

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore MD 21230

APPROVED MINUTES (Approved as written 06/04/09)

Thursday, May 6, 2009

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Eric Lomboy, Alvin Bowles, Patrick Connor, Cheryl Hall, Patricia McLaine, Barbara Moore, Valerie Paton, Linda Roberts, and Pam Putman (replacing Dr. Lee Woods).

COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Melbourne Jenkins, Ed Landon, Delegate Nathaniel Oaks and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Johnson – DHMH/FHA, Louis Dorsey – Legal Aid Bureau, Nancy Palmer – DHCD, Sarah Norman – BCHD, Kelley Ordonio – JHHC, Paula Montgomery – MDE, Shirley Corbin – MIA, Wes Stewart – CECLP, Donna Webster - Wicomico County (via phone) and Tracy Smith – MDE.

I. OLD BUSINESS

The minutes for the April 2, 2009 need clarification on one point per Sarah Norman of Baltimore City Health Department and Ruth Ann Norton of the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

Lead Commission **2009** Meetings – first Thursday of every month. ***NO meetings are scheduled for July, August or November.*** All meetings are scheduled to meet 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230. **The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2009**

III. REVIEW OF PRESENTATIONS

WEATHERIZATION

- Eric Lomboy advised the Commission that Weatherization funding through the Department of Energy (DOE) has increased from 1 million to 16 million. However, this would not include allowances for window replacement.
- Barbara Moore asked if window replacement could be part of the increased stimulus funds.
- Patricia McLaine recommends sending a letter to use the increase in funds to include window replacement. This was seconded by Barbara Moore. The Commission agreed, with a further recommendation from Pat Connor that the Commission make energy conservation a focal point and tie it in with public health for lead. All agreed and Pat McLaine will be drafting. Eric will be contacting the consultant who has been working with States on how to best spend the stimulus monies.

FUNDING

- Eric disclosed that LEAP grants and outreach grants have been eliminated. HUD funding will still be available. Current discussions with HUD possibly allowing monies to branch into healthy homes imitative. Eric stated that it is balancing act because there are statutory requirements driving grants for lead but there are no statutes driving healthy homes.
- According to Nancy Palmer of DHCD there is still “Lead” money available in grants and loans for DHCD. Pat McLaine asked if the commission could get a breakdown of what DHCD has spent. Wes Stewart also requested to look at information on large projects done by DHCD which was separate from Lead Monies. Nancy Palmer of DHCD will be looking into. Pat McLaine reiterated to make it a holistic approach with DHCD funds. Eric Lomboy advised the Commission, grant limitations have made it difficult for the money to be spent.
- Pat Connor, though not endorsing, made a recommendation that the Commission looks into Job Order Contracting (“JOC”). Great vehicle used by colleges and other agencies to establish exact contracting needs. Accordion 1-877-467-3426

III. TESTING DISCUSSIONS VIA BHCD- Sarah Norman

- Baltimore City has been looking into how to increase testing of children for lead. According to Sarah Norman, testing of Medicaid children decreased last year in Baltimore City.
- Sarah discussed the two following programs; one in Wicomico County, MD and the other in the State of Ohio
 - In Wicomico County WIC clinic workers would use three drops of blood from the child’s iron test to do filter paper testing for lead
 - Successes included that more children were tested
 - According to DHMH this project was too costly
 - In Ohio, pilot paid WIC \$10 extra to do the lead testing in the clinics
 - Very Successful

Follow-up discussion:

- According to Sarah Norman, Medicaid does reimburse \$4 for lead testing for Medicaid children, but WIC would have to be willing to take the \$4 and incur the rest of the expense.
- Recommendations made by Commission members Cheryl Hall and Pat McLaine to have a meeting in June to discuss further. Meeting attendees should include:
WIC, Medicaid, Presenter from Ohio, Wicomico County and Dr. Keyvan from MDE.
 - Cheryl Hall will look into a name of a person from WIC at the State level and give to Sarah Norman.
 - Sarah Norman will be contacting Baltimore city WIC and presenter at Ohio.
 - Pam Putman from DHMH will be looking into getting Medicaid to come.

IV. OTHER

- Eric Lomboy wanted to know if there was anything the Commission wanted to work on over the summer.
- Barbara Moore recommends the Commission work on getting Primary Care Physicians on board with testing. She would be willing to contact MCO's and find out what they are doing to get kids tested.

AGENCY UPDATES

Maryland Department of the Environment - Alvin Bowles

- State Lead in products law amendment signed off on April 14th 2009. Regulation changes should be in place within 6 months.
- Lead Law Suit reaches Court of Appeals- Centered around the constitutionality of the state lead law. Decision pending

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Pam Putnam

- Grant periods end on June 1st
- H1N1 winding down

Department of Housing and Community Development

Nothing to report at this time

Baltimore City Health Department - Sarah Norman

- Considering a continuation of training for contractors and workers providing lead paint abatement services in Maryland. Free to small property owners (less than 4 units)
- EPA grant for integrated pest management

Office of Childcare-Cheryl Hall

- Wished to thank Sarah Norman of BHCD for training Child Care Providers on Healthy Homes.

Maryland Insurance Administration – Valerie Paton

- MIA has moved. Their new address is:
200 St. Paul Place, Suite 2700
Baltimore, MD 21202
Tel: 410-468-2319 or 1-800-492-6116
Fax: 410-468-2306

Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning – Wes Stewart

- Dust Test Bill 361 made it to the Senate Floor, but failed 25-22. Confident it will come back next year and requested the Commission continue to support.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 am