

GOVERNOR'S LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore MD 21230

AERIS Conference Room
November 6, 2014

Approved Minutes (12/4/14)

Members in Attendance

Nancy Egan, Melbourne Jenkins, Pat McLaine, Cliff Mitchell, Paula Montgomery, Barbara Moore, and Delegate Nathaniel Oaks.

Members not in Attendance

Patrick Connor, Ed Landon, Christina Peusch, Linda Roberts, John Scott, Mary Snyder-Vogel, and Tameka Witherspoon.

Guests in Attendance

Shaketta Denson – GHHI, Colin Choney – DHCD, Michelle Fransen – Cogency, Mike O'Leary – Baltimore City HCD, Jody Johnson – self, and Myra Knowlton – BCHD.

Introductions

Pat McLaine called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM with welcome and introductions.

Welcome to New Members

- Cheryl Hall – Reappointed for another term
- Melbourne Jenkins, Jr. – Reappointed for another term
- Paula Montgomery – Secretary of the Environment or Designee
- Barbara Moore – Reappointed for another term
- Christina Peusch – Child Care Provider
- Linda Roberts – Reappointed for another term

Future Meeting Dates

The next Lead Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 at MDE in the AERIS Conference Room, Front Lobby, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mel Jenkins and seconded by Nancy Eaton to approve the September minutes with minor changes; the minutes were approved unanimously. A motion was made by Mel Jenkins and seconded by Barbara Moore to approve the October minutes; the minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion

Old Business

Purple Top Tubes – The Commission has not yet heard back from Quest. They are planning to contact John Krupinsky. Nancy Egan reported that she has contacted Lab Corps and would like to identify any issues for them. Paula offered to set up a conference call to discuss these issues, to include MDE staff, Nancy Egan, Barbara Moore and Pat McLaine.

Office of Childcare – Pat McLaine will contact before the December meeting for an update.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Week – Pictures from the tree planting and Tameka were passed around. MDE staff attended a press event for Green and Healthy Homes. Paula Montgomery announced that MDE has begun an outreach campaign targeting about 2,000 contractors and members of the regulated community, focusing on the RRP and changes coming with the law. MDE also mailed notices out to 150,000 owners of non-owner occupied properties built between 1950 and 1978 with a structure larger than 1 square foot. MDE is also doing outreach to owners of multi-family dwellings. Paula reported that MDE has received a flood of calls and e-mails and has been busy fielding questions. The Coalition also went to a lot of schools with staff from MDE and local health departments.

New Business - none

Agency updates

Baltimore City Housing – Baltimore City did not win another round of funding. Ken Strong has cobbled together enough money for a one year period following the expiration of the current HUD grant. Baltimore City Housing will fund a full time home visitor from the Health Department and has several hundred thousand for lead and asthma work. Ken wants to be supportive of any legislative efforts.

Baltimore City Health Department – Myra Knowlton reported that BCHD is still looking for a lead director. She will send the job description to Tracie Smith so it can be sent to Commissioners.

Maryland Department of the Environment – Paula reported that MDE has finished the RRP regulation, which is now with HT. It goes next to MDE's Secretary and then will get published in ALAR. Paula will let the Commission know when the regulation has been submitted for publication. There will be a 30 day public comment period following the posting. MDE is also working with EPA to grandfather EPA-accredited individuals. Paula Montgomery reported that MDE received funding from CDC; 22 states were funded. MDE got half of the amount they had requested (\$225,000) to continue with primary prevention efforts with Baltimore City Health Departments by making referral on pre-1950 rental properties. Paula will be traveling to CDC in December to talk about what states will now do with the HELPS program and to discuss action on BLLs of 5-9µg/dL.

Department of Housing – nothing to report

Maryland Insurance Administration – Nancy Egan reported that the Baltimore Sun had recently reported on a lead case with \$1.1 million in damages. The Kennedy Krieger case is also being tried now.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Cliff Mitchell reported that DHMH now has all comments on the lead targeting plan. He will report to the Commission next month (December 2014). The Lead Point of Care Testing recommendations will be available in the spring. Clinical guidelines for local health departments and clinical providers are in process. Cliff also noted that DHMH has been doing some work with Baltimore City Housing and DHCD about weatherization funding and coverage for lead and asthma. Lead grants are also out to seven jurisdictions (update next month). Barbara Moore asked whether Annual meetings with the local health departments have been scheduled yet. Paula thought the meetings should be held after all changes have been finalized. Pat McLaine noted that it was important to let local Health Departments know about proposed changes in advance of them being announced to the public. Paula will ask John to attend the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mel Jenkins, seconded by Nancy Egan and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM