

Governor's Lead Commission Meeting

Approved Minutes (3-6-14)

AERIS Conference Room
February 6, 2014

Members In Attendance

Patrick Connor, Cheryl Hall, Karen Hornig, Melbourne Jenkins, Ed Landon, Barbara Moore, Linda Roberts and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

Members Not In Attendance

Pat McLaine and Delegate Nathaniel Oaks.

Guests In Attendance

Clifford Mitchell – DHMH, Sarah Kinling – GHHI, Shaketta Denson, GHHI/CECLP, Josephine Johnson – Cullzborak, Connie Taylor – RMI/MMHA, HoracioTablada – MDE, Christina Peusch – MSCCA, Paula Montgomery – MDE staff, Ken Strong – BCHCD, Myra Knowlton – BCHD, and Tracy Smith – MDE staff.

Introductions

Ed Landon called to order at 9:42 AM with introductions.

Future Meeting Dates

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

Approval of Minutes

The December, 2013 and January, 2014 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Old Business

Commissioners Appointments – In January, Pat McLaine requested that all members send paperwork to Nadine Jackson-Bey and cc Tracy Smith including the Ethics Form. It was determined in January that 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 sent an email identifying two potential members: Adam Skolnik for an owner of pre-50 outside of Baltimore City and John J. Scott Jr. for a representative for a premises liability insurer. Barbara Moore recommended a Parent of a Lead Poisoned Child, Tameka Jones.

MDE submitted all applications and required forms in January.

Point of Care Testing Task Force

Cliff Mitchell summarized the report and the report is incorporated by reference in its entirety to the minutes. He discussed in depth the potential benefits of point of care testing, page 7, CLIA waiver, the task force members, page 14, the recommendations, pages 13 -15 and the costs associated for testing, pages 12 -13.

Mary Snyder-Vogel stated that follow up was needed from the providers. Barbara Moore commented on building tool boxes and emphasized the need for guidance. Cliff Mitchell said a checklist was being developed and agreed to report back to the commission.

Barbara Moore stated that the goal is to have point of care testing in place in as many providers as possible through education and outreach.

Questions/discussion items: How to address children with special needs? Cliff Mitchell stated that it was a separate issue and a subcommittee would be created to address it. How to address the insurance reimbursement issue? Cliff Mitchell responded that the contract with each provider determines payment. It was stated that the results from testing at private offices are not always reported. Horacio Tablada said that the law requires all tests to be reported. Patrick Connor asked if blood lead is elevated, what do we do to identify the hazard? Who pays for the assessment of the child's environment? It was determined that a subcommittee would address these issues. Cliff Mitchell indicated that the Laboratory Advisory Committee would be discussing point of care testing issues in April and the Commission could send a letter of support if so desired.

New Business

Legislation

Ed Landon reported on the following bills:

HB 431, formerly HB 389, is an income tax credit bill introduced years ago. A hearing is set for 2/14/14 in the Ways and Means committee. A fiscal note was attached.

HB 888 seeks to amend registration requirements and require properties built from 1966 – 1978 to pay fees only; no need to follow other requirements. HB 924 similar bill introduced last year.

Agency Updates

MDE – Paula Montgomery reported that MDE sent letters to 400 inspection contractors using Survey Monkey to determine if the contractors are able to submit certifications for compliance as well as any required attachments to MDE on line. Results of the survey will be available end of April. Tracy Smith asked all commissioners to review the 2013 rooster and report back to her whether they agree with the attendance report or not; 50 % attendance is required for Commissioners.

DHCD – Ed Landon - Nothing new to report

DHMH – Cliff Mitchell - Nothing new to report

Baltimore City – Ken Strong reported that Dr. Barbot (Baltimore City Health Department) has authorized the sharing of information with Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development about children/families and their blood lead level test results which improves the effectiveness of their collaboration. The agencies meet monthly.

A total of 26 homes were completed during the last quarter (9/1/13 to 12/31/13). Lead hazards were reduced in all properties.

Office of Child Care - Cheryl Hall reported that there were compliance report issues and asked for assistance in reviewing lead reports and guidance on how to proceed if there are lead issues. Paula Montgomery agreed to assist by reviewing the reports and options. A discussion took place regarding child care facilities and the lead requirements. Patrick Connor stated that all pre-1978 child care facilities must comply with the lead regulations and that laws have been on the books for years. Paula Montgomery stated that guidance is in the regulations. Cheryl Hall agreed to report back on the following questions: how many pre-1978 child care facilities are regulated by the Office of Child Care (by City and County), how many of the pre-1978 facilities were inspected in 2013; among those inspected, how many were found to have paint-related noncompliance issues, and among these, how many were not renewed in 2013 due to unresolved paint-related noncompliance. Cheryl Hall reported that the facilities are inspected 2x a year and not all are following the same guidance within the agency.

Barbara Moore suggested that we finalize the 2014 priorities in March.

There being no further business, Linda Roberts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Snyder-Vogel. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.