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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION November 3, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet Approved Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- Draft Minutes 221006.pdf
- Final Agenda 221103.pdf
- REGULATIONS TEXT - 10.11.04.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions and also thanked those that attended the October Commission meeting at Henderson Hopkins School.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Anna Davis
Senator Jill Carter	

Guests Present:

Akua Boatema-MDH	Shamola Dye-MDE	Candace Scott-MDH
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Eamon Flynn-MDH	Tiana Sheppard-GHHI
Aaliyah Brice-GHHI	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Wes Stewart-GHHI
Camille Burke-BCHD	Colleen Hess-BCHD	Jillian Storms-MSDE
Subha Chandar-MDH	Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Horacio Tablada-MDE
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Darlene Israel-MDH	Katherine Taylor-BCHD
Stephanie Cobb-Williams-MDE	Dawn Joy-AMA	Chris White-Arc Environmental
Samantha Cribbs-HCHD	Wendy Phillips-MDE	Marcia Williams-BCDHCD
Nasu Conteh-FCHD	Tiffany Pride-MDH	
Chris Corzine-OAG	Tim Rule-MDE	

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Barbara Moore, seconded by Benita Cooper to accept the October 6, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

December Topic Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar:

- MDH Evaluation of Universal Testing and Updates on Home Visits (Cliff Mitchell)

Old Business:

- Review of Lead Week: Ruth Ann Norton and Cliff Mitchell briefly reviewed the Lead Poisoning Prevention week activities and its success.

New Business:

- **MSDE/OCC Update Report:** Manjula Paul presented a short PowerPoint report on the prevention of lead poisoning for children attending registered child care homes and child care centers. The PowerPoint presentation titled, “Child Care Facility Lead Inspection Report”, highlighted the Maryland Department of Education and Division of Early Childhood Leadership; Definitions: Child Care Programs: Licensed and Regulated; COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts; Childcare Program Numbers and Children Capacity; COMAR: Facility Inspection and Children Testing’ Licensing Inspection Report; and Considerations.
 - Manjula Paul shared the Child Care Scholarship Program link with the Commission.
<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program>
 - Christina Peusch shared a link for regions for reporting unlicensed child care and stated that a provider is issued a license or registration and should have it conspicuously posted.
<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/licensing/regional-licensing-offices>
- **Draft Regulations on Lead Testing:** Cliff Mitchell briefly discussed and provided the Commission a document “REGULATIONS TEXT - 10.11.04.pdf” which is a copy of the draft regulations from the department on revision of the blood lead testing regulations and requirements for health care providers.
- **Health Department Open Forum:** Cliff Mitchell and Ruth Ann Norton facilitated open discussions between the the below listed individuals and the Commissioners to allow the local health departments to discuss their challenges regarding lead explore and 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. The purpose of the Open Forum would be to identify challenges the local health departments are facing (i.e. reaching out to the families, outreach and education materials, etc.), identify how the Commission can better assist the departments and work together and assure more consistencies across the state, learn about resources the health departments can obtain from MDE and MDH, review new regulations, review new funding available, and discuss the impacts of COVID (i.e. what has been successful and what has not been successful moving forward as part of case management).

In Attendance was:

- Candace Scott, Program Manager for the medicaid home visiting program for children exposed to lead or with moderate to severe persistent asthma
- Tiffany Price, Washington County Health Department, MDH
- Nasu Conteh, Coordinator for the lead and asthma program at the Frederick County Health Department
- Colleen Hess, Nursing Supervisor for Baltimore County’s Lead and Asthma Program
- Samantha Cribbs, Program Supervisor for the maternal infant Health Program, Howard County Health Department
- Cambile Burk, Director of Lead Program for Baltimore City Health Department

AgencyHot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment): No updates at this time.
- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health): No updates at this time.
- **Maryland DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development: Jack Daniels provided an update that the program on healthy homes for healthy kids continues to advance and extend outreach to reach

more applicants. Funds remaining for this year will likely be spent. The Baltimore City Lead Initiative \$4million grant was paused due to COVID but has since restarted and DHCD now has received 10 applications and will begin to work on getting the abatement projects started and completed. DHCD has lost some employees and is currently working with limited staff.

- **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): Camile Burke informed the Commission that BCHD adopted a family that it serves. BCHD recognized that the family had other needs with which it could assist through the holidays.
- **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter): Paul Rogers commented that MDAAP is in its third month of the ECHO Program with a total of 16 practices participating and provided a brief status.
- **HABC** (Housing Authority of Baltimore City): No updates at this time.
- **Baltimore City DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development): Katherine Taylor commented that COVID caused a pause in unit production but that unit production has now started again. Also, DHCD currently has 2 active grants.
- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care): Manjula Paul reported that OCC is working with BCHD to develop a free 2 hour webinar training on lead, asthma, allergy environment exposure and prevention. This training will provide 2 continuing education credits to the child care provider. The training will be published in the coming months.
- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): No Updates Provided.
- **GHHI** (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative): Ruth Ann Norton indicated that GHHI is now accepting applications for 1k homes in the City of Baltimore with a priority on East Baltimore for whole house healthy homes repair which includes everything such as solar, weatherization, asthma reduction, and lead hazard control injury prevention. GHHI met with MDE to urge that it advance funds on public education and support and on legal services to help families and owners of properties.

Commissioner Comments and Updates: No comments and updates.

Public Comments and Updates: No public comments and updates.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.