

GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore MD 21230

MDE AERIS Conference Room
February 7, 2019

APPROVED Minutes

Members in Attendance

Anna L. Davis, Benita Cooper, Mary Beth Haller, Susan Kleinhammer, Cliff Mitchell
John Martonick, Patricia McLaine, Paula Montgomery, Barbara Moore, Leonidas Newton
Manjula Paul, Adam Skolnik

Members not in Attendance

Shana G. Boscak, Christina Peusch, John Scott

Guests in Attendance

Geraldine Blair-Day (BCHD), Shante Branch (MDE), Sheneka Frasier-Kyer (HCD), Ludeen
Green (GHHI), Rachel Hess Mutinda (MDH), Dawn Joy (AMA), Stephanie Cobb Williams (OAG)

Welcome and Introductions

Pat McLaine called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM with welcome and introductions.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Anna Davis, seconded by Cliff Mitchell to accept the December 6, 2018 minutes as amended. Mary Beth Haller abstained, all other present Commissioners were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Report on Strategic Planning Meeting – Paula Montgomery distributed a list of goals for the Commission on a spread sheet. Commissioners commented that the meeting was very well run and a good format.

- **Mission and Vision** - Adam Skolnik and Anna Davis presented draft of the Mission and Vision. They indicated that they had looked at the mission and vision statements from the Strategic Planning meeting and the means by which the Commission will accomplish its mission. Several commissioners suggested expanding concern to pregnant women and refugee/immigrant children. Adam Skolnik raised the concern that we need a mission and vision before we can decide on goals. In addition, the issue of funding is key to ensure basic efforts by MDE. There is also no mention of the Commission ensuring adequate resources to address lead hazards in Maryland. The Lead Commission should support these efforts. Making a solid recommendation to the governor is one of our responsibilities; the Commission needs to know what is needed so there can be a specific ask. Anna Davis will clean up the Mission and Vision and send out by email. Commissioners should send comments to Anna. We will vote on this at the March meeting.

Lead Commission Minute

- Goals – There is need for clarity regarding which agencies have responsibility to implement the program. Ludeen Green stated that GHHI has information for a gap analysis at the federal level, but not for Maryland. GHHI has done some work with other developers to tie in lead hazard control as part of development work. Funding appears to be a long term goal. Short term goal might be to start a discussion about funding or to identify strategies to identify funds. With regard to asset gap analysis: what will it take for MDE to do the things the commission thinks are important? What would this look like? Is there need to hire a consultant to do a feasibility study? Health care finance model refers to Medicaid with increased emphasis on prevention – keeping people from getting sick. For example, this would be providing lead abatement, doing home visiting to prevent future lead exposure. We are into the second year of implementation now. Additional short term goals were identified at the meeting. Two suggestions were made:
 - (1) Identify needs for resources by MDE – what are the most important things MDE needs to meet responsibilities? Resource committee consisting of Paula, Adam and Pat will look at this and to provide list by March. Ludeen Green will provide other ideas from GHHI.
 - (2) Identify cost of needed resources.The Commissioners will revisit the goals after the Mission and Vision are completed.

Lead Legislation

Lower BLL for action to 5-9µg/dL - Adam Skolnik took language to Delegate Lewis that Commission had agreed upon last year. Not sure what this legislation will look like – the first draft is out but the bill is not yet available. Ludeen Green stated that GHHI is not 100% in agreement with the draft.

SB 481 – Senator McCray – drinking water and schools. Drops lead level in school drinking water from 20ppb to 5ppb, creates unfunded mechanism to provide grants to schools.

SB488 – Liability of toxic substance manufacturers, similar to bill last year – market share liability. Allows suit against pigment manufacturers.

SB831 – Failure to pay rent – lead status can be used as defense for failure to pay rent. Property owner must provide information about affected property and compliance with law. Lead rental registry is easily searched. Issue: if property is lead free, it is not an “affected property” any more. The property would not be registered. Lead-free status is not searchable. If data was searchable from the front side, this would not be a conversation.

HB 523 – prohibits use of lead ammunition in school programs – training practice or competition

HB 496 – Delegates Healey and Marvin Holmes: would establish inspection for environmental hazards in public and non-public schools.

Commissioners were interested in SB481 and bill to lower BLL for case management and follow-up. Adam Skolnik will send Pat Grant a link for these bills to be sent out to the Commissioners.

Baltimore City HUD Grant Program Quarterly Report – October – December 2018 – Shaneka Fraiser-Kyer reviewed the report that was distributed at the meeting. The 2015 grant came to a close on December 31, 2018; 9 units are still being worked. As of now 230 units were completed and cleared; the program will probably finish 239 by the end of February 2019. The program has secured another HUD grant: \$4.1 million including \$3.5 million for remediation (250 units), \$600K for healthy homes interventions. Partners include Baltimore City Health Department, GHHL and community organizations. Start-up will begin April 2019 and the program expects to be in unit production in July 2019. The grant is 42 months in length.

New Business

Draft Calendar for 2019 – Pat McLaine explained draft calendar. June meeting can be eliminated. Commissioners asked if agencies could provide written report in advance. If written reports go to the Commissioners and mailing list before the meeting, meeting can focus on questions or concerns.

Other Lead Sources – articles distributed included State Profile for Maryland as early adopter in testing school drinking water for lead in the US (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health), Washington Post article on lead in school drinking water fountains, article on addressing lead exposure among foreign-born youth in Baltimore City,

Future Meeting Dates

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019, at MDE in the AERIS Conference Room – Front Lobby, 9:30 – 11:30 AM.

Agency updates

Maryland Department of Environment – nothing else to report

Maryland Department of Health – Cliff Mitchell reported that MDH is working closely with DHCD and working with MDE exploring ways to increase the number of lead records in ImmuNet.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development – no one to report

Baltimore City Health Department – nothing to report

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Office of Child Care – Manjula Paul reported that a complaint was received from Southern Maryland regarding a misunderstanding about the need for a second blood lead test at age two. There was also a misunderstanding that “lead screening” using a questionnaire was adequate. This reflects the need to go back to health care providers to educate them about the importance of testing at two years of age. Manjula Paul asked if there were any reports out that could help educate providers about this. Cliff Mitchell indicated that MDH is thinking about doing this. These providers are not using point of care testing, which might be easier.

Maryland Insurance Administration – nothing to report

Public Comment

Ludeen Green reported that GHHI has more outreach events. A lead advocates meeting will be held on Monday and outreach is planned for Western Maryland. GHHI is also working on an Asthma Summit.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Leonidas Newton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cliff Mitchell. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.