

# LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore MD 21230

## APPROVED MINUTES

(09/03/09 – w/correction per Sarah Norman, Section IV 500 trained corrected to read 5,000 trained)

Thursday, June 4, 2009

### COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Eric Lomboy, Alvin Bowles, Cheryl Hall, Melbourne Jenkins, Ed Landon, Patricia McLaine, Barbara Moore, Valerie Paton, Pam Putman, Linda Roberts and Mary Snyder-Vogel

### COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Patrick Connor, and Nathaniel Oaks

### GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Johnson – DHMH, William Loehr – HABC, Kirsten Day – MDE, Nancy Palmer – DHCD, Kelley Ordonio – JHHC, Paula Montgomery – MDE, Lauren Necochea – BCHD, Sarah Norman – BCHD, Donnice Gooden – CECLP, and Molly Call – CECLP.

#### I. INTRODUCTIONS

- II. **OLD BUSINESS-** The minutes for the May 6, 2009 meeting were approved
- Eric Lomboy advised the Commission that future meeting dates will include discussions on WIC testing

#### 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 September 3, 2009.**

#### III. Presentation/Discussion of State Managed Housing- related stimulus programs- Nancy Palmer, Director, Single Family Program-DHCD

##### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

- Saving and creating 3.5 million jobs
- Weatherization to receive large sums of money
- Includes increase monies to infra-structure
- Oversight on how the money is spent
- 3.9 billion dollars- of this Maryland to receive
  - 2.35 million to go to housing-DHCH and local housing
  - 2.1 million increase to infra-structure
  - 12.5 million to serve the poverty population in job training, childcare, weatherization, senior care (CSPG)

- 5.6 million to prevent homelessness-(ESG)
  - 61.4 million in weatherization funding to locals and non-profits. Incomes of recipients must be up to 200% of poverty level. Allowing \$6500 per unit. Loosening requirements to now allow rental property owners to have access to the money, provided that their tenants meet the income requirements. DHCD will be training work crews to perform weatherization and energy audits. DHCD partnering with DLLR and DHR.
  - 31.7 million allocated to Tax credit, to follow the low income tax credit rule (competitive process). Monetization of tax credits to those who are approved for credits on their properties.
  - **Other increases not related to DHCD** includes; increases for clean water, drinking water and energy. HUD to receive 100 million for lead abatement grants. National Center for Healthy Housing received \$792,000.
- Money to be spent quickly, most within the first two years and to be spent in its entirety in three years.

**For More information go to the following websites:**  
**[rocovery.gov](http://rocovery.gov) or [recovery.maryland.gov](http://recovery.maryland.gov)**

## **Discussion**

- Questions regarding incentives for first time home buyers. DHCD encouraged those individuals to be directed to DHCD website where there is a link for CDA packets. Eric Lomboy stated that Real estate agents are also very well aware of these incentives.
- DHCD stated that there is also information on foreclosure on their website.
- Pat McLaine asked to what degree is DHCD weatherization linked to MDE and making sure those performing lead abatement services are training and accredited and that rental property owners are complaint with applicable lead laws. DHCD will be looking into.
- DHCD will also be looking into joining together, Lead grant monies, Rehab Loan Program and Weatherization.
- Regarding weatherization- rental property owners no longer have to match the 25% funds for weatherization if their tenants meet the income criteria.
- Cheryl Hall asked what happens to the unused money in these programs. DHCD responded that it get's moved around in other DHCD programs.
- DHCD said that some of the cause it that the demand for lead monies across the state is not that heavy.
- Guest Donniece Gooden of CECLP brought out concerns of coordination between agencies and locals. Sarah Norman said that most families that have lead poisoned children are dealing with multiple issues. Mary Snyder Vogel also stated that there are confidentiality barriers which prevent the sharing of information as well. Eric Lomboy stated that this could be discussed at another time.

- Pat McLaine asked that the Commission invite DHCD to discuss and report how funding is being spent. In particular, she is requesting that the Commission invite Eileen Hagen of DHCD. Ms McLaine is concerned about meeting the 2010 goal.
- Eric Lomboy stated that in Baltimore City the main issue of relocation of families to use these funds will be a mute point in the future, because they have received 8 relocation houses.

**IV. Presentation/Discussion of BCHD lead safe work practices and \*Promotores\* programs- Sarah Norman (Chief - Lead, Asthma & Injury Prevention Bureau) and Lauren Necochea (Deputy Director of Evaluation - Lead, Asthma & Injury Prevention Bureau)- BCHD**

- **BCHD received a grant for EPA 6 months ago in the amount of \$250,000. Monies went towards:**
  - Providing 2-day, certified, free training to small rental property owners and owner occupants on lead safe work practices. Training approved by MDE and EPA. Training will include worker training and/or maintenance and repaint supervisor training. Recipients must live or work in Baltimore City. Aerosol Monitoring and Analysis, INC (AMA) received that contract to provide the training. Target to training 5,000 people. To date, BCHD has trained 134 (100 supervisors and 34 workers). Eight more are scheduled in June and July.

To sign up or learn more, see:

<http://www.baltimorehealth.org/leadsafety.html>

- Provide hands-on one-hour trainings to home-owners and tenants in collaboration with community organizations. Thus far, 320 individuals have been trained.
- Develop a promotores program in which BCHD trains 12 promotors/community health workers. These promotors will then train at least 450 other members of the Latino community in lead and healthy homes. Thus far, BCHD has recruited and trained 12 promotores. The promotores received two full day internal trainings as well as the two-day EPA-approved lead-safe worker training. Thus far, they have trained over 100 community members.
- Created a video with MICA. Video to be put on You-Tube! Sarah Norman will send link.

- BCHD will host The Lead and Healthy Homes Summit on September 9, 2009. Partnering with CELCP, MDE, DHMH, U of Maryland, Casa, Adelante Familia and many other organizations. The focus will be on what needs to be done. To be held at the 1840\*s Ball Room near President and JFX. Will be lots of breakout sessions. Committee for summit to be formed. Please let Sarah Norman know if you are interested in joining!

## V. AGENCY UPDATES

### **Baltimore City Health Department - Sarah Norman**

- BCHD no has on staff a bi-lingual (Spanish) case worker. Percentage of her time to spent on asthma and the remaining portion to be dedicated to being a translator for EBL cases and their primary prevention initiatives.

### **Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning – (Molly Call)**

- Ron Simms of HUD to visit CELCP June 5, 2009 from 12-3

### **Maryland Department of the Environment - Alvin Bowles**

- On May 5, 2009 the Lead Law Suit reached Court of Appeals- Centered around the constitutionality of the state lead law. Issues brought out where the “Qualified Offer” portion of the Lead law and when an owner of an affected property is considered to be registered. Decision pending
- Lead In Products Law - Modifications to State law passed on April 14, 2009. Regulations hopefully by October, 2009. MDE will update the Commission of how they plan of enforcing provisions.
- EPA is looking to delegate the RRP Rule. MDE is looking into regulation changes to have the authority to enforce the provisions.

### **Department of Housing and Community Development – Ed Landon**

- DHCD is adopting the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). Most large jurisdictions in the State have already adopted. When asked if lead safe work practices should be added, Ed Landon responded that the locals may have the authority, however, DHCD can not be more stringent that IPMC.

### **Section Eight- Bill Loehr**

- Working with BCHD- receiving copies of Notices of Violations on section eight properties that have been identified as having a lead poisoned child. They are requiring the owners to abate the violation. If work is delayed they will give the tenant a voucher to move.
- Section eight requiring that owners be in compliance with city registration and that the property has a lead certificate for new tenants.

**Maryland Insurance Administration – Valerie Paton**

- Nothing to report

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Pam Putman**

- Nothing to report

**Office of Childcare-Cheryl Hall**

- Nothing to report

**Mt. Washington Pediatrics- Barbara Moore**

- Barbara Moore contacted MCO's special needs. She received responses from three. Two mentioned were Priority Partners and JAI. JAI has the highest lead screening compliance because they have labs on site. JAI will be looking into lead screening compliance on their sites that do not have labs.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 am