

## GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21230

(APPROVED 4/1/10)

Thursday, March 4, 2010

### COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Eric Lomboy, Alvin Bowles, Patrick Connor, Cheryl Hall, Edward Landon, Patricia McLaine, Barbara Moore and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

### COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Melbourne Jenkins, Nathaniel Oaks, Valerie Paton (Shirley Corbin representative), Pam Putman, and Linda Roberts.

### GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Papi – JHHC, Sammi Turner – JHHC, Mary LaCasse – DHMH, Donniece Gooden – CECLP, Kirsten Day – MDE and Tracy Smith – MDE.

- I. Introductions - The meeting began at 9:50 am.
- II. Old Business - In regard to last meeting's minutes (February), Pat McLaine had corrections - suggested we hold approval of minutes until corrected – February's minutes will be approved at the March meeting.
- III. Future Meeting Dates – First Thursday of every month. All meetings are scheduled to meet 9:30 am – 11:30 am at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2010.**
- IV. Update from 2010 Plan Taskforce  
**Pat McLaine reporting on 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Task Force** – a response was received from Bonnie Birkel in response to the letter. The Committee has come up with ten suggestions. Everyone has copies of these suggestions. The Plan next month is to move onto next section – “Targeting” – some overlap with what we've done so the group may get to “Surveillance” as well.

## **Agency Updates:**

### **MDE**

Alvin – hand held testing devices comment – letter to health and mental hygiene asking for Maryland to recognize the waiver for the hand held device. Pat McLaine will send another letter to Bonnie Birkel for comments. No news on Court of Appeals case. Legislation to put in back up plan is currently being set aside. Concern over cost of Bill 422, renovation, repair and painting – it's been tabled for now. Ed Landon asked if when the rule comes into effect. Will EPA enforce it? Answer is yes.

### **DHMH**

Mary LaCasse – Pam Putman is back on a part-time basis.

### **DHCD**

Ed Landon – currently working on legislation.

### **Baltimore City Health Dept.**

Eric Lomboy – Still no new health commissioner. Healthy Housing, Healthy Homes and the Coalition received grants. Baltimore City Health Department's new attorney is Lee Ann Hopkins, Director of Sanitarians and Public Health Investigators for Lead and Healthy Homes. **Genevieve** Birkley has been elevated to the Special Initiative Section, and Kate-Scott Nell is with Asthma and Healthy Homes. Eric will be out in June attending a HUD meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. He will have a proxy sitting in for him.

### **Office of Childcare**

Cheryl Hall – Thank you for submitting suggestions for data collection. Rejected for now. Provider had a visual inspection done. It was not clear that lead was the hazard, just a suggestion that she replace her windows. Cheryl suggested the inspector go back to MDE for more guidance. Eric recommended sending the property owner to the “new” Lead Program in Baltimore County – Rebecca Daniels. Alvin recommended the property owner call John O'Brien, at MDE, to ask about this particular inspector. Office of Childcare is losing staff due to retirements.

Pat McLaine mentioned the Demolition Bills were being heard for a vote, in the House, today and tomorrow. The Commission did not vote to write a letter of support – no quorum.

There is a manual on case management from CDC – suggest nurses get a hold of this or call Kennedy Krieger.

Pat McLaine suggested more training – maybe on-line. Comes back to oversight of nurses – will talk about it when we look at case management.

McLaine suggested commission support demolition bill. People can get unknowingly exposed during demolition. HB759- demolition. Two other bills as well. Intent of bill is to take standards currently in City statewide. Pat proposed the Commission go on record to support the Demolition Bill.

## **MIA – No representative**

Ed Landon says bill goes too far and is cost prohibitive. There are good parts but it goes too far. Staff was working on cost issues. Time and money issues.

Cheryl Hall thinks Baltimore City standard isn't working and is concerned about expanding it for that reason.

Donniece Gooden – talked about dust bill. Coalition supports it totally. She spoke about why.

Cheryl Hall asked if XRF is apart of this. Answer is no.

Patrick Connor explained XRFs and what they can do.

Ed Landon says it's a cost and time issue. Turn around time for dust is greater.

Donniece Gooden said main concern for property owners is the cost.

Patrick Connor believes if Bill just mandated dust, you wouldn't have the resistance. Regulations require 77% of Pos that are doing the dust to do 10 steps that have been shown to not be effective. 23% believe that 10 steps plus visual are effective.

Eric Lomboy asked is argument was made to opposition that even though numbers are way down, there are still two many PCs. Mary Vogel says good answer is that because 77% are doing dust, that's why the numbers have come down so much.

Ed Landon says this has to be sold to a legislative body.

Barbara Moore said doing a graph of how many POs were doing dust test at any given year and how levels have come down as % have gone up might be helpful. Also talked about costs of chelation.

Ed Landon says the delegates are only looking at short term costs. Grants and such to help pay don't always help people.

Pat McLaine says we need to be aware that children who have levels of 5 have trouble achieving. We're paying in other ways. Dust testing does a better job of reducing levels than visual.

Eric Lomboy – if it doesn't pass this year, take out 10 step process and only do dust testing. Eric will talk to Ruth Ann Norton on a personal level about this issue.

Meeting adjourned 11:25 am.