

GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION
Maryland Department of the Environment
Approved Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 4, 2021

Documents Distributed:

- Consent Decree - Home Depot.pdf
- Draft Minutes 210107.pdf
- Final Agenda 210204.pdf
- GAP_StrategicPlanningAnalysisLCActions Updated on 01-29-21.pdf
- HB0049 Testimony of Maryland Lead Commission.FINAL.pdf
- HB0636_2021 Session_Testimony of Maryland Lead Commission Draft.pdf
- HB0636_School Buildings-Drinking Water OUtllets-Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act).pdf
- Outreach Materials for Lead Case Management.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Paula Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM with welcome and introductions.

Members Present:

Dalya Attar	Mary Beth Haller	Ruth Ann Norton
Benita Cooper	Cliff Mitchell	Manjula Paul
Anna Davis	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Susan Kleinhammer	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolni

Members Absent:

Jill Carter	Leonidas Newton	Christina Peusch
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Guests Present:

Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Dawn Joy-AMA	Georgella Samu-MDE
Shante Branch-MDE	Jonathan Klanderud-MDE	Wes Stewart-GHHI
Shelly Choo-MDH	Catherine Kutcher-GHHI	Marissa Tan-JHU
Chris Corzine-OAG	Kaley Laleker-MDE	Edward Thomas-HUD
Jack Daniels-DHCD	Kelsey McClain-GHHI	Patrick Wallis-HUD
Nicole Davis-Public	Wendy Phillips-MDE	
Lisa Horne-MDH	Victor Powell-HUD	

Approval of Minutes:

The January 7, 2021 minutes were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

- Discussion - Subcommittee on Impacts of COVID and lead testing and immunization:
Confirmed Subcommittee members would include Paul Rogers, Ruth Ann Norton, Shelly Choo, Barbara Moore, Paula Montgomery, Manjula Paul. Paula Montgomery indicated that she would provide Paul Rogers a confirmed list and email everyone listed in order to schedule a conference call and determine the goal of the subcommittee and what information is needed to achieve the goal. Paul Rogers suggested that the goal be to increase lead testing with two subgoals: 1) work with the American Academy of Pediatrics Maryland Chapter to support pediatricians and providers and 2) educate parents. Paul Rogers suggested that strategies to these goals be developed in the upcoming meetings. He also indicated that he would email Paula Montgomery some materials that can be disseminated to the Subcommittee in order to get a head start on creating some strategies in order to complete the goal. Paula Montgomery suggested an addition of a preliminary goal should be to look at the data to see what follow-up testing looks like which would be provided by MDE as outlined in the GAP Analysis.
- 2021 Legislation Discussion: Anna Davis discussed the below bills.
 - HB0049 Letter of Support: The Commission previously approved of the Letter of Support which was filed on January 22, 2021. This bill was heard on January 26, 2021.
 - HB0636 Letter of Support:
 - Paul Rogers provided suggestions and comments of adding an educational component to this letter. He recommended that the third paragraph indicate “water alone can contribute 20% to a person’s blood lead level and that it could cause learning problems, speech problems, as well as neurobehavioral disorders.” The American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter’s lead toxicity graph was previously revised to indicate 1 parts per billion instead of 5 ppb. The Healthy Homes website indicates the 1 parts per billion. Paul Rogers suggests that the letter be changed to indicate the 1 ppb instead of 5 ppb. Ruth Ann Norton agreed. Paul Rogers indicated that he would email Anna Davis his suggested changes to the letter.
 - It was further discussed that the bill be amended from 5ppb to 1ppb with the support of a legislator who would submit the amendment. Delegate Dalya Attar suggested to Ruth Ann Norton that she send her the actual bill amendment for review.
 - Wendy Phillips will send out a voting survey poll for HB0636 Letter of Support in order to take a vote on whether or not the Commission supports this bill and approves the letter. Once the poll has concluded, Anna Davis will file the final letter with the General Assembly.

- Ruth Ann Norton volunteered to provide Paula Montgomery bill tracking for other bills that the Commission is not necessarily following that may have an impact on lead poisoning (i.e. the clean energy loan fund) so that Paula Montgomery can circulate to the Commission as needed.
- Update/Dates for Open Forum/Grand Rounds for Healthcare Professionals: Cliff Mitchell provided the following update: Dates for the Forum/Grand Rounds will be February 24, 2021 at 12pm and 5pm, March 9, 2021 at 12pm and 5pm, March 23, 2021 at 5pm. The Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics will sponsor this event. Cliff Mitchell is currently working on slides for this presentation and will reach out to Paul Rogers for input. Cliff Mitchell is also drafting a clinician letter to be sent electronically as a package to all primary care providers. The electronic package will include information about lead testing, dates for the Forum/Grand Rounds CME presentations, a link for which they can visit to register, flyers in Spanish and English of the P1 and P2 Chip Programs, flyers for the DHCD Lead Abatement Program, flyers for the Home Visiting Program in the local health departments, and lastly the clinical case management guidelines.
- Presentation of Case Management Guidance and Outreach materials for Lead Case Management: Paula Montgomery presented the documents that MDH will be sending out with its clinician letter regarding Grand Rounds to the Commission. Electronic copies were previously provided to the Commission members and guests.
- Discussion - Consent Decree (Home Depot): Ruth Ann Norton will provide Paula Montgomery and Wendy Phillips the date for when the comment period expires as well as suggested drafted language for the Commission to submit in support of the money from the settlement not being placed into the general treasury fund but instead being placed into a lead poisoning prevention fund in an effort to eradicate lead.
- Discussion - GAP Analysis Yellow Highlights: Paula Montgomery is monitoring the progress of these items behind the scenes. The EPSDT will be addressed by the Subcommittee. Cliff Mitchell provided an update on the CMEs. The Hospital Community benefits will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Update on the Statewide Ad Campaign (Ruth Ann Norton & Camille Burke): Ruth Ann Norton indicated that GHHI and BCHD is ready to meet on this topic and that they have some funding from a foundation to help support this endeavor. If any Commissioner is interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact Ruth Ann Norton.

New Business:

- MDE-Environmental Case Management Presentation (LPPP): Jonathan Klanderud, Division Chief of the MDE Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, provided a presentation on how environmental investigations are performed statewide by MDE. At the conclusion of the presentation, the power point will be emailed directly to the Commission members.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health): Cliff Mitchell is in the process of compiling a formal evaluation report of the presentation on Universal Testing Outcomes & Lead Screening which Elizabeth Heitz presented to the Commission on December 3, 2020. When the report is finalized, Cliff Mitchell will provide the formal report to the Commission. Cliff Mitchell also expressed that a focus of MDH is to improve information management. MDH recently hired an IT analyst that will investigate how MDH manages information for environmental health across the state in state and local agencies. MDH will be working to improve its ability to make lead testing and lead level data available as part of its redesign and implementation of its environmental health tracking portal which it intends to launch later in 2021.
- **Maryland DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development: There were no comments or updates provided.
- **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **HABC** (Housing Authority of Baltimore City): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): There were no comments or updates provided.

Commissioner Comments and Updates:

There were no comments or updates provided.

Public Comments and Updates:

There were no comments or updates provided.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Anna Davis to adjourn the meeting. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:32.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2021 via Google Meet, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM.