

## **GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION**

Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore MD 21230

December 1, 2011

### **Approved Minutes**

#### **COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alvin Bowles, Patrick Connor, Cheryl Hall, Edward Landon, Pat McLaine, Barbara Moore, Delegate Nathaniel Oaks, Linda Roberts and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

#### **COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND**

Dr. Maura Dwyer and Melbourne Jenkins.

#### **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Dana Schmidt -MMHA, Donna Messick – WCHD (via conference phone), Mary Jean Brown – CDC (via conference phone) John O'Brien – MDE staff, Joseph Wright – MDE staff and Tracy Smith – MDE staff.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Alvin Bowles began the meeting @ 9:44A.M. Minutes were voted on and approved from the November meeting.

Tracy Smith - corrections to comments (from the last meeting)

Ed Landon moved to approve the November minutes. Seconded by Cheryl Hall. All in favor.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next scheduled meeting is January 5, 2012 at MDE in the PATUXENT conference room – 6<sup>th</sup> floor. The Commission will meet from 9:30am - 11:30am.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Alvin Bowles - background on changing level of concern from 10 to 5 micrograms per deciliter?

Mary Jean Brown (from CDC on conference call) - Advisory work group since 2005 for proposing lowering the level of concern. Lowering levels is strongly recommended. Primary prevention (public health). Interventions apply to levels between 5 and 10 (missed opportunities). Public meeting on January 4th from 1 -3. Public can call in. Meeting is published in the Federal Register. If committee members approve, have three (3) days to go to the CDC chair and thirty (30) days for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to decide. CDC has opportunity to decide on what to adopt and authorize recommendations.

2012 proposed Federal budget for CDC may be cut by 50 %.

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Ruth Ann Norton - Advisory committee has so much evidence. Primary prevention focus. 2005 had action. Budget challenges now.

Lab implications - some labs can't detect levels @ 5. Looking @ detection levels.

Alvin Bowles - Dr. Keyvan has confirmed that detection level of 5ug/dL is not a problem.

Patrick Connor - who regulates labs?

Alvin Bowles/Pat McLaine - DHMH.

Patrick Connor - DHMH require detection and limits via regulations? Very few labs do spikes, quality control. DHMH labs hit detection limits and quality control reference standards. 5 today (and 5 years ago.)

Joseph Wright - presentation for a demonstration of on-line registration.

Patrick Connor - Can hackers generate thousands of passwords and jam up the system?

Joseph Wright - Pre-assigned passwords can be reissued.

Alvin Bowles - Data includes those who have dropped out. Will take awhile to clean out.

Joseph Wright - On-line registration went live on November 14th. Twenty-three (23) pages of 2012 renewals as of today. System is working. Lots of calls about passwords. Can add units to existing property.

Patrick Connor / Mary Snyder Vogel - Can owners only check their own properties?

Joseph Wright - Will need to call in for other properties status.

Ruth Ann Norton - Property owner's object to checking on-line.

Patrick Connor - Environment Article 6-845 in law not in dB.

Ruth Ann Norton - Building it in?

Alvin Bowles - Not built in.

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Alvin Bowles - Pilot - online for the Department

Ruth Ann Norton - Price for public interface cost?

Joseph Wright - Can certainly ask.

Kathy Howard - Lead-free/lead-safe certificates?

Mary Snyder Vogel - What we need.

Alvin Bowles - Registration only.

Kathy Howard - Data base limitations?

Alvin Bowles - This was an introduction to the new on-line registration system. Joseph Wright can be contacted with future questions.

Patrick Connor - Registration only. Call MDE for public history of certificates?

Alvin Bowles - Yes.

Mary Snyder Vogel - Add contact number to first page?

Joseph Wright - Where?

Ruth Ann Norton / Kathy Howard / Pat McLaine - other options going forward.

Alvin Bowles - Seventeen (17) years to get here.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:39 AM after no one had any other comments.