **Members in Attendance**

Cheryl Hall (via phone), Karen Stakem Hornig (via phone), Ed Landon, Pat McLaine, Barbara Moore, and Linda Roberts.

### **Members not in Attendance**

Patrick Connor, Melbourne Jenkins, Delegate Nathaniel Oaks, and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

### **Guests in Attendance**

Shaketta Denson – CECLP, Hosanna Asfaw-Means – BCHD, Dana Schmidt – MMHA, Arthur Gray, DHCD (City), Ron Wineholt – AOBA, Tonii Chavis – UMSON, Su Mon – JHH-SON, Led Faraone – JHU-SON, Chrissy Diffenderffer – JHH-SON, Susanna Epstein – JHU-SON, Shu Zhang – JHH-SON, Jacqueline Clark – JHU-SON, Jesse S.-JHH-SON, R. A. – JHH-SON, John O'Brien – MDE staff, John Krupinsky – MDE staff, Paula Montgomery – MDE Staff, Jeff Fretwell – MDE Legislative Office, and Tracy Smith – MDE staff.

### **Introductions**

Pat McLaine started the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Three or four Commission members were present at the beginning of the meeting.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

The next Lead Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 at MDE in the AERIS conference room. The Commission will meet from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Corrections to the August minutes will be provided to Tracy Smith. Minutes will not be voted on until next month. A comment was made if Jason Hessler was redacted on purpose. (No.)

### **Discussion**

**Old Business** - Letters to Maryland Senators and Congressional representatives have been approved. Copies of signed letters will be e-mailed. Karen Stakem Hornig and Patrick Connor had questions about resources. This is a separate issue. Nothing to worry about – MDE is providing funding to program. Letters are about national importance (won't affect funding at the national level.)

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MDE agreed to (fund) in the interim. May end up being the solution. Funding is not for the Shore or for 5-9's. Maryland is more fortunate than some states. Paula Montgomery said that the (annual) report is being finalized.

**Welcome/Introductions** - Students from Johns Hopkins University were in attendance. Surveillance report. Dr. Keyvan to discuss in October. Best to let Commissioners look at report before (being) presented. There should be a press release (and the report on the web) within the next day or so. Blood lead levels (are) going down in the state. New instances post-1949. 1950 – 1978 will have to comply in 2015. Instances go down.

CDC (federally) has gone from \$ 29 million to 2 million. MDE restored Baltimore City and lower Eastern shore funding (medical case management.) Copies of report?

Testing summary. More introductions. There was an increase in testing of 1,005 children statewide in 2011. There was a decrease of 88 children from 2011 of prevalent cases > 10 from 2011 (452 in 2011; 364 in 2012.)

There was a decrease of 87 cases vs. 2011 of 1<sup>st</sup> time incidence cases (venous/cap.) (343 in 2011; 255 in 2012.)

Statewide confirmed venous blood lead levels > 10 (1<sup>st</sup> time) decreased by 56. Nurses and environmental inspections. CDC reporting case. 292 cases in 2011; 236 cases in 2012.

City vs. counties. Pre-1950, Post-1950. Owner occupied. Lower reference level. Level of 10 since 1991. Last year is 5.

2012 5 – 9's (1,792 children.)

2011 5-9's (2,129 children.)

Lots of numbers. Testing in state went up. Testing in counties went up.

There was a decrease of 332 children (under the age of 6) vs. 2011 that were tested in Baltimore City. Overall, 18,717 children (33%) were tested in Baltimore City in 2012. 19,049 children (34.2%) were tested in Baltimore City in 2011.

There was a decrease of 39 children (vs. 2011) of prevalent cases in Baltimore City. 219 (1.2% tested) in 2012; 258 (1.4% tested) in 2011.

Incidence cases (1<sup>st</sup> time > 10 venous/cap.) A decrease of 34 vs. 2011 in Baltimore City. 148 (0.8% tested) in 2012; 182 (1.0% tested) in 2011.

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Confirmed cases. An increase of 14 vs. 2011 in Baltimore City. 144 in 2012; 130 in 2011. 68% (98 children) lived in pre-1950 rental properties. Pre-1950 (no laws?) most likely to contain lead based on national survey's (1990's?)

Government law. Allowable lead is 0.06 % built after 1978. This is not a health hazard. Post-1950 rental (1 child in Baltimore City.) Owner-occupied (45) children (31%.) Pre-1950, post-1950 are not in the report.

There was an increase of 1,337 children (under the age of 6) that were tested in the counties. 91,822 (20%) in 2012 vs. 90485 in 2011.

There was a decrease of 49 prevalent cases for children in 2012. 145 cases in 2012 vs. 194 cases in 2011.

There was a decrease of 53 incidence cases for children in 2012. 107 cases in 2012 vs. 160 cases in 2011.

1<sup>st</sup> two (2) pages of the annual report. There was a decrease of seventy (70) confirmed cases vs. 2011. 92 in 2012; 162 in 2011.

Pre-1950 rentals – 16 % [Fifteen (15) children]  
Post-1949 rentals – 40 % [Thirty-seven (37) children]  
Owner-occupied – 44% [Forty (40) children]

Paula Montgomery stated that a bulk of older housing in Baltimore City and that there is not a lot of post-1950 housing in Baltimore.

After the war. Apartment complexes (Baltimore and Montgomery counties.) There are more post-1950 properties in counties.

Break down. Prince George's County. Will have owner occupied numbers next time.

A comment was made about being aware of risks. What can be done on the prevention side? 31 % in Baltimore City; 44% in counties (testing.) Help in what to propose.

Paula Montgomery commented about the RRP being in effect. MDE has the legislative authority to order abatements in owner occupied properties. Baltimore City. Yes; collects construction dates.

Post-1950 – other than paint. Spices. International stores, jewelry, kahl religious/ceremonial/Middle Eastern.)

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Child (Iran.) Six (6) months old [level of forty (40).] Not crawling. Kahl under eyes. Gentle tapping of this product on floor (99% lead.) Prime investigators. Lower levels. What caused. Potential hazard(s)? Looking at other things besides housing. Always open to new and additional information for next year's report. (Ages of owner occupied properties. Break down of hazards.) Deplorable conditions. Paint/dust in Baltimore City properties. Hard to tell 99% paint hazards unless lead-free. Problems go away.

Not sure if this report can be sent out electronically. To ask HT to formally release. No questions from either Karen Stakem Hornig or Cheryl Hall.

Anything else. Walk through 5 -9. Somerset, Baltimore City, Allegany, Worcester (34%). All at risk.

Providers know what to do vs. at risk zip codes. Page 10 (table.) Page 18 (jurisdiction.)

0 – 35 (?) months. Blood testing required. 30% compliance statewide; 43.5% Baltimore City (testing?)

Page 13, table 4. At risk. Non at risk.

Ed Landon commented about old cases in Carroll County (page 19.)

Manchester. Exterior housing. Steps.

Chart does not identifying at risk areas. Not indicative of children who are supposed to be tested. Who tested. Not who is required (to be tested.)

Alarming at risk (if universal testing.)

Pat McLaine commented that no even 50% of children are tested in Baltimore City.

Dr. Keyvan received the end of last week. Not enough time.

50 – 60% Medicaid (Tony.) Screening data is higher than what is shown.

Linda Roberts commented if are penalties that are associated with not testing.

Pat McLaine commented that there was a case in the 1990's where a physician had been sued.

Medicaid not paying. Targeting the provider. Incentives. MCO's. Provide incentives. Penalized. Don't get money back.

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Baltimore Medical System. State requirement. Help providers (numbers.) MCO's – lots of outreach. Have to hit numbers.

A comment was made about owner occupied 5 – 9's . Answer is no. Individual look up.

Question for Patrick. Ways to look for. 1,700 look ups. Year built. Rental?

Percentages 10 and above? (A comment from the Coalition.)  
Working on system. Tax assessors dB. Wouldn't be 100%. Might be 90%.

Other questions. Continued lowering of high blood lead levels. Expect to see. Always concerned with anomalies.

Pat McLaine commented about CDC news (interest level of 5-9's.) Surprised not seeing more. City and state. Lots of calls for testing.  
Dr. Keyvan likes questions. Couldn't make today's meeting. Include in next month's presentation. Send questions to Tracy Smith. Tracy will send an email reminder to all Commissioners.

Don't share with anyone. Report to be released shortly. Want to be more forthcoming. More questions for Dr. Keyvan. 10 days from now. Opportunities to address.

Old business = no.

### **Agency updates**

#### **MDE – Paula Montgomery**

Nothing new. Nurses rotation. Community outreach. Healthy Homes initiative. Other ½ needle exchange program. Thank you for the nurse's work. (Annual) report to be released shortly with a press release. Tomorrow?

Regulations. RRP. Prior to 2012. Pre-1950 rentals. Renovations (all properties.) Lead was banned in 1978. 2012 legislation. Commercial. Decisions/regulations. 2015 post-1950 properties meeting standards.

**DHMH** – No representative

#### **DHCD (State) – Ed Landon**

Upcoming housing conference. September 27<sup>th</sup>. 9 – 4 (all day.) \$75. Legislative round table. Break out sessions.

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**Baltimore City Health Department – Hosanna Asfaw-Means**

BCHD Lead week (3<sup>rd</sup> week in October.) MDE assistance. Public libraries. Healthy Homes gathering. Friday (Park West Medical Center.) Lead testing provided. Won't be heavily advertised. Establish medical home. Reach out.

Medicaid updates. In conversation with CFO. Old analysis. Cost of environmental investigations. Meeting scheduled with the state Medicaid office with MDE present.

Paula Montgomery made a comment that libraries are great (for Lead Week.) MDE inspector list? Tenant's rights? Press release?

Loss of outreach. MDE. None. Doesn't mean that MDE can't do something (including providing information to tenants.)

Lower testing areas. Sweep next year?

Pat McLaine commented that libraries were targeted statewide ten (10) years ago. Billboards. Materials, packets. Electronic information.

Texting services for mothers. Target (and keep sending) lead testing. CDC. Up to twelve (12) months. Had been privately started. Can be extended.

DHMH – lead? Great for increasing (testing?) rates. Draws. John Krupinsky commented about the transportation piece.

Low priority in Baltimore City. One (1) year old not tested. Many competing issues (no sick leave.)

10 years ago. Eastern shore (Wicomico County.) Not finding children with EBL's. 5-9 additional concerns.

Linda Roberts commented about a mobile health van in Baltimore City. Free? Insulin, HIV.

Public health landscape. Medical homes (direction.) Billing issue? Pay now or pay later.

Filter paper. \$ 10/test. No insurance. Directly bill. The Baltimore City Health Department used to offer testing every Wednesday or Thursday but stopped this approximately five (5) years ago due to losing funding.

Linda Roberts commented about private funding.

Pat McLaine commented about linking with medical home.  
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Screening – what is really needed. A comment was made that Johns Hopkins has four (4) places in Baltimore City. Trailer. Walk in's and appointments. Mainly adults and not children. Working with Park West. Model. Medical home.

**Tonii Chavis - BMS**

Follow through of patients. Self management. Some testing on-site. Not as cut and dry.

**Baltimore City Housing and Community Development - Arthur Gray**

Three (3) page handout. This month's benchmark. Twenty-four (24) by the end of the month. Park West. Mid-range plan next two (2) quarters. Page (3) has long-range (year) for Healthy Homes.

A comment was made about number of contractors preventing exposure. July permit application (no RRP number.) Report next month. Progress being made? Rental properties accredited. Number on permit?

Political subdivision to require two (2) years for outreach and education. Another unfunded mandate. No number, no permit. Baltimore City (1980's.) Putting down a number. Getting pass the gatekeeper/clerk. Fine (if don't have.) Can't track. Part of primary prevention. Permit (substantial, housing/renovation.) Sign-off (RRP training.) Federal law. City's hand to enforce. Work safely. Federal and state requirements.

Housing safe. Inadvertently poison adults and children.

**Child Care Administration – Cheryl Hall (via phone) – Nothing to report.**

**Maryland Insurance Administration – Karen Stakem Hornig – Nothing to report.**

**Coalition – Shaketta Denson Nothing (to report.)**

Items. Minutes? Updates? Corrections/clarifications

Ed Landon made a motion to accept August's meeting notes with changes. (Linda Roberts seconded this.) No one opposed.

Motion to adjourn by Ed Landon. Seconded by Linda Roberts. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.