

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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## LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Thursday, February 3, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

### Approved Meeting Minutes

#### Documents Distributed:

- CY20 Lead Surveillance Annual Report-final.pdf
- Draft LPPC Annual Report CY21.pdf
- Draft Minutes 220106.pdf
- Final Agenda 220203.pdf
- HB0101F.pdf
- HB0174F.pdf
- HB174LC Support.pdf
- MDE Lead Commission Calendar 2022.pdf
- Meeting Schedule 2022.pdf
- Physician follow-up Lead Letter\_01252022.pdf

#### Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Paula Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

#### Members Present:

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

#### Members Absent:

Jill Carter	Leonidas Newton
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#### Guests Present:

Beatrice Amoateng-MGA	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Kathryn Hirabayashi-MDH	Cherise Roberts-GHHI
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Madison Russell-Public
Shante Branch-MDE	Lisa Horne-MDH	Kylan Simpson-MDH
Camille Burke-BCHD	Dawn Joy-AMA	Anastasia Solano-MDE
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Kaley Laleker-MDE	George Stewart-GHHI
Chris Corzine-OAG	Katelyn Mullins-MDH	Marcia Williams-BCDHCD
Eamon Flynn-MDH	Simon Penning-BCDHCD	Chris White-Arc Environmental

## **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Anna Davis to accept the January 6, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

## **Old Business:**

### ● **2022 Legislation Discussion**

- **Creation of Legislation Process Subcommittee:** Paula Montgomery recommended that the Commission reestablish a Legislative Subcommittee in order to track legislation and take action in between the Lead Commission meetings. The members of the Legislative Subcommittees will be as follows: Anna Davis, Adam Skolnik, Susan Kleinhammer, Christina Peusch, Ruth Ann Norton, and Dalya Attar (Dalya reached out to her Ethics Counsel to see if she can participate in the Legislative Subcommittee. She is waiting to hear back from them. Over the next few weeks the Legislative Subcommittee will meet to discuss the below bills and review upcoming ones:
- **[HB101: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance](#)** sponsored by Delegate Sandy Rosenberg. The Commission plans to support this bill. During the 2021 legislative session, this bill was introduced as HB49 and died in the Environment and Transportation Committee.
- **[HB108: Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs - Energy Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing](#)** sponsored by Delegate Charkoudian. Ruth Ann made the Commission aware of HB108 and recommended the Legislative Subcommittee further discuss this bill and take any recommended actions.
- **[HB174 = Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Registration and License Information](#)** sponsored by Delegate Mary Lehman. The Commission plans to support this bill
  - **Letter of Support HB174:** Paula Montgomery previously drafted a Letter of Support for HB174, however the bill was heard on January 18, 2022 and the letter was not able to be finalized prior to the hearing. The Commission generally has two days prior to the hearing in order to electronically submit any letters of support or opposition.

### ● **Update on Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee**

- **Parent Letter Status:** The letter was posted on the MDH website as well as MDE website. Additionally, a copy of the letter was provided to local health departments. The Parent letter was translated into 16 different languages by MDH and will be shared on multiple agency websites.
- **Clinical Update Letter:** Physician follow-up Lead Letter\_01252022 was distributed on January 28, 2022 to the entire clinical community of the state through MDE's health alert network. Wendy Phillips provided a copy of the letter to the Commission at the conclusion of the meeting. The letter highlighted guidance for providers regarding new CDC blood lead reference level and other matters pertaining to lead testing for children.

### ● **Continued discussions on Format of Health Department Open Forum:** Paula Montgomery suggested that the Forum be changed from March to May 2022. Paula volunteered to create a draft agenda for the meeting and made suggestions to include topics such as the agencies' role in lead (i.e. MDE, MDH, DHCD, GHHI, Health Departments), what each agency can offer; as well as provide a case summary. Cliff Mitchell suggested time be allotted to have an open discussion to allow the local health departments to discuss their challenges regarding lead and explore what the community and Commission should be thinking about in terms of the next phase of Lead Poisoning Prevention and needed responses in the state. He suggested that everyone during this time come up with a strategic plan for lead that takes into account the current statewide condition and provides some advice on how to manage the Commission moving forward. This open discussion should be a conversation with the health departments around communication, education, and enforcement, and discussing where the Commission should prioritize. Paula Montgomery will provide a preliminary forum agenda to share with the Commission.

### **New Business:**

- **MDE Lead Commission 2022 Calendar Reminder:** March Updates will include DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives (Jack Daniels)
- **Approval of Annual Report CY21:** The Annual Report CY21 was provided to the Commission prior to the meeting and reviewed at the meeting. No questions or concerns were raised and the Annual Report CY21 was sent to the Governor's Office at the conclusion of the meeting on February 11, 2022.
- **Medical and Environmental Case Management Presentation (Paula Montgomery):** Paula Montgomery shared a powerpoint presentation that will be made available to the commission upon request. All information in the powerpoint presentation was detailed in the Annual Report that was previously provided to the Commission in the document titled [CY20 Lead Surveillance Annual Report-final.pdf](#).

### **Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:**

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health)** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community)** 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.
- **GHHI (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative):** There were no comments or updates provided.

### **Commissioner Comments and Updates:**

There were no comments or updates provided.

### **Public Comments and Updates:**

Walter Clews mentioned that it is not possible to currently identify the "Age of Properties" prior to 1994 in the Department of Assessments and Taxation website. As a contractor it is helpful to identify whether contractors need to implement lead safe work practices or not but that information is not readily available. Paula Montgomery asked Walter Clews to send us the particular property and Paula indicated she will look into this. Also, Walter Clews wanted clarification regarding if there was another reduction in the lead number in the future, what would happen to all the properties that are currently considered lead free but would not meet the current reduction number. He wants to know if the homes would be required to test again. Adam Skolnik indicated that the homes that had certificates would be grandfathered in. The reduction in number would not invalidate the prior certification.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Adam Skolnik. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

### **Future Meeting Date:**

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.