

Governor's Lead Commission Meeting

APPROVED (2/6/14)

AERIS Conference Room
January 9, 2014

Members In Attendance

Cheryl Hall, Ed Landon, Pat McLaine, Barbara Moore, and Linda Roberts.

Members Not In Attendance

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

Guests In Attendance

Shaketta Denson – CECLP, Christina Peusch – MSCCA, Annalyn O'Grady – Connor, Andrew Bonic – MMHA, Jennifer Pomales – GHFI, Paula Montgomery – MDE Staff, and Tracy Smith – MDE staff.

Introductions

Pat McLaine called to order at 9:42 AM with introductions.

Future Meeting Dates

The next Lead Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014 at MDE in the AERIS conference room. The Commission will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from December 2013 meeting was deferred to February 2014 because a quorum was not present.

Old Business

Commissioners Appointments – Pat McLaine requested that all members send paperwork to Nadine Jackson-Bey and cc Tracy Smith. Everyone must complete the Ethics Form. Pat McLaine and Tracy Smith will re-check on paperwork later this week. There are 19 Commissioners plus a representative of the Senate and the House. Vacant positions are: an Insurer; a representative of a Financial Institution that makes secured loans; a pre-1950 Rental Property Owner with properties outside Baltimore City; and a Parent of a Lead Poisoned Child.

Andrew Bonic will check for names from Kathy Howard and MMHA. Barbara Moore will recommend a Parent of a Lead Poisoned Child. Christine Peusch may have a Banker representative to recommend.

MDE's goal is to submit all applications today. If applications are not submitted February 2014, the Governor may not be able to approve appointments.

Schedule and Priorities for 2014

Pat McLaine reviewed the list compiled from the December 2013 meeting, which was distributed. Cheryl Hall asked what the conflict was with WIC and point-of-care lead testing. Pat McLaine indicated that point of care testing has been added to WIC testing programs in other States (e.g. Ohio) but additional discussion about Maryland priorities would be needed.

Regarding Healthy Housing statutory mandates, Shaketta Denson indicated that additional language is needed to cover mold, rodents, and pests. Ed Landon noted that his office receives many calls about mold and very little is done about it except to refer callers to the EPA guidelines. It is not a local enforcement issue. Several attendees noted that they thought that mold was an important problem in rental housing, especially since Hurricane Sandy. Pat McLaine explained that the term "PCP" referred to Primary care provider.

The Commission will want to review a number of reports on Regular Basis, including the following:

1. Baltimore City Housing - Status of Green & Healthy Housing Initiative
2. Baltimore City Public Housing = 24 CFR 35 update from Mr. Tamborino's shop.
3. Baltimore City Housing - RRP –opportunity for improved oversight using permitting process.
4. MDE - report on rental registration and compliance
5. MDE - report on BLL screening
6. MDE - status of program targeting properties built between 1950-1978
7. MDE - Case Management: report on outcomes of case management and environmental investigation follow-up of children with BLLs of 10µg/dL and higher
8. Baltimore City Health Department – status of Reimbursement for EI

Ed Landon noted there are issues with foreclosure properties and lack of local housing staff to make the state programs work. Paula Montgomery indicated she thought this problem could be addressed, and probably has to do with new owners and vacant properties not registered.

Another category – lead prevention in owner-occupied property – was added to the list or priorities which will be sent out to Commissioners to identify top priorities for 2014.

New Business –DHMH Targeting Plan

No representative from DHMH was present to talk about the new Targeting Plan. This will be rescheduled to March or April 2014.

Agency Updates

MDE – Paula Montgomery indicated that MDE is gearing up for the interviewing process to hire 2-3 more inspectors, 1 attorney and 1 or 2 administrative staff for the 50-78 Program. MDE will also hire staff for RRP enforcement. Regarding RRP, MDE trying to merge f abatement (which must be done by abatement contractors), risk reduction and RRP to be one program. Paula indicated that the regulations will be finished by July 2014. This will be on the agenda for Commissioners to review in July or August.

DHCD – Ed Landon asked attendees to let him know about any new legislation addressing lead.

DHMH – No representative present

Baltimore City – No representative present

Office of Childcare - Cheryl Hall raised the issue of compliance in child care properties with ID lead problem (non-compliant). Childcare has inspectors, but they are not sure if work done is sufficient. Paula Montgomery commented that the staff person doing this work must be RRP and EPA certified.

Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital – Barbara Moore reported that United Health Care finally paid Mt. Washington for the hospital care of lead poisoned child.

Green & Healthy Homes – Shaketta Denson noted that the next Partnership meeting is January 30, 2014 from 12 – 2pm, location to be determined. The meeting will focus on any lead legislation proposed; as of now, there is none.

There being no further business, Ed Landon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl Hall, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.