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June 1, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Hybrid (Google Meet or in Person)

Lead Commission Distributed Meeting Material

- Final Agenda 230601
- Draft Minutes 230504
- ECHO Summary for MD LPPCommittee - Final

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Thursday, June 1, 2023 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Hybrid Meeting

Final Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks
 - Introduction to Secretary Marcia Fudge, of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - Introduction to Secretary Jacob Day of the Department of Housing & Community Development
- Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2023
- Old Business
 - Commission Meeting Schedule/Motion to vote
 - Update on the Re-engagement and Igniting of Community Outreach and Social Media Efforts (Ruth Ann Norton)
 - Daycare Discussion Progress (Ruth Ann Norton)
- New Business
 - Commissioner membership updates and renewals due in September (Wendy Phillips)
 - MDAAP Echo Program Outcomes and Quality Improvement Data Presentation (Paul Rogers)
 - MDH – report from counties (success of case management efforts) (Cliff Mitchell)
 - Asthma Awareness Month: Intersection of Lead with Healthy Homes & Work done on Joint Programs of Lead and Asthma (Ruth Ann Norton)
 - Recap of Legislation and Impacts of Budget or Legislation (Ruth Ann Norton)
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
 - **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment) Tyler Abbott
 - **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health) Cliff Mitchell
 - **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter) Paul Rogers
 - **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care) Manjula Paul
 - **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration) Benita Cooper
 - **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) Jack Daniels
 - **BC-DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development) Katherine Taylor
 - **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department) Mary Beth Haller
 - **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative) Ruth Ann Norton
- Commissioner Comments and Updates
- Public Comments and Updates
- Next Meeting Reminder: Thursday, September 7, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. which includes the Agenda items below.
 - MDE – Compliance and Enforcement (MDE reports run on state FY July 1 to June 30) (Jonathan Klanderud)
 - MDH Lead Screening
 - MD-DHCD – Lead Grant Programs (Jack Daniels)
 - Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions Nominations due 09/15/23 & Votes due 09/22/23

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Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Jack Daniels	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik
Mary Beth Haller	Ruth Ann Norton	
Cliff Mitchell	Manjula Paul	

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Benita Cooper	Susan Kleinhammer
Senator Jill Carter	Anna Davis	Christina Peusch

Guests Present:

Tyler Abbott-MDE	Angela Hall-Public	DeShanette Ponzon-Brown-MDE
Frederick Banks-MDE	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Victor Powell-HUD
Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Tiffeny Price-MDH
Thea Becton-HUD	Darlene Israel-MDH	Tim Rule-MDE
Akua Boatema-MDH	Alexia Jones-GHHI	Candace Scott-MDH
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Dawn Joy-AMA	Tiana Sheppard-GHHI
Camille Burke-BCHD	Nilesh Kalyanaraman-MDH	Kevin Stanley-MDE
Subha Chandar-MDH	Comfort Kissi-GHHI	George (Wes) Stewart-GHHI
Shamola Dye-MDE	Jonathan Klanderud-MDE	Chris White-ARC
Eamon Flynn-MDH	Wendy Phillips-MDE	

Documents Distributed:

- Final Agenda 230504
- Draft Minutes 230302
- WSA Update
- LPPP_Lead Commission_Mtg 5.4.2023
- LCSubcommitteDesisionTree_2023

Welcome and Introductions:

Commission Chair, Ruth Ann Norton, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with welcome and introductions. Dr. Cliff Mitchell gave a brief introduction of Deputy Secretary, Dr. Nilesh Kalyanaraman of the Maryland Department of Health. Dr. Kalyanaraman gave a brief overview of the role of MDH, its goals, challenges, and current status.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Cliff Mitchell, seconded by Adam Skolnik to accept the March 2, 2023 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Opening Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Other Discussions:

Asthma Awareness Month: Chair Norton reminded the commission that this month of May is Asthma Awareness Month and announced that there is an upcoming Summit on May 18, 2023 at Howard County and encouraged Commission participation.

Healthy Homes Awareness Month: Chair Norton reminded the commission that the month of June is Healthy Homes Awareness Month. Many surrounding agencies will be hosting many events and activities. GHHI is planning to host a Community Town Hall Round Table with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Governor's Office.

HUD Grants: Chair Norton reminded the Commission that applications for the Lead Hazard Control Grants are due on June 14, 2023 and encouraged people to submit an application.

State Supplemental Budget: Chair Norton informed the Commission that additional funding to MDE was restored. Legal services, case management, and outreach services will now be restored through this \$500K additional supplemental funding.

Old Business:

- **Commission Meeting Schedule:** During the March 2023 meeting, Chair Norton suggested modifying the Commission meeting schedule to occur every other month, reducing the number of meetings from nine to six per year. The proposed months for these meetings would be January, March, May, July, September, and November. The purpose of this change is to enhance efficiency by streamlining the meeting frequency. The Commission further discussed this proposal. During the discussion, Mary Beth Haller emphasized the importance of convening meetings during the legislative session. She highlighted the necessity of maintaining regular meetings during this period. She also put forth a suggestion to include a standing item on the Agenda for a meeting vote. This vote would determine whether the Commission should convene in the following month or not. Additionally, Dr. Mitchell reminded the Commission about his previous recommendation to hold a joint commission meeting annually in either June or October. He reiterated the benefits and value of such a meeting. Chair Norton suggested further discussions during the June meeting.
- **MDE Update on Water Safety:** Tim Rule provided a PowerPoint presentation on Water Safety School Testing. Material from the presentation was provided in advance to the guests and members of the Commission in the document titled "WSA Update". The presentation highlighted the summary of results as of May 1, 2023 and Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, Section 2107.
- **Status of MDH Merging Immunization Certificate With Lead Screening Certificate:** Dr. Mitchell reported that he is very interested in discussion efforts with the Immunization Program and MDE but it would be a complicated and long discussion due to the statutory requirements for Immunization records. Dr. Mitchell will work to plan for a future discussion.
- **Update on the Re-engagement and Igniting of Community Outreach and Social Media Efforts:** This item has been tabled for the June meeting.

New Business:

- **Childhood Blood Lead Surveillance Report Updates:** Shamola Dye, Fred Banks, and Rena Boss-Victoria provided a PowerPoint presentation on Childhood Blood Lead Surveillance. Material from the presentation was provided in advance to the guests and members of the Commission in the document titled "LPPP_Lead Commission_Mtg 5.4.2023". The presentation highlighted the calendar year 2021 preliminary statistical report, the number of children 0-72 months tested for lead and the number reported to have blood lead level ≥ 10 $\mu\text{g/dL}$: CY 2000-2021, the percent of children 0-72 months of age lead tested and identified with a blood lead level of 5-9 $\mu\text{g/dL}$: CY 2000-2021, state of the state childhood lead poisoning, and blood lead levels 5 to 9.9 $\mu\text{g/dL}$, and over 10 $\mu\text{g/dL}$, (Ages 0-6 Years Old) for Maryland 2020 and 2021 by zip code.
- **Presentation - Subcommittee on Environmental Investigations:** At the January meeting, Barbara Moore recommended that due to report inconsistencies, the Commission take a look at what is being tested in the homes. A subcommittee to investigate this issue was created. Paula Montgomery provided a PowerPoint presentation on findings from the Subcommittee regarding these environmental investigations. Material from the presentation was provided in advance to the guests and members of the Commission in the document titled "LCSubcommitteeDecisionTree_2023". The presentation highlighted the following: members of the Subcommittee; discussions that took place mostly centered on internal processes; action items and assignments; decision tree; investigation process; supplement to report findings; Maryland law on reporting blood lead levels; how to share the information with health care providers; and ongoing outcomes.
- **Daycare Discussion Progress:** This item has been tabled for the June meeting.
- **Review Transition Reports relating to MDE Lead Program:** This item has been tabled for the June meeting. Chair Norton asked that MDE identify things that came from the transition team to the department that may be being addressed by the lead program and give the Commission a synopsis at the June meeting.

Legislation/Pending Legislative Outcome & Action Dates (Adam Skolnik, Wes Stewart)

- HB0036/SB0100 - Real Property – Actions to Repossess – Proof of Rental Licensure: This bill passed.
- HB0079/SB0296 - Housing and Community Development - Whole-Home Repairs Act of 2023: This bill did not pass.
- HB0169/SB0144 - Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs - Energy Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing: This bill passed.
- HB0200/SB0181 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2024): This bill passed.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Fred Banks reported that MDE is still working through a few of its big cases that involve a number of infractions. The Lead Program also hired Kevin Stanley, the new Unit Chief for its accreditation oversight unit and is still working to fill other vacancies.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Candace Scott reminded the Commissioners that the Asthma Summit will take place on May 18, 2023 at the Howard County Health Department and registration is live.
- **MDAAP (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter):** Paul Rogers reported that MDAAP just finished its echo program. MDAAP had a special training program for pediatricians across the state, and MDAAP is now pulling together the outcome data and quality improvement data. Dr. Rogers volunteered to present this data at the June meeting.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care)** Manjula Paul reported that MSDE/OCC is actively promoting lead testing and vaccination as the academic year is coming to an end and the New Year approaches. Parents are preparing their necessary forms to visit the healthcare providers' offices, and MSDE/OCC is urging them to complete lead screening. However, there is significant resistance from parents due to the additional step of going to the lab for blood testing. Noncompliance with the testing leads to citations for

child care providers. Despite the resistance, MSDE/OCC is persistently advocating for testing by providing information and support.

- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): No updates at this time.
- **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development): No updates at this time.
- **BC-DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development): No updates at this time.
- **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department) Camille Burke reported that Mary Beth Haller's first day as interim Commissioner was May 1, 2023. The comment period for the new regulations in Baltimore City has ended. The new regulations were posted on BCHD's website on April 24, and the information was available for 30 days. If anyone has any comments, please share them with Camille Burke, who will include them before BCHD finalizes the regulations.
- **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative) No updates at this time.

Commissioner Comments and Updates: No comments or updates at this time.

Public Comments and Updates: No comments or updates at this time.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Manjula Paul. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Future Meeting Date:

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Extension for
Community
Healthcare
Outcomes

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE MDAAP LEAD ECHO PROJECT

PRESENTATION TO MARYLAND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION
JUNE 1, 2023

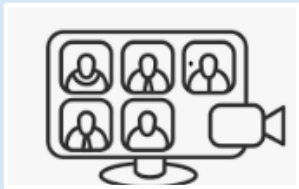
PAUL T. ROGERS MD MBA



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AAP PROJECT ECHO: GOAL



Employ a telementoring program designed to create communities of learners by bringing together health care providers and experts in topical areas using didactic and case-based presentations



Fosters an “all teach, all learn” approach



Maryland Chapter

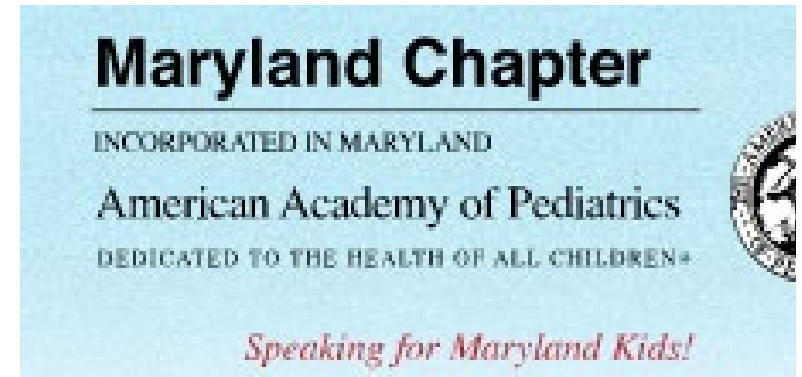
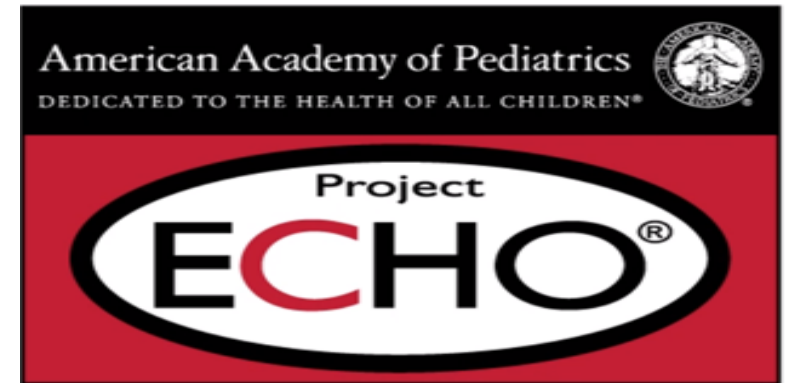
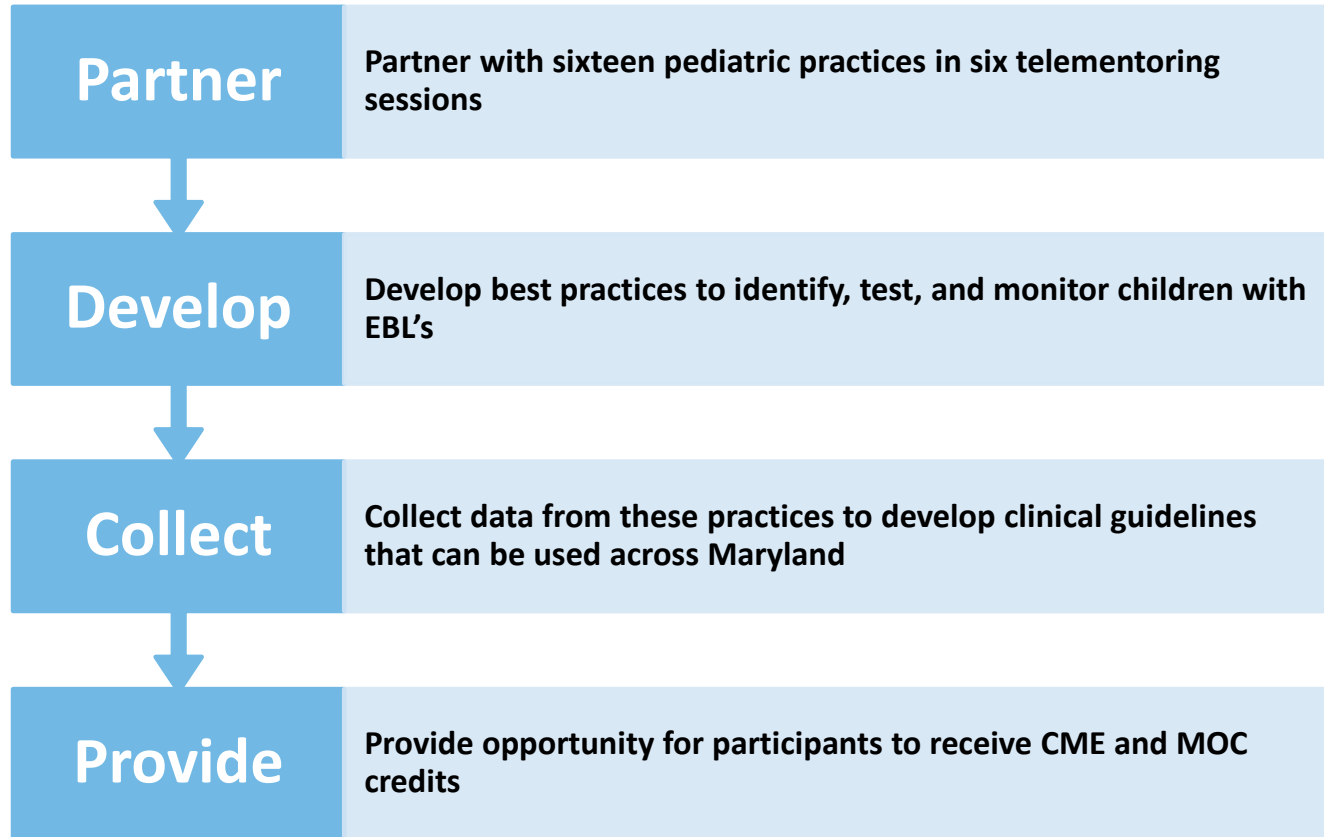
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LESSONS ACQUIRED FROM A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Importance of using local Health Department services in managing children with an EBL

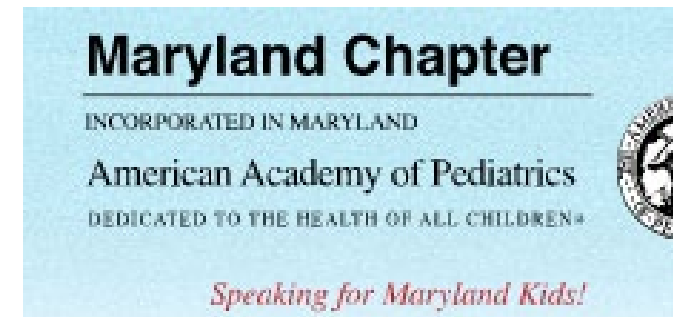
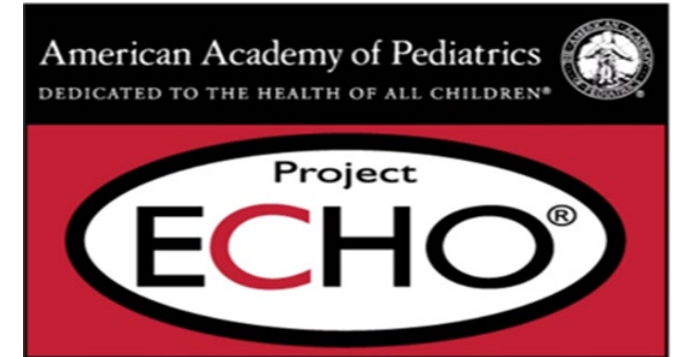
Programming EMR to prompt lead testing

Access to environmental assessments aided in clinical management of children with an EBL

Discussion of submitted cases provided important teaching points

POC testing improved compliance with lead testing

Implementing best practices and tools to identify and help track patients



QI LESSONS ACQUIRED FROM A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Pediatricians improved overall knowledge and understanding of lead poisoning.

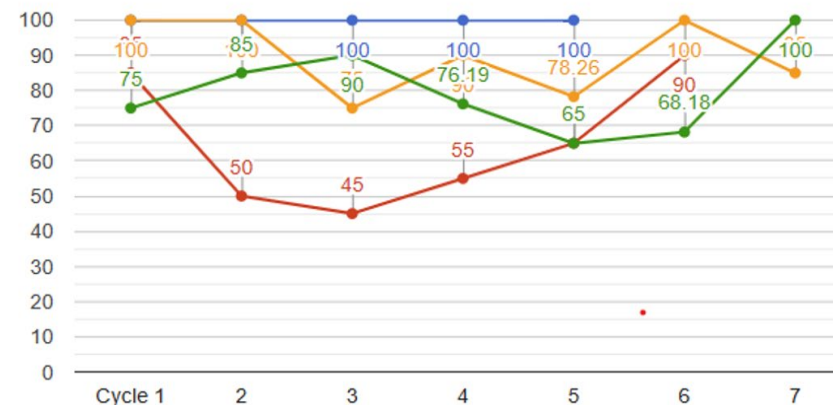
Improved documentation and screening of lead testing and screening

More consistent and thorough screening patients

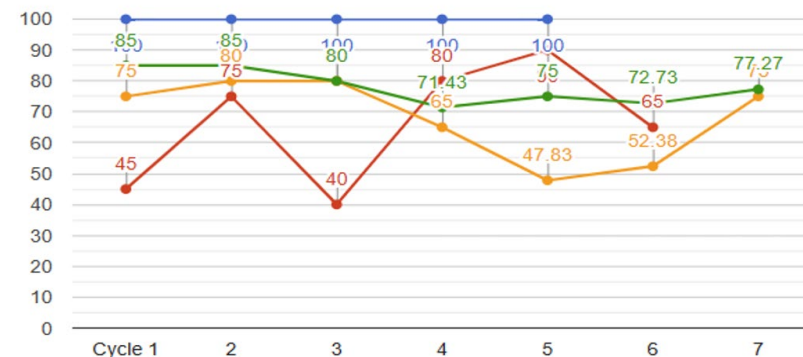
Improved tracking of patients

Improved outreach to patients

Risk Assessment



Documented Initial Blood Lead Test



BARRIERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS



Lack of administration/management support



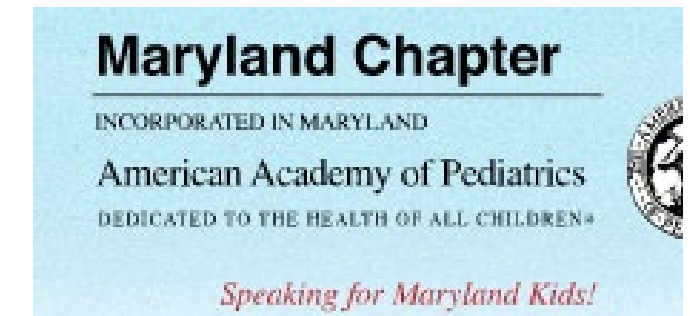
Patient care responsibilities often prevented attendance at lunch hour sessions



Lack of staff and funds to track patients adequately



Difficult to implement QI data collection



LESSONS FOR THE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Develop	Develop report for pediatricians that summarizes Health Department evaluations and Environmental Investigation
Use	Use case discussions in didactic sessions with pediatricians
Locate	Locate funding for pediatricians to hire staff and purchase resources for managing children with EBL's.
Find	Find ways to promote identified best practices to pediatricians across the state.

