

GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION
Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)
Approved Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2020

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Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Paula Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM with welcome and introductions.

Members Present:

Anna Davis	Paula Montgomery	Manjula Paul
Mary Beth Haller	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik
Cliff Mitchell	Leonida Newton	

Members Absent:

Jill Carter	Susan Kleinhammer
Benita Cooper	Christina Peusch

Guests Present:

Mark Borgoyne-MDE	Ludeen Green-GHHI	Ruth Ann Norton-GHHI
Christina Ardito-MDE	Colleen Hess-BCHD	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Camille Burke-BCHD	Lisa Horne-MDH	Tim Rule-MDE
Allison Cantos-GHHI	Dawn Joy-AMA	Georgella Samu-MDE
Chris Corzine-OAG	Saeid Kasraei-MDE	Edward Thomas-HUD
Nicole Davis-Public	Kaley Laleker-MDE	Daniel Zanchettin-MGA
Eamon Flynn-MDH	Jamal Lewis-GHHI	

Approval of Minutes:

The September 3, 2020 minutes were amended. All present Commissioners were in favor of the amendments; the amended minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- Review MDE Lead Commissions Calendar: Paula Montgomery discussed the revised MDE Lead Commission Calendar which specifies which agencies would report to the Commission annually for the remainder of 2020 and onward. For the November meeting, MDE will be reporting on the Childhood Lead Registry. Additionally, adding an Open Forum to the calendar for the local health departments was discussed. The date for the Open Forum is still to be determined. The Open Forum would be structured like a grand round with a section for Q&A. Materials for the meeting would be provided electronically prior to the meeting date. The purpose of the Open Forum would be to identify what 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). Paula Montgomery (MDE), Barbara Moore (MWPH), Ludeen Green (GHHI), and Allison Cantos (GHHI) will be working together on the details of this meeting. More discussions will be forthcoming on the subject.
- Applications for Commissioner Reappointment: Commissioners will be notified when to submit applications for reappointment.
- Review of letter to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) re: recommendation for a representative on the Lead Commission: A letter was sent to the AAP on September 25, 2020 requesting its recommendations in order to fill the new position for the Commission vacancy from Senate Bill 18 which became effective October 1, 2020.
- Grant Opportunities Available to Child Care Centers (WSP): A presentation was given by Tim Rule of the Water Supply Program of the MDE and the slide presentation was provided to members and guests prior to the meeting. Paula Montgomery suggested that Tim Rule and Manjula Paul give an update in a few months on how the Commission could be of any service to their programs as well as update the Commission with how the process is going and some of the challenges being faced.
- Review Gap Analysis Recommendations: The Commission reviewed the updated document. Continued updates and discussions pertaining to the Gap Analysis Recommendations will continue in November's meeting.

New Business:

- 2021 Legislation Discussion: The Legislative Subcommittee will be headed by Anna Davis and will be responsible for reporting on bills and monitoring the legislative session. Subcommittee members are Anna Davis, Adam Skolnik, and Susan DiGaetano-Kleinhammer. The Legislative Subcommittee had a recent meeting to suggest some legislative considerations to present for this coming year.
 - Adam Skolnik shared with the Commission the following legislative considerations:
 - Owner occupied housing and a possible tax credit or reduction in transfer taxes at the local level as a way to incentivize people who are buying pre-78 housing to actually get the property tested. A possible methodology was discussed and how to work with the realtors.
 - Providing proof of RRP training from contractors prior to permitting home improvements in pre-78 housing. Because permits are pulled at the local level, this type of legislation would not be able to be implemented as statewide legislation. Further discussions with the cities and counties would be needed.
 - Ludeen Green shared the following legislative priorities for GHHI for the 2021 session:
 - Previous Bills (HB1475 and HB475) regarding reduction of lead in school water did not pass the 2020 legislative session. GHHI discussed what the best practice should be and suggested that the action level in Maryland should be a 5 or below regarding remediation with lead in water at schools.
 - Increasing funding and scaling investment for remediation.
 - Redirecting COVID funding to Healthy Homes.
 - Coordinating efforts with other commissions, subgroups to be on a taskforce with other Commission Members to have a stronger approach for lead and for other investments.
- Discussion of list of Point of Care Testing Facilities: Paula Montgomery indicated that she will have the Clinics with Point of Care list updated by county and provide the updated list to the commission.
- Lead Action Level in Water (Email Comments): Prior to the meeting, the Commission was provided a document on this subject. There were no comments or updates provided at the meeting.
- Outreach and Education Materials for Families Affected by Lead: Due to the challenges of diverse populations and language barriers being faced, Paula Montgomery called for volunteers to help MDE develop education materials (i.e. brochures or documents) that are population specific in order to improve its global communication strategy. Social Media was also discussed as a way to provide education. MDE will be providing daily posts on social media during lead week about lead poisoning prevention. Cliff Mitchell volunteered to have any new materials created translated into any language. Further discussion on this subject will be during future meetings.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **Maryland Department of the Environment:** Paula Montgomery indicated that Lead Week is fast approaching and she is working with the Office of Communications to create daily social media announcements. Additionally, during the same week, MDE will be announcing the findings of the annual report.
- **Maryland Department of Health:** Cliff Mitchell provided the following current events:
 - Most of the local health departments are still highly committed to COVID response but they are still responding to lead levels.
 - Cliff plans to do a case management webinar for all 24 jurisdictions the month of October and on a monthly basis to follow-up on case management issues.
 - The Medicaid and CHIP programs have funding that is available for owner occupied homes and smaller unit rental facilities. Cliff is looking for opportunities to make more people aware of this and asked the Commissioners to share that information with others.
 - Elizabeth Heitz finished her evaluation of the surveillance program. In the future MDH will report on the results of the evaluation of the 2016 regulatory change and its impact on the testing across the state.
 - MDH is talking with the P2 and the DHCD Programs and is looking at more engagement with the Medicaid managed care organization as a whole to improve coordination on case management moving forward.
 - MDH is working with GHHI on lead poisoning prevention week activities and will coordinate with MDE to reinforce any common message.
 - Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics will be doing outreach and CME associated with lead testing. MDH could incorporate point of care testing into the CME.
- **Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development:** Camille Burke provided the following:
 - BCHD has done some point of care testing and met with all the Federally Qualified Health Centers. BCHD is in the process of purchasing additional point of care testing machines for 8 total health care sites.
 - During the upcoming childhood lead poisoning prevention week BCHD will be re-integrating their campaign on bus stops, kiosks, metro stations, and partnering with recreations and parks to distribute materials.
- **Baltimore City Health Department:** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Office of Child Care:** Manjula Paul reported that 82% of the childcare facilities have been reopened and they are providing them technical support and virtual inspections.
- **Maryland Insurance Administration:** There were no comments or updates provided.

Commissioner Comments and Updates: There were no comments or updates provided.

Public Comments and Updates: There were no comments or updates provided.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Barbara Moore to adjourn the meeting. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2020 via Google Hangouts, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM.