

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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## LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

October 6, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

### Approved Meeting Minutes

#### Documents Distributed:

- Draft Agenda 221006.pdf
- Draft Minutes 220901.pdf
- Top 3 Objectives (Responses).pdf
- Project ECHO for MD LPPC.pdf
- Lead Surveillance Mid-Year 2021 Report.pdf
- MDHBloodLeadTestingCertificate\_4620\_Revised2022\_Draft\_v3\_watermark.pdf

#### Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions and introduced the Principal of Henderson Hopkins School, Peter Kannam. Peter Kannam indicated that Derick the Dinosaur greeted the students of the school in order to bring attention to lead poisoning prevention awareness and childrens' environmental health month while emphasizing how to be healthy. Peter Kannam welcomed the Commission and shared a little background of the school and his own experience with a student who had lead poisoning. Horatio Tablada also gave welcome remarks.

#### Members Present:

Benita Cooper	Cliff Mitchell	Manjula Paul
Jack Daniels	Paula Montgomery	Christina Peusch
Anna Davis	Barbara Moore	Paul Rogers
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	

#### Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Jacob Benzaquen	Adam Skolnik
Senator Jill Carter	Mary Beth Haller	

#### Guests Present:

Tina Alley-Public	Lanae Christian-Lifebridge Health	Alexia Jones-GHHI
Frederick Banks-MDE	Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Peter Kannam-Henderson Hopkins
Robert Baron-MIA	Chris Corzine-OAG	Jonathan Klanderud-MDE
Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Shamola Dye-MDE	Kaley Laleker-MDE
Thea Becton-HUD	Eamon Flynn-MDH	D'ultra Lee-Lifebridge Health
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Tria Morris-Public
Aaliyah Brice-GHHI	Don Howard-Public	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Camille Burke-BCHD	Darlene Israel-MDH	Victor Powell-HUD

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Christina Peusch to accept the September 1, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

### **Next Month Topic Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: November 2022:**

- MSDE/OCC Update Report (Manjula Paul)
- Health Department Open Forum

### **Old Business**

- **Lead Commission Recognition and Awards:** Yearly, the Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission aims to recognize excellence, innovation, and leadership from within the Lead Poisoning Prevention community. The Commission members voted amongst the nominees previously submitted and the following nominees received an award:
  - George Wesley Stewart was awarded with the Outstanding Child Health Environmental Advocate Award 2022
  - Barbara Moore was awarded Outstanding Advocate Award 2022
  - Wendy Phillips was awarded Special Recognition Award 2022
- **Results of Objective Survey:** In September 2022, Wendy Phillips sent a survey to the Commissioners asking them for their top 3 objectives that they would like to see the Commission achieve on behalf of the state over the next several months. The results document titled, “Top 3 Objectives (Responses).pdf” was sent to the Commission and discussed at the meeting.
- **Lead Week:** Ruth Ann Norton informed the Commission that Lead Week will begin on Sunday, October 23, 2022. There will be a joint agency social media campaign with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI), Baltimore City and others.
  - **GHHI:** Ruth Ann Norton reported that on Monday, October 24, 2022, GHHI will launch the 1k home project in Baltimore. GHHI will be providing full funding for 1 thousand families in Baltimore to do energy efficiency, full lead hazard control, weatherization, asthma reduction, and trip and fall injury all in one holistic approach to housing. On October 25, 2022 there is a tour for Derek the Dinosaur who will be doing a book read around the area. GHHI will also be hosting other events throughout the week.
  - **MDH:** Cliff Mitchell reported that MDH will be stressing the importance of the key messages for the 2022 Lead Poisoning Prevention Week as 1) The transition from 5 micrograms to 3.5 micrograms on October 28, 2022 for notification of parents and property owners if there is a child who is found to have a lead level of 3.5 micrograms per deciliter or above and 2) Continued importance of children getting testing.
  - **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camille Burke reported that BCHD will be partnering with the Enoch Pratt Library and will be there each day of Lead Week to engage in conversations with the public. On October 17, 2022 BCHD will relaunch its media campaign which will run through December 2022.
  - **Baltimore County:** An employee from Baltimore County informed the Commission that it is doing in-person events and also for the entire month of October it will be running ads on Maryland Public Television and WBAL-TV 11 Baltimore.

## **New Business**

- **Public Educational Video/Reels from MDE (Paula Montgomery):** Paula Montgomery with the assistance of MDE's Office of Communications, developed an educational video which was shown to the Commission. To see the video you can click on the following link <https://youtu.be/sEOIOELg250>. The video will serve as a kick off with plans to do additional videos in the future discussing the different resources available.
- **MIA Reporting (Benita Cooper):** Benita Cooper addressed the concerns that were raised in the New York Times article "Copy of How 2 Industries Stymied Justice for Young Lead Paint Victims". The article was initially discussed and provided to the Commission for the April 7, 2022 meeting. Benita Cooper gave some background on the article and informed the Commission that the issues raised in the article have not been an issue in the state of Maryland.
- **Preliminary Data Report on Childhood Lead Registry (CY2021 Childhood Lead Surveillance in MD Report) (MDE) (LPPP):** The Commission was provided a copy of a powerpoint presentation titled, "Lead Surveillance Mid-Year 2021 Report.pdf" which Rena Boss-Victoria discussed at the Commission meeting.

**Pending Legislative Action Dates:** No new updates.

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

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Paula Montgomery indicated that MDE applied for a HUD grant, which is currently pending, for a study to evaluate lead hazards at lower blood lead levels.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell provided the Commission a revised Blood Lead Testing Certificate MDH Form 4620 titled, "MDHBloodLeadTestingCertificate\_4620\_Revised2022\_Draft\_v3\_watermark.pdf" and explained what revisions were made to the form. If there are no further revisions the form will be submitted to become the new official form.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development:** No updates provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camille Burke reported that BCHD had an influx of 8 applicants for sanitarian and 7 of the 8 will be hired. BCHD is forging a partnership with Morgan State's Environmental Science & Food and Nutrition with the intent on increasing sanitarians for BCHD.
- **MDAAP (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter):** Paul Rogers provided the Commission the document titled, "Project ECHO for MD LPPC.pdf" and indicated that the ECHO program is now in place and MDAAP's goal is to work with 17 pediatric practices to see how testing, follow-up, education, and counseling of families can all be improved. The program will continue for 9 months and go through April. Paul Rogers indicated that he will be sharing information that MDAAP achieves from this special study.
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City):** No updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development):** No updates provided.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care):** No updates provided.
- **MIA (Maryland Insurance Administration):** No updates provided.
- **GHHI (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative):** No updates provided.

**Commissioner Comments and Updates:** No comments or updates provided.

**Public Comments and Updates:** No comments or updates provided.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

## **Future Meeting Date:**

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