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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION Thursday, December 2, 2021 · 9:30a–11:30a · Google Meet Approved Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- AAP News - Updated Blood Lead Reference Value.pdf
- CDC Actions Based on more than 3.5 Blood Lead Level.pdf
- Draft Minutes 211104.pdf
- Final Agenda 211202.pdf
- GAP_StrategicPlanningAnalysisLCActionsUpdate11.29.21.pdf
- Lead Safe 2021 - July Update with DHCD Update FINAL.pdf
- Parent Letter Final 11.17.21 signed.pdf
- Reporting Calendar 2021.pdf
- Reporting Calendar 2022.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Paula Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM with welcome and introductions.

Members Present:

Dalya Attar	Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton
Jacob Benzaquen	Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch
Jack Daniels	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Mary Beth Haller	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik

Members Absent:

Jill Carter	Anna Davis	Manjula Paul
Benita Cooper	Leonidas Newton	

Guests Present:

Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Jesmond Riggins-MD Senate
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Kathryn Hirabayashi-MDH	Cherise Roberts-GHHI
Shante Branch-MDE	Lisa Horne-MDH	Tim Rule-MDE
Camille Burke-BCHD	Dawn Joy-AMA	George Stewart-GHHI
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Kaley Laleker-MDE	Chris White-Arc Environmental
Chris Corzine-OAG	Victor Michelena-Kay Apartment	
Eamon Flynn-MDH	Katelyn Mullins-MDH	
Sheneka Frasier-Kyer-DHCD	Wendy Phillips-MDE	

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Paul Rogers, seconded by Susan Kleinhammer to accept the November 4, 2021 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

New Business

- **Baltimore County Lead Safe Recent HUD award:** Jason Harding, program manager from the Baltimore County Lead Safe Department of Housing and Community Development provided information about the money that was awarded to the agency for the next three years from HUD in the amount of 2 million dollars. The agency plans to use the funds to remediate 93 homes/rentals and test 100 homes for lead based paint or dust. The .pdf document titled, "Lead Safe 2021 - July Update with DHCD Update FINAL.pdf" was previously distributed to the commission and was discussed during this presentation.
- **Subcommittee on CDC New Lead Reference Level:** Wendy Phillips informed the group that the Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 2:30. Those that received an invitation to the meeting were: Cliff Mitchell, Kaley Laleker, Shante Branch, Barbara Moore, Camille Burke, Jacob Benzaquen, Manjula Paul, Paul Rogers, Paula Montgomery, and Ruth Ann Norton. Cliff Mitchell will chair the meeting and provide an overview of the draft agenda for this meeting.
- **Preparing Annual Lead Commission Report for Governor:** Paula Montgomery informed the Commission that the Lead Commission's Annual Report will be due January 1, 2022 to the Governor's Office. The report will highlight the Commission's prior year's accomplishments. Wendy Phillips along with Paula Montgomery will be working the upcoming weeks to prepare and finalize this report.

Old Business

- **2022 Legislation Discussion:**
 - **HB49: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance:** This bill died in the Environment and Transportation Committee in January. The bill will likely get reintroduced in the 2022 legislative session. Adam Skolnik stated Delegate Sandy Rosenberg still plans to move forward with supporting the bill with edits and submitting this legislation.
- **Update on Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee:**
 - Physician Letter Status - The letter has been signed and finalized but not yet sent out to the providers for concern about the message getting lost amongst overwhelming COVID announcements and information being sent at the same time.
 - Parent Letter Status - This letter has been posted on the MDH website as well as MDE website. Additionally, a copy of the letter was provided to local health departments. Cliff Mitchell volunteered MDH to translate the letter into multiple languages including Spanish.
- **Spending of Additional Surplus Money:** - Ruth Ann Norton provided clarification on this topic and suggested that she draft a letter to the Governor's Office advocating the use of the surplus money to change housing conditions, improve health and scale lead eradication in housing.
- **Review Reporting Calendar for 2022:** The Commission was previously provided the Draft Reporting Calendar 2022.pdf and used it to discuss the upcoming plans for the 2022 calendar year.
- **Discuss GAP Analysis:** Paula Montgomery discussed the handout titled "GAP_StrategicPlanningAnalysisLCActionsUpdate11.29.21.pdf" and updates were made to the document.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment): Shante Branch reported that the LRCA database is scheduled to live on Monday, December 6, 2021. Possible enhancements may be implemented in the future.
- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Maryland DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development: There were no comments or updates provided.
- **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): Camille Burke reported that BCHD is in the process of adding the Parent Letter to its website as well as changing Baltimore City Health Code to reflect the lower level of 5. Lastly, with the help of its sister department, environmental Health Services, the agencies were to provide Thanksgiving to a few families that otherwise would not have had it.
- **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.
- **GHHI** (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative): Wes Stewart reported that an invitation will be extended to the Commission for a HUD site visit which will celebrate HUD's 30 year anniversary of when one of the first HUD grants was issued to Baltimore City. During this meeting the progress of the city and state will be highlighted. They are anticipating the meeting to take place on December 13 or 14, 2021 and the schedule is in the process of being finalized.

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 Mary Beth Haller, seconded by Paula Montgomery. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 11:38am.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2021 via Google Meet, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM.