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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION September 5, 2024 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Hybrid Meeting Draft Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen	Paula Montgomery	Christina Peusch
Benita Cooper	Barbara Moore	Paul Rogers
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	Adam Skolnik
Cliff Mitchell	Manjula Paul	

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Senator Jill Carter	Anna Davis
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Guests Present:

Fred Banks-MDE	Carlie Furtaw-GHHI	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Felicia Graves-MDE	Maria Prawirodihardjo-MSDE
Tameka Brown-BCHD	Angela Hall-GHHI	Andrew Roelke-MDE
Chris Corzine-OAG	Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Tim Rule-MDE
Marjorie D'Ambrosio-MDE	Samantha Jacobs-Cribbs-HCHD	Nancy Servatius-MDH
Julie DiGirolamo-BCHD	Carrie Johnson-Public	Kevin Stanley-MDE
Samantha DiNatale-UMBC	Eunice Johnson-GES	George (Wes) Stewart-GHHI
William Doyle-HCHD	Wade McCord-MDE	Chris White-ARC
Attilah Edges-MDE	Shadia Musa-GHHI	Thelonious Williams - MDH
Sheneka Frasier-Kyer-MDE	Allie Nestadt - Public	

Documents Distributed:

- Agenda 290905
- Draft Minutes 240606
- Lead Commission LPPP Compliance and Enforcement Presentation Sept 2024
- Maryland Lead Commission PP Presentation-EPA Lead Soil Guidance Standards 9-5-24

Welcome and Introductions:

Commission Chair Ruth Ann Norton, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI), called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M. with welcome and introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Adam Skolnik, Executive Director for the Maryland Multi-Housing Association, Inc. (MMHA) , seconded by Commissioner Barbara Moore, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital (MWPH) to accept the June 6, 2024 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Old & New Business:

- **Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Annual Report, 2023:** Wendy Phillips, Administrative Officer III for the Land and Materials Administration (LMA) of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) provided the location to the 2023 Commission Annual Report which can be found on the Lead Poisoning Prevention website at this link [here](#).
- **Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions:** Ms. Phillips reminded the Commission about the yearly Awards and Recognition. An award will be presented for three categories during the month of October. Ms. Phillips will circulate the nomination form via email to the Commissioners and ask for nominations by September 18, 2024. The Commissioners will then vote for their choice of recipients amongst the list of nominees submitted and send in their votes by September 24, 2024. During the October 03, 2024 meeting, the Commission will announce the recipients of the awards.
- **Lead Commissioner Members Update:** Ms. Phillips reminded those Commissioners, whose membership expires at the end of September 2024, to renew their membership using the online system from the Governor’s Appointments Office: [Commissioner Reappointment Application Instructions & Online Application Submittal](#). Expirations are four years from the effective date of the statutory staggering date. Ms. Phillips previously provided an updated list of all current memberships and vacancies with its expirations dates which can also be found on the Lead Commission website under [MDE Membership Positions](#). Chair Norton asked that Ms. Phillips set up an orientation meeting between herself and the new Commissioners.
- **MDE - Compliance and Enforcement:** Fred Banks, Program Manager for MDE’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) presented on MDE’s Compliance and Enforcement. Mr. Banks highlighted the following: Title 6, Subtitle 8 of the MD Environment Article Presumptions and Requirements of a Rental Owner; Number of Estimated Rental Units in Maryland; Registered Properties by County; Administrative Penalties; Compliance Inspections; Environmental Investigations; Training and Oversight; Training Summary; and Types of Lead Certificates. The presentation slideshow can be found on the Lead Commission’s website under “Meeting Materials” [here](#). Additional information pertaining to Inspection Certificates can be found at this link [here](#).
- **“Lead Safe” Definition and Workgroup:** Chair Norton asked the Commission to provide feedback on their understanding of the term “Lead Safe” and whether it would be helpful for the state to establish a “Lead Safe” standard that could be easily understood by the public. She proposed forming a workgroup to explore the issue further and develop solutions. The workgroup should include legal representatives to assist with interpreting the law. Paula Montgomery indicated that ‘Lead Safe’ is defined under Environment Article Title 6-801-Definitions and that the Commission should consider reviewing the statute when making any recommendations.

- **EPA’s New Lead Screening Levels for Soil and Play Areas:** Mr. Banks presented on the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) newly released guidance for levels of lead in soil. Mr. Banks highlighted the following: Lower Exposure Levels; Soil Screening Standards; Actions Taken; EPA Guidance Documents and Strategies. The presentation slideshow can be found on the Lead Commission’s website under “Meeting Materials” [here](#).
- **Aviation Gas:** Commissioner Dr. Paul Rogers from the Maryland Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP) informed the Commission that the state of California recently passed a law that outlawed aviation gas. An article detailing this information can be found [here](#). He raised the question of what the state of Maryland plans to do regarding aviation gas. Mr. Banks indicated that in 2023 MDE briefly began discussions on the subject but there has not been any progress on the matter. Mr. Banks will follow up with MDE’s Air Administration and report any updates.
- **Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24:** MDE, MDH, and GHHI shared their ideas and plans for the upcoming lead week in October and indicated that plans are moving forward.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Commissioner Paula Montgomery, Lead Outreach and Education Coordinator for MDE indicated that MDE applied for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Technical Studies Grant. The grant is around \$280k over a 3 year period. If awarded, MDE would use the funding to evaluate to better understand the value of lead risk assessments when triggered by children with Blood Lead Levels (BLL’s) at or above Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC’s) blood lead reference value of 3.5 µg/dL.
- **GHHI (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative):** Wes Stewart, Senior Advisor and General Counsel/Maryland Programs Director for the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) reported that GHHI’s Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program is now accepting grant applications and the application portal is now open for all three tiers of grants. If interested, you can apply [here](#). Additionally, Carlie Furtaw, Environmental Health Educator at GHHI provided a link to the info on the lead testing in schools update [here](#).

Adjournment:

The Commission meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Future Meeting Date:

Next Meeting Reminder: Thursday, October 3, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. which includes the Agenda items below:

- Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions Announcement and Awards Presentation (Ruth Ann Norton)
- Commissioner Updates (Wendy Phillips)
- Update on Just Communities (DHCD)
- EPA’s efforts on “Get the Lead Out” Campaign (EPA Region 3 Environmental Justice Coordinator Carol Ann Gross-Davis)
- HUD Revision to Elevated Blood Lead Threshold (Ruth Ann Norton)
- Updates on Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24 (Commission)