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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION January 9, 2025 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Virtual Meeting Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Adam Skolnik	Christina Peusch	Michael Ichniowski
Alexandra Nestadt	Cliff Mitchell	Naadiya Hutchinson
Barbara Moore	Fred Banks	Nicole Hart
Benita Cooper	Manjula Paul	Ruth Ann Norton
		Susan Kleinhammer

Members Absent:

Anna Davis	Jacob Benzaquen	Nicola Tran
Dalya Attar, Delegate	Senator Mary Washington	

Guests Present:

Adewole Adegborioye-MDE	Eunice Johnson-GES	Paula Montgomery-MDE
Adonna Patterson-MDH	Felicia Graves-MDE	Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE
Anstasia Solano-MDE	Ilan Kokotek-Public	Samantha Jacobs-Cribbs-HCHD
Andrew Roelke-MDE	Jack Daniels-MDDHCD	Samantha Keane-MDE
Angela Hall-GHHI	Jonathan Riddix-BC-DHCD	Shadia Musa-GHHI
Attilah Edges-MDE	Joy McFadden-GHHI	Shamola Dye-MDE
Camille Burke-BCHD	Katherine Taylor-BC-DHCD	Sheneka Frasier-Kyer-MD-DHCD
Carrie Johnson-Public	Kevin Stanley-MDE	Stephanie Cobb-Williams-MDE
Chris Corzine-OAG	Lisa Eibner-MDE	Thelonious Williams - MDH
Chris White-ARC	Maria Prawirodihardjo-MSDE	Tiffany Price-MDH
Dawn Joy-AMA	Marjorie D'Ambrosio-MDE	Tim Rule-MDE
Denifah Bun-Tejan-MDE	Nancy Servatius-MDH	Wade McCord-MDE
Dontrell Jones-MDE	Nekia Randall-BC-DHCD	Wendy Phillips-MDE
		William Doyle-HCHD

Documents Distributed:

January Agenda
November Draft Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioner Chair Ruth Ann Norton, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI), called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. with welcome and introductions. Additionally congratulations were given to Nicola Tran and Jack Daniels for the 2 million dollar award given to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for a healthy homes production grant.

Opening Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Other Discussions:

Chari Norton flagged SB0250 so the Commission can track and discuss and also mentioned the pending ruling from EPA regarding lead in wheel weights. Green and Healthy Homes Initiative is still taking applications for the thriving Community Grant Program.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Cliff Mitchell, Health Bureau Director for the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) seconded by Commissioner Adam Skolnik, Executive Director for the Maryland Multi-Housing Association, Inc., to accept the November 7, 2024 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Old & New Business:

- Legislation
 - [SB250-Department of the Environment - Fees, Penalties, Funding, and Regulation](#): Fred Banks indicated that this bill will help support MDE and will impact rental property owners by increasing the registration fee for the rental registration and extending the collection to every 2 years. Christina Peusch motioned the Commission to send a letter of support for this bill which was seconded by Commissioner Banks.
 - Commissioners in Favor: Fred Banks, Susan Kleinhammer, Ruth Ann Norton, Christina Peusch, Benita Cooper, Naadiya Hutchinson, Dr. Michael Ichniowski, Manjula Paul, Nicole Hart, Alexandra Nestadt, Dr. Cliff Mitchell
 - Abstentions: Barbara Moore
 - Oppose: Adam Skolnik
- Older Lead-Free Certificates: Chair Norton asked Susan Kleinhammer to present in February or March regarding the topic of reviewing properties with older lead-free certificates. Chair Norton asked Commissioner Kleinhammer to meet with Chris White and Commissioner Banks and to come up with proposals and provide background information.
- 2025 Commission Reporting Calendar: The Commission discussed the 2025 calendar and entered requested presentations
- Updates on Lead Testing in Schools: Tim Rule from MDE's Water Supply Administration provided a presentation on Testing for Lead in Drinking Water Public and Nonpublic Schools. Tim presented on the following: Background/Legislation; Applicability; Sampling Testing Requirements; Requirements of Elevated Lead Levels are identified. MDE Review of Testing Results; Summary of Validated Results as of January 8 2025; and Summary of Lead Testing Results Reported by Schools. The presentation slideshow can be found on the Lead Commission's website under "Meeting Materials" [here](#)

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events

- **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment) Fred Banks informed the Commission that MDE is trying to recruit more inspectors and in the summer MDE is planning to host a lead workshop for Region 3. The goal is to discuss different strategies for funding, training and development for inspectors, and the status of lead prevention in region three.
- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health) Dr. Cliff Mitchell informed the Commission that MDH is reviewing its home visiting program with Medicaid partners and will soon meet with nurses and lead case managers. They are also set to receive ASTHO funding for lead case management in 13 non-Medicaid CHIP jurisdictions until July 31, with more details coming soon. Additionally, MDH plans a session for jurisdictions outside Baltimore City to discuss challenging cases.
- **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter) Dr. Michael Ichniowski informed the Commission that in 2024, MDAAP advocated for Rudy's Law, requiring baby food to be tested for heavy metals like lead. The first phase took effect on January 1, 2025, mandating food manufacturers to test representative batches for lead, cadmium, mercury, and arsenic. By 2026, manufacturers must provide labeling that directs consumers to their website for test results.
- **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) Jack Daniels reported that MD-DHCD has been awarded a \$2 million Healthy Homes Production Grant, which it applied for in November. Additionally, it is currently negotiating with HUD and the Office of Lead Hazard Control regarding a \$4 million Lead Hazard Reduction Grant application.
- **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative) Shadia Musa reported that GHHI is getting started with its MDE grant with its tenant based lead education outreach and education as well as hiring a lawyer to do tenant based lawyer representation.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am

Future Meeting Date:

Next Meeting Reminder: Thursday, February 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. which includes the Agenda items below:

- Introductions
- Legislation Update
- EPA Release on the Six Indicators of Environmental Health (Grace Robiou-EPA)
- Effectiveness of Enforcement Actions in Making Houses Safer Re: SB250 (MDE/Chris Corzine/Sara Redosivitch from HUD)
- Healthy Homes Production Grant (MD - DHCD)
- Strategic Planning Day