

GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore MD 21230

October 6, 2011

APPROVED Minutes (11/3/11)

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alvin Bowles, Patrick Connor, Maura Dwyer, M.D., Cheryl Hall, Melbourne Jenkins, Edward Landon, Pat McLaine, Delegate Nathaniel Oaks, Linda Roberts, and Mary Snyder-Vogel.

COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Barbara Moore

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Nancy Servatius – DHMH, Geraldine Woodson – BCHD, Dana Schmidt -MMHA, Donna Messick – WCHD (via conference phone), Harolda Hedd-Kenu – BCHS Intern, Wes Stewart – CECLP, Kathy Howard – MMHA, John O'Brien – MDE, and Tracy Smith - MDE.

INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting began at about 9:40am – Alvin presiding. July and September minutes: motion to adopt by Ed Landon and seconded by Cheryl Hall. Alvin Bowles commented that no opposition was duly noted and asked if there was any further discussion or change.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

November 3rd and December 1st in the AERIS conference room at MDE. The Commission will meet from 9:30am - 10:30am. The Summer Study will meet from 10:30am-12:00pm.

Alvin Bowles said that updates on the 2010 task force will be presented later by Pat McLaine.

Alvin Bowles – Discussed new changes to the lead law. A draft copy of regulation changes were presented [which were primarily for changes to dust wipe (inspections)]. No changes in the proposed regulations other than changes to the (lead) law.

Alvin Bowles – Both emergency (which will be in effect for 6 months) and the public comment method for regulation approval will be proposed.

Alvin Bowles – Discussed regulation changes, including the definition of lead hazard risk reduction treatments (full risk vs. modified) that were strictly based on (the) law changes. Shall to may, may to shall may have changed a couple of times in the proposed regulation changes.

Alvin Bowles – Discussed the definition of chipping, flaking paint, modified (risk reduction consists of) treatments plus a dust test, and that modified (risk reduction) meets a full (risk reduction). Still have Supervisor Statements of Work but not tenants' sign-offs. Still need an inspector to sign-off.

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Patrick Connor – Question about a dust test for a modified (risk reduction). Specifically if exteriors and common areas requires intact paint since not a lot of inspectors do modified (risk reductions.)

Alvin Bowles – No difference that full risk reduction requirements. Inspectors have to perform modify (risk reduction inspections) like a full (risk reduction.) Existing language has been moved to a different section in the proposed regulations. Emergency regulations (to be) in place by January 1, 2012. Same path for permanent regulations.

Ed Landon – Regulations to be in effect w/in 6 months?

Alvin Bowles – Up to 6 months. Emergency regulations cancelled if/when permanent regulation adoption occurs.

Patrick Connor – Annual inspector meetings.

Alvin Bowles – Inspector meetings will be in November. (Law/regulation) information to be included in (rental) property registration renewals, will be on MDE's web-site, and everyone that MDE can get information out to.

Ed Landon – Will Lead Commissioners be notified of the lead meetings?

Alvin Bowles – Yes. Anything else? Missed?

Pat McLaine – Question on how on-line registration is proceeding.

Alvin Bowles – Yes. On-line registration is expected to be on-line by November 14th.

Wes Stewart – Question on payment methods.

Alvin Bowles – Credit cards but to get back to Wes about checks. MDE has been getting prepped and ready for on-line registration and the implementation date for this has been pushed back a couple of times.

Pat McLaine – Is there an e-mail list of owners when on-line?

Alvin Bowles – MDE does not have a list.

Pat McLaine – Can Commission members be e-mailed when on-line?

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Alvin Bowles – Yes. On-line registration will save phone calls and time going through returns. Hopefully there will be a big usage (of on-line registration.) Less time will be spent on going through returned boxes.) On-line registration will provide for a better query for payments. Letters (to be sent) for non-payers and non-renewers. No one had any further questions.

Pat McLaine – The task force will be moving ahead in the next couple of months. A 1st draft of two sections has been submitted.

Alvin Bowles – Thoughts on the 2020 plan? Alvin Bowles to meet with Patrick Connor next week for data.

Mary Snyder-Vogel – Comparable?

Pat McLaine – Look @ HUD? 2010 comparable to 2020?

Alvin Bowles – Forward thoughts and comments to Pat McLaine.

Wes Stewart talked about the Safe and Healthy Homes Investment Partnerships (SHHIP) application process. HUD awards 2 extra bonus points (for programs that are enrolled in the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative.) Private/public investments (including philanthropic.) CBMG (?) intervention, safety, and allergens. Intergrated, makes sense but difficult. Philanthropic, mold, pest, and weatherization. 2 bonus points if you have this certification. Must have a single portal. One application for a single house. Comments to HUD will be accepted until October 14, 2011. Modeled after Baltimore Healthy Homes and other sites. Primarily affects HUD 1st.

Alvin Bowles – How does this work for the Baltimore City Health Departments and Housing and Community Development?

Wes Stewart – Acceptable to the HUD representative but only get credit for 2 points.

Alvin Bowles – Implementation time?

Wes Stewart – By the (next) funding round (2013 CBMG.)

Alvin Bowles – Similar to the empowerment zone?

Wes Stewart – Yes.

Wes Stewart – Baltimore City did not get funding and is trying to put \$ 3-4 million back for Baltimore City. DHCD is trying to fill in this gap. Thank you to DHCD for contributing > \$ 1 million.

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\$939,000 production grant (through) healthy homes. For 200 homes (injuries, allergens) but little money for lead hazard reductions.

Linda Roberts – How do you track money? Where applied?

Wes Stewart – Johns Hopkins performs pre and post assessments. Emergency room visits, missed school, indoor allergens. HEPA vacuums given (out). Clearance tests for lead. Allergens, carpet removal. Pest management, dust, mice, water in gutters. Missing work, school, etc. 40 % of asthma cases are triggered in the home. Energy consumption. Children staying in the home and move on.

Linda Roberts – How do you choose 200 properties?

Wes Stewart – Referrals. < 4 unit buildings. Flood plan.

Linda Roberts – Similar to SHHIP?

Wes Stewart – Designation. Want the points.

Ed Landon – Press conference release?

Wes Stewart – \$ 500,000 to 1.6 million

Ed Landon – (Per) building?

Wes Stewart – Have at least 90. Asthma is a huge cost burden. Inhaler prescriptions can get filled at emergency rooms.

Alvin Bowles – Webinar next week to discuss possible cuts in CDC funding. Will try to listen in on and share (information). Encouraging getting in touch with Senators. Problems looming. Filling in a \$ 250,000 – 300,000 cut this year. Wes, do you have any more information?

Wes Stewart – Lead budgets have been cut. CDE to HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration)? More money. Home visits. May get zeroed out. Senator Harkins (proposing) more money for home visiting related to lead.

Alvin Bowles – CDC's commitment now is \$600,000 for 2013 and 2014. Currently is

\$500,000 – 800,000. Further cuts will hurt Baltimore City, Wicomico County, and MDE. Hurt by new formula (state vs. city). The maximum now is \$ 600,000. Other states have taken similar hits.

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Agency Updates

Ed Landon - DHCD

Emergency Mortgage program ended September 30th. 1,400 loans (were approved), which was 300 more than was anticipated. HUD increased the money for mortgage issues that was awarded from \$36.1 to 56.6 million.

State Energy Building codes will be adopted by January 1, 2012. Livability, re-hab, green code will be adopted in 2012. Training is available for ICC certification in Harford County and Hagerstown. DHCD pays for the classes and ICC certification. Includes energy regulation and plan reviews. Information is on the web-site but anyone can call me with questions. Training starts in November. Contact Jim Magliano at (410) 514-7220. 350 energy code books (are available).

Patrick Connor – Architects/developers can go but not subsidized?

Ed Landon – All who are accepted in the class are eligible for the ICC certification.

Mary Snyder-Vogel - KKI

Process was easy and not difficult. People were treated well. (Wish) more people could have been helped.

Linda Roberts - Property Owner Post 1949

Commended the work of DHCD.

Maura Dwyer, M.D. – DHMH

No update

Cheryl Hall - Office of Child Care

No update

Delegate Nathaniel Oaks

No update

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Donna Messick – Wicomico County Health Department – via conference phone
No update

Geraldine Woodson - BCHD Healthy Homes
No update

Meeting adjourned @ 10:20 A.M.