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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

February 1, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. • Hybrid Meeting

Approved Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks
- Approval of Minutes – January 2024
- Old & New Business
 - Presentation: “How people can more readily report on things that are in products (not related to lead in paint, water, or soil)” (FDA Consumer Product Safety Commissioner)
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 - **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health) Dr. Cliff Mitchell
 - **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter) Dr. Paul Rogers
 - **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care) Manjula Paul
 - **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration) Benita Cooper
 - **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) Theo Williams
 - **BC-DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development) Nicole Hart/Katherine Taylor
 - **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): JulieDiGirolamo
 - **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative) Ruth Ann Norton
- Commissioner Comments and Updates
- Public Comments and Updates
- Next Meeting Reminder: Thursday, 03/07/24, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. which includes the Agenda items below:
 - MDE Annual Report Review for the governor (Paula Montgomery/Wendy Phillips)
 - MDE - Compliance and Enforcement (Jonathan Klanderud)
 - Legislation Update (Subcommittee)

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION January 4, 2024 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Hybrid Meeting Draft Minutes

Members Present:

Benita Cooper	Cliff Mitchell	Manjula Paul
Anna Davis	Barbara Moore	Paul Rogers
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	Thelonious Williams

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Senator Jill Carter	Christina Peusch
Jacob Benzaquen	Paula Montgomery	Adam Skolnik

Guests Present:

Tyler Abbott-MDE	Attilah Edges-MDE	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Adewole Adegborioye-MDE	Sheneka Frasier-Kyer-MD-DHCD	Maria Prawirodihardjo-MSDE
Frederick Banks-MDE	Felicia Graves-MDE	Andrew Roelke-MDE
Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Tim Rule-MDE
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Nicole Hart-BC-DHCD	Aaron Sanzenbacher-MDE
Chris Corzine-OAG	Steven Homola-BC-DHCD	Margret Schnitzer-BCHD
Marjorie D' Ambrosio-MDE	Samantha Jacobs-Cribbs-HCHD	Kevin Stanley-MDE
Jack Daniels-MD-DHCD	Christopher Johnson-GES	George (Wes) Stewart-GHHI
Christopher Denbleyker-MDE	Eunice Johnson-GES	Lori Tantlinger-JHU
Julie DiGirolamo-BCHD	Samantha Keane-MDE	Katherine Taylor-BC-DHCD
William Doyle-HCHD	Wade McCord-MDE	Kira Videan-MDE
Shamola Dye-MDE	Angela Perry-Hall-GHHI	Chris White-ARC

Documents Distributed:

- Approved Agenda 240104
- Draft Minutes 231207

Welcome and Introductions:

The Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission (Commission) Chair, Ruth Ann Norton, called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. with welcome and introductions.

Opening Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Other Discussions:

Chair Norton extended a warm welcome to everyone attending the January 4, 2024 Commission meeting. She emphasized the significance of maintaining the Commission's clear purpose as it enters the new calendar year. During this year, the Commission members and guests should aim to update its strategic plan, ensuring alignment with the needs of various stakeholder communities. Additionally, she highlighted the Commission's commitment to securing resources for the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (MD-DHCD) so these state departments can focus on preventive measures through education during the legislative session. Chair Norton also highlighted that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently enlisted the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) to spearhead a \$50 million fund aimed at enhancing environmental justice and addressing issues related to healthy housing in Region 3. The exciting aspect of this opportunity lies in collaborating with various organizations across the state that can contribute their expertise. GHHI will be actively seeking out such organizations to identify areas where it can make a positive impact and enhance capacity throughout Maryland.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Cliff Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Moore to amend the December 7, 2023 minutes. All present Commissioners were in favor of the amendments; the amended minutes were approved.

Amendments:

- “Steward” was changed to “Stewart” under Agency Hot Topics/Current Events for GHHI.
- “November 7” was changed to “November 2” under the Approval of Minutes section.

Old & New Business:

- **Commission Membership:** Chair Norton provided an update, stating that on January 3, 2024, she met with Delegate Robbyn Lewis. During the meeting, Delegate Lewis expressed her intention to explore the House's ability to appoint a potential replacement for Delegate Dalya Attar if she decides to step down from the Commissioner role. In addition, Senator Jill Carter verbally confirmed with Chair Norton that she couldn't continue serving on the Commission. Chair Norton formally requested Senator Bill Ferguson to appoint a new member from a Senate Committee. The Commission intends to ensure that the vacant appointments will be filled.
- **EPA Technical Assistance Center Presentation:** Chair Norton contacted the University of Maryland, Sacoby Wilson Group to request a representative attend the January 2024 Commission meeting and give a presentation on the EPA Technical Assistance Center. Unfortunately, a representative was unable to attend. Chair Norton gave some brief background information on the topic and indicated that she will work to reschedule the presentation for a future date.
- **Strategic Plan:** Chair Norton, alongside the Commissioners and guests, explored potential strategies for the Commission in the upcoming 2024 calendar year. Dr. Mitchell proposed that the Commission focus on strategies that prioritize equity and public health impacts. It was emphasized to take into account the varying effects of different lead levels and to identify areas with high lead concentrations, even if the impact on children is minimal. Dr. Mitchell recommended that state departments explore alternative strategies, evaluating their cost and effectiveness. Additionally, seeking assistance from academic institutions and experts was suggested, with the possibility of having these experts attend future Commission meetings to discuss and provide insights on potential strategies. Chair Norton and Dr. Mitchell will work together over the upcoming months to put together a panel of experts that can

come speak to the Commission. Also during the meeting, the Commission discussed ways to help the public and other agencies like Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, The Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) Office of Child Care (OCC), and others. Commissioner Moore suggested ways the Commission could assist, focusing on the challenges faced by low-income families seeking lead-free housing. She stressed the need for a practical government-established certification and registry system, accessible through a website, listing lead-free homes. This would streamline the process for families, preventing them from applying to multiple places without certainty about lead-free options. Nicole Hart from the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development (BC-DHCD) shared a link to the BC-DHCD portal, which already provides some relevant information that the public could use: The link to the Baltimore City Department of Housing & Community Development Property License and Registration Search can be accessed here:

https://cels.baltimorehousing.org/reg/Reg_MFD_Search.aspx. BC-DHCD also provided a helpful link to the Baltimore Service Line Partnership Lead and Copper Rule Revision Program Frequently Asked Questions: https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/LCRR.FAQs_.pdf

- **Legislation Subcommittee:** The Commission's Legislative Subcommittee for 2024 will include the following individuals: Theo Williams, Manjula Paul, Anna Davis, Tyler Abbott, Paul Rogers, Jacob Benzaquen, and Adam Skolnik.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events

- **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment) Tyler Abbott, Director for MDE's Land and Materials Administration, reminded the Commission that MDE has federal funding for lead service line replacements. Some of that money is available for the survey's themselves. MDE will be working with GHHI on advancing the Climate Plan. MDE will now be conducting environmental investigations based on 3.5 blood lead reference value and now with the lower level MDE expects to see a tremendous increase in the number of investigations.
- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health) Dr. Mitchell informed the Commission that MDH continues to work with MDE on all issues related to lead and the new implementation of the 3.5 blood lead reference value. Dr. Mitchell also introduced Dr. Lori Tantlinger who is MDH's new preventative medicine resident from Johns Hopkins and who will be working with Dr. Mitchell and MDE on outreach to providers. Additionally, discussions are underway regarding how many kids were affected by the contaminated applesauce. MDH and MDE will continue to remind people about the dangers of other sources of lead such as in food products.
- **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) Commissioner Theo Williams reported that MD-DHCD is still waiting to hear back from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on the Healthy Homes Production Grant Program.

Future Meeting Date:

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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:00a.m.

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Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership

Category	Current Member and Represented Organization	Term End Date ¹
Member of the House	Delegate Dalya Attar	Serves at the pleasure of the House Speaker
Member of the Senate	Senator Jill P. Carter	Serves at the pleasure of the Senate President
1.Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Secretary or designee	Paula Montgomery	09/30/24
2.Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Secretary or designee	Cliff Mitchell	09/30/25
3.Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) Secretary or designee	Thelonious (Theo) Williams	09/30/27
4.Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) Commissioner or designee	Benita Cooper	09/30/27
5.Director of Early Childhood Development Division, State Department of Education (MSDE), or the Director's designee	Manjula Paul	09/30/26
6.Representative of local government	Vacant Nicole Hart - Pending	Vacant
7.Representative from a nonprofit organization	Ruth Ann Norton, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, Lead Commission Chair	09/30/24
8.American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter	Paul Rogers	09/30/24
9.Representative of owners of rental property located in Baltimore City built before 1950	Jacob Benzaquen, JBZ Management	09/30/27
10.Representative of owners of rental property located outside Baltimore City built before 1950	Adam Skolnik, Maryland Multi Housing Association	09/30/26
11.Representative of owners of rental property built after 1949	Vacant	Vacant
12.Representative of a child health or youth advocacy group	Vacant	Vacant
13.Health care provider	Barbara Moore, Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital	09/30/23
14.Child advocate	Anna L. Davis, Of Counsel Gordon, Wolf & Carney, Chtd.	09/30/23
15.Parent of a lead poisoned child	Vacant	Vacant
16.Lead hazard identification professional	Susan Kleinhammer, LeadTec Services, Inc.	09/30/26
17.Representative of child care providers	Christina Peusch, Maryland State Child Care Association	09/30/25

¹ Members whose term end dates have passed are continuing to serve as no successor was appointed.

Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership Continued

Composition

The Commission categories are established by statute. Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 6-807. All positions, with the exception of the member of the House and the member of the Senate are appointed by the Governor. The terms of the Governor's appointees are four years but a member at the end of his/her term continues to serve until a successor is appointed. The Governor appoints the Chair from among the members. There is no statutory term for the chairmanship.

Recent Changes to Lead Commission Membership

In May of 2020, Senate Bill 18 (SB18) was passed in Maryland. SB 18 alters the membership of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission to include one representative each from a nonprofit focused on lead poisoning prevention issues and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter; removed the Commission members representing a premises liability coverage insurer and a financial institution that makes loans secured by rental Property; repealed certain requirements for a window replacement program; altering the subjects that the Commission may appoint a subcommittee to study to include case management, lead paint abatement service provider education and training, and blood lead testing; etc. These changes become effective October, 1, 2020.

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Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Meeting Schedule for 2024

Recurring meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from 9:30a - 11:30a unless otherwise noted below which will be indicated by an asterisk symbol “ * ” below.

Month	Date	Type of Meeting/Location
January	01/04/24	Virtual Only
February	02/01/24	Hybrid/Google Meet or Aeris & Aqua Conference Rooms
March	03/07/24	Hybrid/Google Meet or Aeris & Aqua Conference Rooms
April	04/04/24	Hybrid/Google Meet or Aeris & Aqua Conference Rooms
May	05/02/24	Hybrid/Google Meet or Aeris & Aqua Conference Rooms
*** June ***	*** No Meeting ***	*** No Meeting ***
*** July ***	*** No Meeting ***	*** No Meeting ***
*** August ***	*** No Meeting ***	*** No Meeting ***
September	09/05/24	Hybrid/Google Meet or Aeris & Aqua Conference Rooms
October	10/03/24	Hybrid/Google Meet or Aeris & Aqua Conference Rooms
November	11/07/24	Hybrid/Google Meet or Aeris & Aqua Conference Rooms
December	12/05/24	Hybrid/Google Meet or Aeris & Aqua Conference Rooms

Types of Meetings:

Virtual Meetings:

Join through Google Meet: meet.google.com/vqh-bywv-nfa

Join by phone: (US)+1 347-947-6647

PIN: 537 749 227#

In Person Meetings:

In person meetings will be held at MDE, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230 in the MDE Conference Room Titled Aeris Room#1004 & Aqua Room#1005 unless otherwise noted above. For in person meetings at MDE, please park on the blue lot unless a special request for accommodations is made at least 72 hours in advance to Wendy Phillips at wendy.phillips@maryland.gov.

Hybrid Meetings:

The hybrid meeting will allow for meeting either virtually on Google Meet or in person at MDE, depending on the attendee's preference.

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MDE Lead Commission Reporting Calendar 2024

Months	Topics of Discussion
January	<ol style="list-style-type: none">EPA Technical Assistance Center Presentation (University of MD Sacoby Wilson Group)Legislation (Subcommittee)
February	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Presentation: “How people can more readily report on things that are in products (not related to lead in paint, water, or soil)” (FDA Consumer Product Safety Commissioner)Commission Membership Updates (Wendy Phillips)2024 Commission Meeting Calendar Discussion/Motion to vote (Commissioners)2024 Commission Reporting Calendar (Commissioners)Update on Housing Strategic Plan on Lead (MD-DHCD Theo Williams/Jack Daniels)Impact of Greenhouse Gas Dollars on Lead (Michael McKnight/Cynthia Herrera)Legislation Update (Subcommittee)
March	<ol style="list-style-type: none">MDE Annual Report Review for the governor (Paula Montgomery/Wendy Phillips)MDE - Compliance and Enforcement (Jonathan Klanderud)Legislation Update (Subcommittee)
April	
May	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Commissioner membership updates and renewals due in September (Wendy Phillips)
June	No Meetings For June, July, and August (Healthy Homes Awareness Month) (Optional Public Meeting)
July	No Meetings For June, July, and August
August	No Meetings For June, July, and August
September	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions (Wendy Phillips)<ol style="list-style-type: none">Nominations due 09/13/24 & Votes due 09/20/24Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24 (Commission)MDE - Compliance and Enforcement (Jonathan Klanderud)
October Tentative Public Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions Announcement and Awards Presentation (Ruth Ann Norton/Wendy Phillips)Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24 (Commission)
November	
December	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2025 Commission Meeting Calendar (Commissioners)2025 Commission Reporting Calendar (Commissioners)

MDE Lead Commission Reporting Calendar 2024 To Be Determined

Month	Line Item	2023 Rollover MDE Lead Commission Meeting Discussions To Be Determined Calendar 2024
	1	EPA Technical Assistance Center Presentation (University of MD Sacoby Wilson Group) <i>This topic was on the Agenda for 01/04/24 but the University did not come and present</i>
	2	MDE Update on Water Safety: Lead in Water in Schools (MDE/WSA Saranthip Koh, Tim Rule, Georgella Samu, Greg Busch replaced Saied Kasraei, Christina Ardito) <i>This topic was suggested by Wes Stewart during the Lead Commission Prep-Meeting</i>
	3	MDE Update on Water Safety: Lead in Water Service Line (MDE/WSA Saranthip Koh, Tim Rule, Georgella Samu, Greg Busch replaced Saied Kasraei, Christina Ardito) <i>This topic was suggested by Wes Stewart during the Lead Commission Prep-Meeting</i>
	4	MD-DHCD – Lead Grant Programs (Theo Williams to replace Jack Daniels)
	5	Unit Production Quarterly Updates <i>Ruth Ann Norton asked that Departments that have issues of unit production and dollars provide quarterly updates to include: funds available, who the funds are available to, and the units done to date. For example, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): mapping that would be able to be crosswalked against where we have children under six, where we have lead levels being reported, and where we have dollars going against that and age of housing. This will also be a mapping of who has lead resources across the state, whether it's Baltimore County, Baltimore City, or others. GHHI volunteered to compile a resource mapping of what programs also support both lead, hazard control, source control, and water. Additionally, a tracking of equity and where dollars are going, who they're going to and how the agency is moving in that direction.</i>
	6	Lead and Water Quarterly Update <i>Ruth Ann Norton suggested that a quarterly update for lead and water be added to the calendar in order to regularly get the current status and updates on new opportunities to support lead, hazard control, and lead source exposure through other programs.</i>
	7	Statewide Community Efforts <i>Ruth Ann Norton suggested that there be a quarterly update to highlight good community efforts across the state that are happening or highlighting of a nurse or case manager or community organization.</i>
	8	Dashboard of Unit Production on Lead Hazard Control <i>Ruth Ann Norton suggested that a comprehensive report from the Commission, such as a living document, be created that will report on the activities around lead poisoning prevention and lead hazard control that is transparent to the public such as the number of federal, state, or local public dollars, being used for lead hazard control efforts. The report could also highlight the efforts of other agencies such as MDH, DHCD, and MDE in this report. This report would be a benefit to child advocates, educators, rental property owners, etc. Jacob Benzaquen, Cliff Mitchell, and Paula Montgomery volunteered to contribute to this process. Ruth Ann Norton will reach out to those that volunteered to discuss the matter further.</i>
	9	Commission Meeting with MHIC <i>to discuss efforts to get pre-1978 property contractors lead trained.</i>
	10	Introduction and Commitment of Governor Wes Moore
	11	Review Transition Reports relating to MDE Lead Program (Ruth Ann Norton)
	12	Update on the Re-engagement and Igniting of Community Outreach and Social Media Efforts (Ruth Ann Norton)
	13	Daycare Discussion Progress (Ruth Ann Norton)
	14	Introduction to Secretary Jacob Day of the Department of Housing & Community Development
	15	Introduction to Secretary Marcia Fudge, of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
	16	BC-DHCD - Hud Grant Program (Katheryn Taylor)
	17	MDE - update the Commission on its Lead In Water funding for the different jurisdictions <i>Wes Stewart asked that this be added to the agenda in the future</i>

Ongoing Topics:

1. Legislation (Subcommittee) (Annually - Jan - Apr)
2. Commission Reporting Calendar for upcoming year (Commissioners) (Annually - Jan & Dec)
3. Commission Meeting Calendar for upcoming year (Commissioners) (Annually - Jan & Dec)
4. Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions (Wendy Phillips)
 - a. Nominations due 09/13/24 & Votes due 09/20/24 (Annually - Sep)
5. Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions Announcement and Awards Presentation (Ruth Ann Norton/Wendy Phillips) (Annually - Oct)
6. Commissioner membership updates and renewals due in September (Wendy Phillips) (Annually - May)
7. MDE Annual Report Review for the governor (Paula Montgomery/Wendy Phillips) (Annually - Jan)
8. Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24 (Commission) (Annually - Sep, Oct)
9. MDE - Compliance and Enforcement (Jonathan Klanderud) (Annually - Mar & Sept)

Represented Agencies/Organizations:

- MDE
 - DO - Tyler Abbott, Paula Montgomery
 - LPPP - Fred Banks, Jonathan Klanderud, Rena Boss Victoria
 - WSA - Christina Ardito, Georgella Samu, Tim Rule, Gregory Busch, Saranthip Koh,
- MDH -
 - Cliff Mitchell
 - Candace Scott
- MDAAP - Paul Rogers
- MSDE/OCC - Manjula Paul
- MIA - Benita Cooper
- MD-DHCD
 - Theo Williams
 - Jack Daniels
- BC-DHCD
 - Nicole Hart
 - Katherine Taylor
- BCHD
 - Julie DiGirolamo
 - Camille Burke
- HABC - William Peach
- MWPH - Barbara Moore
- MSCCA - Christina Peusch
- MMHA - Adam Skolnik
- JBZ - Jacob Benzaquen
- Counsel Gordon, Wolf & Carney, Chtd - Anna Davis
- LSI - Susan Kleinhammer
- GHHI
 - Ruth Ann Norton
 - Wes Stewart



DHCD Strategic Plan

Lead Remediation Priorities

Strategic Plan Overview

- Each secretary was asked to develop a long-term strategic plan covering all domains of the respective agency
- DHCD's strategic plan focuses on four key objectives:
 - Expand and Preserve Affordable Housing
 - Provide Shelter for All
 - Make Lovable Places
 - Right the Wrongs of the Past
- The state's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment plan is an addendum to the housing plan focusing on expanding broadband access

Lead Remediation Components

- The plan consists of 56 strategies and 229 tactics
- Each tactic is assigned to the respective division of the department
- Three tactics are centered on lead remediation activities
- They sit within the “Right the Wrongs of the Past” objective and fall under the strategy of “Securing healthy homes for children in disinvested neighborhoods”

Three Tactics

- Expand CHIP/Medicaid investments in lead hazard remediation to eradicate the toxic legacy of lead poisoning through an expansion of the Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids program statewide.
- Create a replenishable Maryland Lead Safe Housing Fund to scale federal, private-sector (health care), and philanthropic investment as part of an eight-year plan to eradicate lead in Maryland housing.
- Partner with Maryland hospitals to invest in de-leading houses in communities surrounding their campuses.