

MARYLAND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

December 30, 2022

The Honorable Larry Hogan
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable William C. Ferguson
President
Senate of Maryland
State House, H-107
Annapolis Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
Maryland House of Delegates
State House, H-101
Annapolis Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Hogan, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

On behalf of the Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission (Commission), please accept this letter as the Commission's Annual Report for CY21, as required by Environment Article, § 6-810(c), Annotated Code of Maryland. Please refer to the enclosed Addendum which includes the agendas and minutes for the Commission meetings during 2022.

The Commission, established under Environment Article Title 6, Subtitle 8, advises the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the legislature, and the Governor regarding lead poisoning prevention in Maryland, and specifically the Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing Law. During 2022, the Commission considered and reviewed the following:

- During the 2022 Legislative session the Commission tracked and reviewed the following bills:
 - HB101: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance sponsored by Delegate Sandy Rosenburg. During the 2021 legislative session, this bill was introduced as HB49 in the Environment and Transportation Committee. During the 2022 session this bill was introduced again, in the Environment and Transportation Committee. The Commission supported this bill. The bill did not pass.
 - HB108 - Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs - Energy Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing sponsored by Delegate Charkoudian.
 - HB174 - Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Registration and License Information sponsored by Delegate Mary Lehman. Under HB 174, a lead certificate may be an issue of fact during a trial. This bill is effective October 1, 2023. When the original clean hand bill was passed, there was a provision that the MDE lead registration and certification compliance status of the rental property owner, when the owner filed a failure to pay rent in rent court, was not an issue on which the judge could hear evidence. It did however, require an owner to list their owner number, their registration number, and their lead certificate. The previous provision in the statutes said it could not be an issue at trial. That was something that was corrected in HB174. Now judges can review evidence on the compliance of an owner just before the court for an affected rental property. The Commission supported this bill. The bill passed.
 - HB1033 - Environment and Energy - Investment in Overburdened Communities sponsored by Delegates Rosenberg and Stein.
 - HB1110 - Environment - Lead Poisoning Prevention - Elevated Blood Lead Level sponsored by Delegate Holmes. This bill alters the application and meaning of "elevated blood level (EBL)" and "reference level" as those definitions apply to specified provisions of law that initiate case management, notification, and lead risk reduction requirements under the state's lead poisoning prevention laws. The bill also requires MDE, in

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- consultation with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and local health departments (LHDs), and other relevant stakeholders, to study and evaluate the most effective means of incorporating the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) into the state's lead poisoning prevention programs, as specified. MDE must report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022. The Commission supported this bill. The bill passed and became effective on July 1, 2022.
- HB1266 - Dentists - Saliva Lead Poisoning Screening Tests - Scope of Practice and Requirements The bill was scheduled for a hearing on March 8, 2022 which was canceled. The Commission was not in support of this bill. The bill was withdrawn by the sponsor.
 - Updates/Presentations on the below topics were given to the Commission:
 - A presentation on Medical and Environmental Case Management for CY 20 was given by Paula Montgomery, MDE, which summarized the full material in the CY20 Lead Surveillance Annual Report.
 - Jack Daniels, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), gave a verbal presentation on Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives. He provided a brief overview of the function of DHCD and also discussed some of its programs. A copy of the information, literature and slide presentation was provided to the Commission.
 - MDE, Water Supply Program:
 - Lead in Schools - Tim Rule, MDE, presented to the Commission an update on testing outcomes in schools/daycares (document titled, "LPPC_2022.05.05_Testing-Pb-DW-Schools+WIIIN 2107_update - Tim Rule.pdf").
 - Lead and Copper Rule - Christina Ardito, MDE, provided an update on the Lead and Copper Rule (document titled, "LPPC Meeting May 5 2022 LCR update - Christina Ardito.pdf") which was provided to the Commission at the conclusion of the meeting for their information.
 - Update on infrastructure bill: Jeff Fretwell, MDE, provided a detailed presentation (document titled, "Presentation by Jeff Fretwell.pdf") to the Commission.
 - Lead and Water in Schools: Update on the 2021 Bill HB0636 - School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act). Text - Chapter - Signed by the Governor. This bill lowered the lead in drinking water in schools action level to 5 parts per billion. /Fred Mason, MSDE discussed the progress that was made on the implementation of the bill at the September Commission meeting.
 - Lead Hazard Reduction Report: Jack Daniels, DHCD provided an update on funding used to remediate Maryland homes with lead hazards; DHCD's plans to apply for HUD funding for lead in the future; status of HUD grants; and expenditure of American Rescue Plan (ARP) to support lead prevention.
 - Report on Compliance and Enforcement: Jonathan Klanderud, MDE, provided the handout, "Lead Poisoning Prevention Chart FY '22" and provided a report on lead compliance and enforcement.
 - Preliminary Data Report on Childhood Lead Registry (CY2021 Childhood Lead Surveillance in Maryland Report): Rena Boss-Victoria, MDE, presented the "Lead Surveillance Mid-Year 2021 Report.pdf" to the Commission.
 - Maryland Office of Child Care: date report: Manjula Paul, MSDE/OCC, gave a presentation titled "Child Care Facility Lead Inspection Report" which highlighted the Maryland Department of Education and Division of Early Childhood Leadership; Definitions: Child Care Programs: Licensed and Regulated; COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts; Childcare Program Numbers and Children Capacity; COMAR: Facility Inspection and Children Testing Licensing Inspection Report; and Considerations.
 - Health Department Open Forum: The Commission held an Open Forum for local health departments. Topics included: Agency roles and resources for lead (i.e. MDE, MDH, DHCD, GHHI, Health Departments). There was significant time allotted for open discussion for the local health departments to discuss their challenges regarding lead and

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explore what the agencies and the Commission should consider moving forward in their efforts to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

- Evaluation of Universal Testing and Updates on Home Visits: Cliff Mitchell, MDH gave a presentation on “Childhood Blood Lead Testing in Maryland, 2022: Evaluation and Recommendations”. The presentation highlighted background of March 28, 2016 Regulations (COMAR 10.11.04); Follow Up Evaluations; Childhood Lead Testing in Maryland 2010-2020 test results; Impact of Testing Regulations Changes on Testing Rates; Impact of Testing Regulations Changes on Measured Blood Lead Levels; Future Blood Lead Testing Targeting Options; Findings; Recommendations; Acknowledgements;

Based upon the Commission's study of these topics and desire to further the Commission goals, the Commission took actions, made recommendations, and held events as outlined below.

- Commission Subcommittees
 - Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee:
 - The Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee provided a letter to parents to encourage them to get their children lead tested during the pandemic. The letter was translated into multiple languages including Spanish.
 - The Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee provided a Clinical Update Letter dated January 25, 2022. The Physician follow-up Lead Letter_01252022 was distributed on January 28, 2022 to the entire clinical community of the state through MDE’s health alert network. A copy of the letter was also given to the Commission. The letter highlighted guidance for providers regarding new CDC blood lead reference level and other matters pertaining to lead testing for children.
 - Legislative Subcommittee: The Commission created the Legislative Subcommittee in order to track legislation and take action in between the Commission meetings. The members of the Legislative Subcommittees will be as follows: Anna Davis, Adam Skolnik, Susan Kleinhammer, Christina Peusch, and Ruth Ann Norton. Throughout the 2022 Legislative Session the Legislative Subcommittee met to discuss bills and review with the Commission.
 - The Commission sent a Letter of Support for House Bill 174 to the House Environment and Transportation Committee on March 23, 2022.
 - The Commission sent Letters of Support for House Bill 1110 to the House Environment and Transportation Committee and the Senate Education Health and Environmental Affairs Committee on March 23, 2022.
- Ruth Ann Norton was appointed Chair in February 2022.
- MDE office buildings became fully open and available in March.
- Public Educational Video/Reels from MDE: Paula Montgomery with the assistance of MDE’s Office of Communications, developed an educational video which was shown to the Commission. The video served as a kick off discussing the different resources available.
- Letters of Support/Certificates/Awards
 - Mary Beth Haller, Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) reported that Geraldine Woodson (Day), an employee of BCHD, retired as of May 1, 2022. A Lifetime Service Award was presented to Geraldine Day at the Commission Meeting on April 7, 2022.
 - On April 7, 2022, Cliff Mitchell advised the Commission that MDH was applying for a competitive grant to support Maryland’s Environmental Public Health Tracking Program (EPHT). EPHT supports the MDH, Lead Program through epidemiological tracking and reporting. MDH requested a letter of recommendation from the Commission for the CDC grant. The Commission voted to support the letter. A letter dated May 1, 2022 was signed by the Commission Chair and sent to MDH as requested.
 - On April 26, 2022, Paul Rogers, Commissioner, representing the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP), requested the Commission’s support on the submission of the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) grant

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application. MDAAP intends on using the funding to determine the best practices for lead testing, management and referral. MDAAP would share its best practices with its partnering agencies. Paul Rogers requested the Commission partner with MDAAP in developing these best practices and help expand use of them to providers and agencies across Maryland. Commissioners voted to approve a letter of support. On May 5, 2022 a Letter of Support for the ECHO grant for MDAAP from the Commission was sent to Paul Rogers.

- During the May 5, 2022 Commission meeting, Ruth Ann informed the Commission that Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, will celebrate its 100th year anniversary in public health. The Commissioners agreed to send a letter to congratulate the hospital and to thank the hospital for all it has done to support, protect, and serve the children of Maryland . The letter was sent on September 8, 2022.
- Yearly, the Commission aims to recognize excellence, innovation, and leadership from within the Lead Poisoning Prevention community. The Commission members voted amongst the nominees previously submitted and the following nominees received an award:
 - George Wesley Stewart, GHHI, was awarded with the Outstanding Child Health Environmental Advocate Award 2022
 - Barbara Moore, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, was awarded Outstanding Advocate Award 2022
 - Wendy Phillips, MDE, was awarded Special Recognition Award 2022
- Events
 - Joint Committees Meeting: A meeting was conducted on May 23, 2022 to prepare for the June meeting which included Ruth Ann Norton, Cliff Mitchell, Camille Burke, Eamon Flynn, Wendy Phillips, Paula Montgomery, and Kaley Laleker. Ruth Ann Norton and Cliff Mitchell conducted a joint Committee meeting on June 2, 2022 to discuss what the state strategy should be with regard to the intersection of housing and health as it relates to the below three Commissions. All three Commissions share a commonality with regard to children's environment and health and the issue of housing and health.
 - Children's Environmental Health & Protection Advisory Counsel
 - Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities
 - Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission
 - A Public Community Based meeting was conducted October 6, 2022 at the Henderson Hopkins School to coincide with the National Children's Environmental Health Month and the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness month.
 - A Health Department Open Forum was conducted on November 3, 2022.
 - Lead Week: A joint agency press release and social media campaign was spearheaded by the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health , Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, and the Baltimore City Health Department during lead week which occurred October 23 -29, 2022.

We appreciate the opportunity to update you on the Commission's work over the past year. We look forward to continuing our work in 2022 to further the Commission's vision of a Maryland in which all children are free from the harmful effects of lead exposure.

Sincerely,

Paula Montgomery -MDE-

Paula T. Montgomery
MDE Representative
Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission

Enclosed Addendum

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Addendum

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Thursday, January 6 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

Approved Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- Draft Minutes 211202.pdf
- Final Agenda 220106.pdf
- MDE Lead Commission Calendar 2022.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Paula Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:30am with welcome and introductions.

Members Present:

Dalya Attar	Mary Beth Haller	Manjula Paul
Benita Cooper	Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch
Jack Daniels	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Anna Davis	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	

Members Absent:

Jacob Benzaquen	Jill Carter	Leonidas Newton
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Guests Present:

Beatrice Amoateng-Public	Kathryn Hirabayashi-MDH	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Cherise Roberts-GHHI
Shante Branch-MDE	Lisa Horne-MDH	Kylan Simpson-MDH
Camille Burke-BCHD	Dawn Joy-AMA	George Stewart-GHHI
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Kaley Laleker-MDE	Chris White-Arc Environmental
Chris Corzine-OAG	Katelyn Mullins-MDH	
Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Simon Penning-BCDHCD	

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Adam Skolnik, seconded by Mary Beth Haller to accept the December 02, 2021 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- **2022 Reporting Calendar Update:** The Commission was previously provided the Draft Reporting Calendar 2022.pdf and used it to discuss and finalize the upcoming plans for the 2022 calendar year.
 - **Annual Surveillance Report:** Paula Montgomery informed the Commission that the report was delayed, but MDE still provided preliminary information in 2021. MDE plans to present on the Medical and Environmental component of the report in February 2022.
- **2022 Legislation Discussion:** Adam Skolnik discussed the below listed bills.
 - **[HB101: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance](#)** sponsored by Delegate Sandy Rosenburg. The Commission plans to support this bill. During the 2021 legislative session, this bill was introduced as HB49 and died in the Environment and Transportation Committee.
 - **[HB174 = Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Registration and License Information](#)** sponsored by Delegate Mary Lehman. The Commission plans to support this bill.
 - A motion was made by Adam Skolnik, seconded by Dalya Attar to support HB101 and HB174. Abstentions were Cliff Mitchell, Benita Cooper and Paula Montgomery, and the remaining Commissioners were in favor. Paula Montgomery will work with Adam Skolnik to draft the first letter. Wendy Phillips will send out a poll to the Commissioners after receiving the draft letter from Paula and Adam.
- **Update on Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee:** Paula Montgomery provided the following update:
 - Parent Letter Status - This letter has been posted on the MDH website as well as MDE website. Additionally, a copy of the letter was provided to local health departments. Cliff Mitchell volunteered MDH to translate the letter into multiple languages including Spanish.
 - Physician Letter Status - The letter has been signed and finalized but not yet sent out to the providers for concern about the message getting lost amongst overwhelming COVID announcements and information being sent at the same time. The Commission expects to send out the finalized letter in about eight weeks. In the meantime, Cliff Mitchell will work with Paul Rogers to provide a shorter version of the letter which will be added on the agency websites regarding the lowering of the blood lead level from a clinical point of view.

New Business:

- **Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: February:** Environmental Case Management Presentation (MDE) (Paula Montgomery)
- **Discuss Format of Health Department Open Forum for March:** The Commission members discussed the invitee list which the Commission recommended to include: Prince George's, Allegany, Somerset, Harford counties, and Baltimore City. Other suggestions included: Frederick, Washington, and Anne Arundel Counties.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Shante Branch reported LRCA was released December 6, 2021 and a soft launch is underway.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell introduced some new members of his team. MDH continues to work on the Home Visiting Programs. MDH is continuing to do in person and virtual home visits and check-ins with families that are affected by lead poisoning. MDH is continuing to look at testing rates. MDH is having conversations internally about improving coordination and care coordination with MDE and local health departments regarding the changes in the MDE Lead Program and changes in personnel.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development:** Jack Daniels reported that DHCD continues to manage multiple projects and programs.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department)** Camile Burke reported that BCHD is struggling to do inspections but it is pushing through in order to do as many inspections as they can. BCHD is still in need of environmental sanitarians.

- **HABC** (Housing Authority of Baltimore City): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care): Manjula reported MSDE is extremely busy but are working as best as they can to keep children safe.
- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **GHHI** (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative): Ruth Ann Norton reported that GHHI is launching the 1k unit effort in Baltimore that will include de-leading. GHHI will continue to measure lead reduction and outcomes such as school performance, housing stability, and racial equity impact measures. GHHI still has Housing Choice Vouchers available as well as relocation assistance to help those families that may need to move.

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 Christina Peusch. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM.

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Thursday, February 3, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

Approved Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- CY20 Lead Surveillance Annual Report-final.pdf
- Draft LPPC Annual Report CY21.pdf
- Draft Minutes 220106.pdf
- Final Agenda 220203.pdf
- HB0101F.pdf
- HB0174F.pdf
- HB174LC Support.pdf
- MDE Lead Commission Calendar 2022.pdf
- Meeting Schedule 2022.pdf
- Physician follow-up Lead Letter_01252022.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Paula Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

Members Present:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton
Jacob Benzaquen	Mary Beth Haller	Manjula Paul
Benita Cooper	Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch
Jack Daniels	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Anna Davis	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik

Members Absent:

Jill Carter	Leonidas Newton
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Guests Present:

Beatrice Amoateng-MGA	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Kathryn Hirabayashi-MDH	Cherise Roberts-GHHI
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Madison Russell-Public
Shante Branch-MDE	Lisa Horne-MDH	Kylan Simpson-MDH
Camille Burke-BCHD	Dawn Joy-AMA	Anastasia Solano-MDE
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Kaley Laleker-MDE	George Stewart-GHHI
Chris Corzine-OAG	Katelyn Mullins-MDH	Marcia Williams-BCDHCD
Eamon Flynn-MDH	Simon Penning-BCDHCD	Chris White-Arc Environmental

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Anna Davis to accept the January 6, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- **2022 Legislation Discussion**
 - **Creation of Legislation Process Subcommittee:** Paula Montgomery recommended that the Commission reestablish a Legislative Subcommittee in order to track legislation and take action in between the Lead Commission meetings. The members of the Legislative Subcommittees will be as follows: Anna Davis, Adam Skolnik, Susan Kleinhammer, Christina Peusch, Ruth Ann Norton, and Dalya Attar (Dalya reached out to her Ethics Counsel to see if she can participate in the Legislative Subcommittee. She is waiting to hear back from them. Over the next few weeks the Legislative Subcommittee will meet to discuss the below bills and review upcoming ones:
 - **[HB101: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance](#)** sponsored by Delegate Sandy Rosenberg. The Commission plans to support this bill. During the 2021 legislative session, this bill was introduced as HB49 and died in the Environment and Transportation Committee.
 - **[HB108: Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs - Energy Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing](#)** sponsored by Delegate Charkoudian. Ruth Ann made the Commission aware of HB108 and recommended the Legislative Subcommittee further discuss this bill and take any recommended actions.
 - **[HB174 = Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Registration and License Information](#)** sponsored by Delegate Mary Lehman. The Commission plans to support this bill
 - **Letter of Support HB174:** Paula Montgomery previously drafted a Letter of Support for HB174, however the bill was heard on January 18, 2022 and the letter was not able to be finalized prior to the hearing. The Commission generally has two days prior to the hearing in order to electronically submit any letters of support or opposition.
- **Update on Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee**
 - **Parent Letter Status:** The letter was posted on the MDH website as well as MDE website. Additionally, a copy of the letter was provided to local health departments. The Parent letter was translated into 16 different languages by MDH and will be shared on multiple agency websites.
 - **Clinical Update Letter:** Physician follow-up Lead Letter_01252022 was distributed on January 28, 2022 to the entire clinical community of the state through MDE's health alert network. Wendy Phillips provided a copy of the letter to the Commission at the conclusion of the meeting. The letter highlighted guidance for providers regarding new CDC blood lead reference level and other matters pertaining to lead testing for children.
- **Continued discussions on Format of Health Department Open Forum:** Paula Montgomery suggested that the Forum be changed from March to May 2022. Paula volunteered to create a draft agenda for the meeting and made suggestions to include topics such as the agencies' role in lead (i.e. MDE, MDH, DHCD, GHHI, Health Departments), what each agency can offer; as well as provide a case summary. Cliff Mitchell suggested time be allotted to have an open discussion to allow the local health departments to discuss their challenges regarding lead and explore what the community and Commission should be thinking about in terms of the next phase of Lead Poisoning Prevention and needed responses in the state. He suggested that everyone during this time come up with a strategic plan for lead that takes into account the current statewide condition and provides some advice on how to manage the Commission moving forward. This open discussion should be a conversation with the health departments around communication, education, and enforcement, and discussing where the Commission should prioritize. Paula Montgomery will provide a preliminary forum agenda to share with the Commission.

New Business:

- **MDE Lead Commission 2022 Calendar Reminder:** March Updates will include DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives (Jack Daniels)
- **Approval of Annual Report CY21:** The Annual Report CY21 was provided to the Commission prior to the meeting and reviewed at the meeting. No questions or concerns were raised and the Annual Report CY21 was sent to the Governor's Office at the conclusion of the meeting on February 11, 2022.
- **Medical and Environmental Case Management Presentation (Paula Montgomery):** Paula Montgomery shared a powerpoint presentation that will be made available to the commission upon request. All information in the powerpoint presentation was detailed in the Annual Report that was previously provided to the Commission in the document titled [CY20 Lead Surveillance Annual Report-final.pdf](#).

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health)** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community)** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department)** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City)** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development)** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care)** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MIA (Maryland Insurance Administration)** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **GHHI (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative):** There were no comments or updates provided.

Commissioner Comments and Updates:

There were no comments or updates provided.

Public Comments and Updates:

Walter Clews mentioned that it is not possible to currently identify the "Age of Properties" prior to 1994 in the Department of Assessments and Taxation website. As a contractor it is helpful to identify whether contractors need to implement lead safe work practices or not but that information is not readily available. Paula Montgomery asked Walter Clews to send us the particular property and Paula indicated she will look into this. Also, Walter Clews wanted clarification regarding if there was another reduction in the lead number in the future, what would happen to all the properties that are currently considered lead free but would not meet the current reduction number. He wants to know if the homes would be required to test again. Adam Skolnik indicated that the homes that had certificates would be grandfathered in. The reduction in number would not invalidate the prior certification.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Adam Skolnik. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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- Draft Minutes 220203.pdf
- Final Agenda 220303.pdf
- GAP_StrategicPlanningAnalysisLCActions.pdf
- House Bills:
 - hb0101F.pdf
 - hb0174F.pdf
 - hb1033F.pdf
 - hb1110f.pdf
 - hb1266F.pdf
 - hb1290F.pdf
- LeadCommissionAnnual Report11_2020.pdf
- MDE Lead Commission Calendar 2022.pdf
- updated-public-comment-draft-lead-strategy-11-16-2021.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

Members Present:

Benita Cooper

Anna Davis

Susan Kleinhammer

Mary Beth Haller

Cliff Mitchell

Paula Montgomery

Barbara Moore

Ruth Ann Norton

Manjula Paul

Paul Rogers

Adam Skolnik

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar

Jacob Benzaquen

Senator Jill Carter

Jack Daniels

Christina Peusch

Guests Present:

Andrea-Public

Chevelle Bash-GHHI

Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE

Erica Chapman-MDE

Chris Corzine-OAG

Eamon Flynn-MDH

Ben Grumbles-MDE

Jason Harding-BCDHCD

Kathryn Hirabayashi-MDH

Lisa Horne-MDH

Rebecca Jackson-GHHI

Kaley Laleker-MDE

Kelsey McClain-GHHI

Cherise Roberts-GHHI

Celisia Rouson-Smith-Public

Madison Russell-Public

Anastasia Solano-MDE

George Stewart-GHHI

Edward Thomas-HUD

Chris White-Arc Environmental

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Ruth Ann Norton, seconded by Barbara Moore to accept the February 3, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- **Updates from the Legislative Subcommittee:** Adam Skolnik provided updates from the Legislative Subcommittee for HB0101, HB0174, and HB1290 which are all in the House waiting for a hearing or have already been heard. No further movement has been made. The following bills were discussed in more detail:
 - [HB1033 - Environment and Energy - Investment in Overburdened Communities](#): This bill was sponsored by Delegates Rosenberg and Stein and is currently in the House with a Hearing scheduled on March 15 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations). A motion was made by Adam Skolnik, seconded by Mary Beth Haller to table HB1033 for further review at a later date.
 - [HB1110: Environment - Lead Poisoning Prevention - Elevated Blood Lead Level](#): MDE worked with Delegate Holmes on the bill and MDE testified on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the bill hearing in support of the bill. A motion was made by Adam Skolnik, seconded by Barbara Moore to support HB1110. Abstentions were made by Cliff Mitchell and Paul Rogers. Ruth Ann Northon will work with MDE staff to send the letter of support from the Commission.
 - Concerns were raised that if this bill passes, owners of the middle class to upper middle class for owner occupied properties in Baltimore City may elect to not have environmental investigations done at the lower level because it could result in abatement violation notices which would cost the homeowners a lot of money to resolve. For those homeowners that are not able to qualify for federal grant assistance, Ruth Ann Norton recommended the Commission discuss how to make funds available for the homeowners and to a broader spectrum of people to be able to afford abatement. Ruth Ann Norton and Mary Beth Haller agreed to work together and look into possible funding sources. Ruth Ann Norton volunteered to supply a memo to the Commission of the funds that exist throughout the country that potentially could be used. The memo is expected to be shared with the Commission before its next meeting.
 - [HB1266 - Dentists - Saliva Lead Poisoning Screening Tests - Scope of Practice and Requirements](#): The bill was scheduled for a hearing on March 8, 2022 which has been canceled. No further movement has been made on this bill. A motion was made by Anna Davis, seconded by Adam Skolnik to Oppose HB1266. No one was in favor of supporting this bill. Remaining Commissioners were opposed. Abstentions were made by Cliff Mitchell and Paula Montgomery.
- **Update from the Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee:** No new updates were provided.
- **Discuss GAP Analysis - Add access for Public Input**: Paula Montgomery and the Commission discussed the GAP Analysis hand out titled “GAP_StrategicPlanningAnalysisLCActions.pdf” and made updates to the document. Paula Montgomery also discussed the following GAP Analysis topics:
 - Require RRP for all contractors-reach out to MHIC.
 - Use data collected from CDC supplemental grant to identify specific areas/ effects to determine priorities.
 - In regards to the case management data item in the gap analysis; as part of a CDC sub-grant that MDE was awarded in 2018, an audit of compliance with the Maryland lead laws was performed on pre-1978 rental properties where a child was identified with a blood lead level of 10 micrograms per deciliter. The findings were presented to the Lead Commission on September 2, 2021 and the presentation powerpoint “CDCSupplementalPresentation.Revised.pdf” was provided to the Commission on October 7, 2021.

New Business:

- **MDE Lead Commission 2022 Calendar Reminder: April:**
 - WSA Updates
 - Update report on testing outcomes in schools/daycares and any new legislation that may have passed from a representative from Water Supply Program (Georgella Samu and Tim Rule)
 - Update on Bi-Partisan Infrastructure bill (WSA) (Tentative)
- **DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives:** Presenter was unable to attend and the topic will be rescheduled to April 2022.
- **Update on State ARPA Review:** The City of Baltimore is currently releasing eligibility for those ARPA requests on lead for the city. Ruth Ann Norton will ask the city and the state to attend the April 2022 Lead Commission meeting and report their progress.
- **Commission Input on EPA Strategic Plan on Lead - Due March 16, 2022:** GHHI will be sending in comments and will share with the Commission in the future. It is currently unknown if MDE and MDH will provide comments but it was requested from the Chair that if comments are provided, the agencies would share their comments with the Commission. Ruth Ann Norton indicated that she would like to invite EPA Administrator, Michael Regan to be a guest at the Commission in a future meeting to provide an update on the efforts of EPA and fundings. Additionally, the Chair would also like to re-invite Carol Payne, Director of the Baltimore HUD Field Office to participate in the Commission.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):**
 - Kaley Laleker informed the Commission that the MDE building is now fully open and there are no restrictions at this point. If the Commission decides to return to in person meetings, MDE is available to host the meeting. MDE can also accommodate a hybrid meeting as well. Ruth Ann Norton suggested that the Commission have a hybrid meeting in April 2022. Shante Branch informed the Commission that there has been an update on the LRCA database with specific changes.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell provided the following updates:
 - In December of 2021, MDH suffered a network blackout which happened to be a ransomware attack. This attack shutdown MDH's internal network. MDH is still in the process of recovering from the attack which has affected its turn around time to respond to customers. The attack has also slowed the ability to conduct epidemiologic analysis evaluation completion of the impact of universal lead testing. MDH is slowly continuing to complete the report as it is able. The attack has also slowed down the local health departments.
 - Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties are now hiring community health workers and case managers to implement its lead home and asthma home visiting programs.
 - The federal government is committed to IT modernization. Cliff Mitchell is working with MDE on data modernization as well and highlighted some of the challenges with this as well as workforce development challenges.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Sheneka Frasier informed the Commission that BCHD has been having difficulties moving forward with unit production due to the pandemic and procurement challenges. BCHD is currently working through those challenges to resolve those issues. Sheneka Frasier asked the Commission to spread the word that BCHD is currently looking to hire outreach workers or social service coordinators. Mary Beth Haller reported that Geraldine Woodson (Day) is retiring May 1, 2022. Cliff Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Ruth Ann Norton, for the Commission to officially recognize Geraldine Woodson's work through the years and her contribution to the families and children of Baltimore City by sending a letter to the Baltimore City Health Department to Dr. Jeraz for Dr. Jeraz to present it to Geraldine Woodson. Ruth Ann Norton would like to also invite Geraldine Woodson to the Lead Commission Meeting in order to celebrate her service. Paula Montgomery volunteered to write a letter and certificate.

- **HABC** (Housing Authority of Baltimore City): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development). There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care): Manjula Paul reported that OCC is fully operational. OCC invited Paula Montgomery to its recent staff meeting in order to present the Lead Surveillance Report to the licensing staff.
- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative): GHHI requests to give a future update of the East Baltimore Initiative. Ruth Ann Norton reported that there are jobs available regarding climate energy and healthy housing. GHHI will be posting the five summer fellowship positions during the week of March 7, 2022. Wes Stewart requested a future discussion on the efforts to integrate lead with healthy housing and weatherization as a result if the infrastructure bill passes.

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

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

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.

Future Meeting Date: The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Thursday, April 7, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

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Documents Distributed:

- Draft Minutes 220303.pdf
- Final Agenda 220407.pdf
- How 2 Industries Stymied Justice for Young Lead Paint Victims.pdf
- HAF Log - Reporting 472022.pdf (HAF numbers completed to date)
- HAF Presentation revised.pdf (Homeowner Assistance Fund Rehab WholeHome Grant Program Presentation)
- Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids breakdown per month.pdf (Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids Lead Initiative numbers)
- Historic Monthly Encumbrance Chart SLP MHRP Classic 4.8.2022.pdf (Special Loan Programs funding to date)

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. with welcome and introductions during which Secretary Ben Grumbles took a moment to share some comments. On Monday, April 4, 2022, Secretary Grumbles attended a meeting in North Carolina with environmental Secretaries among the 50 states as well as the EPA Administrator. The attendees at the meeting discussed environmental justice, the bipartisan infrastructure law, and many of the important new provisions of the billions of dollars for lead in drinking water. Secretary Grumbles shared with those at the meeting that the MDE Lead Commission is increasing its focus on important sources of lead poisoning and using the funds to use clean water State Revolving Fund Dollars (SRF) and drinking water SRF for lead service line and replacement and also other fixtures in schools or public buildings in order to reduce the exposure to lead through drinking water. Secretary Grumbles emphasized the importance of and the need for the Lead Commission's leadership to help invest wisely and rapidly in lead plumbing, lead fixture, and lead service line replacement, using these dollars that MDE will help to oversee. Ruth Ann Norton asked Secretary Grumbles for his recommended Point of Contact (POC) to the EPA's Office of Water in order to invite the POC to the May Lead Commission meeting. Secretary Grumbles proved the POCs Wendi Wilkes and Andrew Sawyers.

Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen
Benita Cooper
Jack Daniels
Anna Davis
Susan Kleinhammer

Mary Beth Haller
Cliff Mitchell
Paula Montgomery
Barbara Moore
Ruth Ann Norton

Manjula Paul
Christina Peusch
Paul Rogers
Adam Skolnik

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar

Senator Jill Carter

Guests Present:

Christina Ardito-MDE
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE
Shante Branch-MDE
Camille Burke-BCHD
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec
Chris Corzine-OAG
Geraldine Day-BCHD
Debbie Farlow-MDH

Eamon Flynn-MDH
Jeffrey Fretwell-MDE
Ben Grumbles-MDE
Kathryn Hirabayashi-MDH
Dawn Joy-AMA
Michael McKnight-GHHI
Katelyn Mullins-MDH
Simon Penning-BCDHCD

Cherise Roberts-GHHI
Tim Rule-MDE
Kylan Simpson-MDH
George Stewart-GHHI
Marcia Williams-BCDHCD
Chris White-Arc Environmental

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Adam Skolnik, seconded by Barbara Moore to amend the March 3, 2022 minutes. All present Commissioners were in favor of the amendments; the amended minutes were approved.

Amendments: Changed Barbara Moore from absent to present under the attendance.

Old Business:

- Updates from the Legislative Subcommittee: Adam Skolnik provided updates from the Legislative Subcommittee:
 - [**HB101: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance**](#) sponsored by Delegate Sandy Rosenburg. The Commission supports this bill. During the 2021 legislative session, this bill was introduced as HB49 and died in the Environment and Transportation Committee. During the 2022 session this bill died again in the Environment and Transportation Committee.
 - [**HB174: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Registration and License Information**](#) sponsored by Delegate Mary Lehman. The Commission supports this bill. The bill passed. Under HB 174, a lead certificate may be an issue of fact at trial. This bill is effective October 1, 2023.

- [HB1110: Environment - Lead Poisoning Prevention - Elevated Blood Lead Level](#): MDE worked with Delegate Holmes on the bill and MDE testified on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the bill hearing in support of the bill. The Commission supports this bill. The bill passed. This bill alters the application and meaning of “elevated blood level (EBL)” and “reference level” as those definitions apply to specified provisions of law that initiate case management, notification, and lead risk reduction requirements under the state’s lead poisoning prevention laws. The bill also requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and local health departments (LHDs), and other relevant stakeholders, to study and evaluate the most effect means of incorporating the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) into the state’s lead poisoning prevention programs, as specified. MDE must report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022. The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.
- [HB1266: Dentists - Saliva Lead Poisoning Screening Tests - Scope of Practice and Requirements](#): The bill was scheduled for a hearing on March 8, 2022 which was canceled. The Commission did not support this bill. The bill failed and was withdrawn by the sponsor.
- [HB1290: Education - Public School Construction - Funding and Administration](#) sponsored by Delegate McIntosh. The bill passed which will make money available for lead and water standards.
- [SB0563: Real Property - Actions to Repossess - Judgment for Tenants and Proof of Rental Licensure](#) sponsored by Senator Hettleman. The bill passed but is no longer related to lead due to amendments made.
- Lifetime Service Award: At the March Commission meeting, the Commissioners motioned to officially recognize Geraldine Day’s work through the years and her contribution to the families and children of Baltimore City. Geraldine Day attended the April meeting to accept the award.
- Discuss GAP Analysis: Ruth Ann Norton made a suggestion that lead and water be added to the GAP Analysis.

New Business:

- MDE Lead Commission 2022 Calendar Reminder: May:
 - WSA Updates
 - Update report on testing outcomes in schools/daycares and any new legislation that may have passed from a representative from Water Supply Program
 - Update on Bi-Partisan Infrastructure bill
 - State ARPA Review Report on Progress (Baltimore City): This was rescheduled from April to May
 - Health Department Open Forum-Paula Montgomery: This item will be rescheduled for a future date and time undetermined.
 - Preliminary Data for Testing for 2021 to see the increase or decrease in testing (Shante Branch): This item will be rescheduled to a later month in the year when the results/information is available.
 - 2022 Legislation Closeout Discussion: Lead Clauses and Impacts of Bills that Passed for SB528 and SB524/HB108: There may be a clause on lead in these bills which will be discussed at the May meeting.
 - **Lead and Water in Schools:** update on the 2021 Bill [HB0636 = School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead \(Safe School Drinking Water Act\)](#). [Text - Chapter - Signed by the Governor](#) and the progress that has been made on the implementation. (MSDE)

- **DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives:** Jack Daniels gave a verbal presentation on Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives. He provided a brief overview of the function of DHCD and also discussed some of its programs. Jack Daniels provided a copy of the information, literature and slide presentation after the Commission meeting which was sent to the Commission members and guests.
- **State ARPA Review:** Ruth Ann Norton will attempt to contact Alice Kennedy from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to invite her to a future meeting to provide a State ARPA Review and discuss the \$100 million allocation.
- **New York Times Article: How 2 Industries Stymied Justice for Young Lead Paint Victims:** Paula Montgomery emailed the Lead Commission the document titled "Copy of How 2 Industries Stymied Justice for Young Lead Paint Victims" prior to the meeting which was reviewed and highlighted at the meeting. Ruth Ann Norton asked that Benita Cooper thoroughly read the article and be prepared to give an update in June and brief the Commission on the state of property insurance and pollution liability insurance in Maryland and the exclusions that are allowed by the law so that the Commission can make necessary recommendations and set needed standards pertaining to the issues.
- **Combination of Committees Meeting:** Ruth Ann Norton and Cliff Mitchell indicated that they would like to have a combination Committee meeting in June and discuss what the state strategy should be with regard to the intersection of housing and health as it relates to the below three Commissions. All three Commissions share a commonality with regard to children's environment and health and the issue of housing and health. Ruth Ann Norton advised that a pre-meeting be scheduled to include Ruth Ann Norton, Cliff Mitchell, Camille Burke, and MDE reps in order to prepare a preliminary plan for the June meeting.
 - Children's Environmental Health & Protection Advisory Counsel
 - Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities
 - Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission
- **Health Department Open Forum Tentative Agenda-Paula Montgomery:** Ruth Ann Norton and Cliff Mitchell recommended that the May Open Forum meeting be rescheduled to a later date to be determined.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Secretary Grumbles offered his encouragement to the Lead Commission to continue its important work to follow through with its recommendations as well as implement new programs.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell informed the Commission that Title 5 is being used to support lead poisoning prevention case management in some of the local health departments which is the maternal and child health block grant that goes to communities and counties. Also MDH continues to expand its home visiting program. Lastly, on Saturday, April 9, 2022 MDH will have a panel at the New Carrollton Spring Festival in Prince George's County with Ruth Ann Norton; Dr. Earnest Carter, Health Officer of Prince George's County; John Bluey from the Department of Housing and Community Development; and Cathy Atar from the Children's Environmental Health Network to discuss climate, housing, health, and health equity.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development:** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camille Burke provided the following link for those interested in employment. <https://humanresources.baltimorecity.gov/employment>
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City):** There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development):** There were no comments or updates provided.

- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care): Manjula Paul reiterated that OCC has children in child care homes that are run by owner occupied buildings and asks that the Commission think about how the buildings can have the required testing and also water testing of the private well water source.
- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **GHHI** (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative): West Stewart indicated that GHHI was awarded a 2 million dollar hud healthy homes production grant which will allow GHHI to help 300 low income homes primarily in east Baltimore as part of the 1k unit East Baltimore Project. GHHI will be able to conduct lead hazard reduction around healthy homes around asthma, trigger reduction, injury prevention, radon mitigation, as well as leverage funded weatherization. The goal is to make homes safe, more sustainable, and more financially stable to help tenants and homeowners stay in properties GHHI has now made safer. Ruth Ann Norton added that GHHI will be formally launching a project with health care investment on June 9, 2022 in coordination with the Baltimore Ravens. GHHI will have a virtual Asthma Summit on May 11-12. GHHI will also be posting some blogs as part of National Health Week. GHHI is hiring for Asthma Health Educators, contractors, certified risk assessors, policy director, a vice president of climate energy and equity.

Commissioner Comments and Updates:

- Cliff Mitchell stated that MDH is applying for its five year competitive renewal for its environmental public health tracking program that supports the lead program through epidemiology and asks that the Commission provide a letter of recommendation from the Chair to support the application. Ruth Ann Norton motioned to support Cliff Mitchell's request, seconded by Christina Peusch. All present Commissioners were in favor.
- Susan Kleinhammer wanted to express her concern that there are many inspector technicians that are not aware of the changes that have occurred to the PCS of the XRFs that they are using which should be used effectively, efficiently and correctly. Susan Kleinhammer recommended that MDE should have a position on how this information should be disseminated to those individuals.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Adam Skolnik to adjourn the meeting. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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- Agenda 220505.pdf
- Draft Minutes 220407.pdf
- 2022_Abell_Lead-Control-report_FINAL-web.pdf
- Aluminum Crock Pots Source of Lead.pdf
- MLPPP Commission HB174LC Support Letter.pdf
- MLPPP Commission HB1110LC Support Letter.pdf
- sb0524T.pdf
- sb0528E.pdf
- hb0636t.pdf
- hb0108T.pdf
- Presentation by Jeff Fretwell.pdf
- LPPC Meeting May 5 2022 LCR update - Christina Ardito.pdf
- LPPC_2022.05.05_Testing-Pb-DW-Schools+WIIIN 2107_update - Tim Rule.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with welcome and introductions. Ruth Ann informed the Commission that Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital will soon be celebrating its centennial celebration. Cliff Mitchell motioned that the Commission send a letter to the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital to officially congratulate the hospital on its centennial and thank the hospital for all the work that it has done on lead and case management. Adam Skolnik seconded the motion. All Commissioners were in favor.

Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen	Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch
Jack Daniels	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Anna Davis	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	
Mary Beth Haller	Manjula Paul	

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Senator Jill Carter	Benita Cooper
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Guests Present:

Beatrice Amoateng-MGA	Shante Branch-MDE	Jeffrey Fretwell-MDE
Christina Ardito-MDE	Camille Burke-BCHD	Ben Grumbles-MDE
Justin Barry-Public	Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Steven Homola-BCDHCD
Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Chris Corzine-OAG	Lisa Horne-MDH
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Eamon Flynn-MDH	Alexia Jones-Public

Dawn Joy-AMA
Saranthip Koh-MDE
Kaley Laleker-MDE
Simon Penning-BCDHCD

Wendy Phillips-MDE
Cherise Roberts-GHHI
Tim Rule-MDE
Kylan Simpson-MDH

George Stewart-GHHI
Chris White-Arc Environmental
Marcia Williams-BCDHCD

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Barbara Moore, seconded by Mary Beth Haller to amend the April 7, 2022 minutes. All present Commissioners were in favor of the amendments; the amended minutes were approved and were as follows:

- ~~State ARPA Review (Baltimore City): Mary Beth Haller was unable to provide updates on this item and Ruth Ann Norton asked that this item be moved to May in order for Alice Kennedy to attend and give an update. Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).~~
- Baltimore ARP Review: Ruth Ann Norton will attempt to contact Alice Kennedy Commission of the Baltimore City Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to invite her to provide an update on the City's 3 million dollar allocation for healthy housing and other work being done to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

Old Business:

- 2022 Legislation Closeout Discussion: Ruth Ann Norton, George Stewart, and Adam Skolnik provided the following updates:
 - Lead Clauses and Impact of Bills that Passed:
 - [SB0528: Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022](#): This bill became law not requiring the Governor's signature. The weatherization system program from the U.S. Department of Energy is being doubled in size with the new federal influx of funds. The issue around deferrals, due to lead paint hazards, may prevent families from being weatherized and seniors from getting those services. HB0108 will coordinate resources to address other hazards as part of the weatherization process. A task force along with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will develop a plan for reducing referrals and addressing other hazards such as mold and lead to be able to weatherize houses.
 - [SB0524 / HB0108](#) Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs - Energy Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing. This bill is currently pending which will move energy efficiency dollars with a better guideline for low income communities. It relates to lead in that there will need to be some lead work done including setting up a task force on Green and Healthy Homes which will look comprehensively at aligned efforts and intersection around health based housing and climates.
 - [SB0348: Conservation Finance Act](#) sponsored by Senators Elfreth, Rosapepe, Hester, Guzzone, and Smith. This bill sets up explicit provisions for the Maryland Drinking Water Loan Fund. As more funds come from infrastructure federal funding, this bill will require that Maryland assess the risk for lead pipes in Maryland, create an inventory of lead pipes in Maryland, and also set in place a lead service line replacement remediation plan. The provisions add more direction and requirements for responsibility for lead in pipes in Maryland.
 - [HB174: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Registration and License Information](#) sponsored by Delegate Mary Lehman. The Commission supported this bill. The bill passed. Under HB 174, a lead certificate may be an issue of fact at trial. This bill is effective October 1, 2023. When the original clean hand bill was passed, there was a provision that the registration and certification compliance status of the rental property owner, when the owner filed a failure to pay rent in rent court, was not an issue on which the judge could hear evidence. It did however, require an owner to list their owner number, their registration number, and their lead certificate. The previous provision in the statutes said it could not be an issue at trial. This was something that was corrected in HB174. Now judges can review evidence on the compliance of an owner just before the court for an affected rental property.

- [HB1110: Environment - Lead Poisoning Prevention - Elevated Blood Lead Level](#): The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) worked with Delegate Holmes on the bill and MDE testified on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the bill hearing in support of the bill. The Commission supported this bill. The bill passed. This bill alters the application and meaning of “elevated blood level (EBL)” and “reference level” as those definitions apply to specified provisions of law that initiate case management, notification, and lead risk reduction requirements under the state’s lead poisoning prevention laws. The bill also requires MDE, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and local health departments (LHDs), and other relevant stakeholders, to study and evaluate the most effect means of incorporating the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) into the state’s lead poisoning prevention programs, as specified. MDE must report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022. The bill takes effect July 1, 2022. The bill was approved by the Governor on April 12, 2022.
- [HB1290: Education - Public School Construction - Funding and Administration](#) sponsored by Delegate McIntosh. The bill passed which will make money available for lead and water standards. The bill was enacted under Article II, § 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution on April 9, 2022. As part of this bill, there is an interagency commission that requires that schools be surveyed yearly. The bill now sets a provision that specifically requires lead paint to be part of the annual inspection of schools. Additionally it will then set in a plan to remediate lead paint hazardous. This is specific to lead paint in schools and not lead in water. Schools will now be required more explicitly to test for lead paint.
- Health Department Open Forum Timing: Ruth Ann Norton suggested that the Health Department Open Forum meeting be rescheduled to October 6, 2022 and others agreed.
- Public Community Based Meeting Discussion: Ruth Ann Norton suggested that the Commission hold a Public Community Based meeting in October to coincide with the National Children’s Environmental Health Month and the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness month at the Henderson Hopkins School. The school expressed interest in some of the students presenting a project related to lead at the meeting.
- Joint Commission Meeting Status: The goal is to establish one or two common goals between all three groups and work together to accomplish the goals over the next year: 1) The Children’s Environmental Health & Protection Advisory Counsel, 2) The Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities, and 3) The Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission. The date and time of the joint meeting is still tentative and has not yet been confirmed. Wendy Phillips will work to confirm the date and time and send an invitation out for the meeting.

Reminder Review for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar for the Month of June:

- MIA Reporting (Benita Cooper): Address concerns raised in the New York Times article “Copy of How 2 Industries Stymied Justice for Young Lead Paint Victims” and brief the Commission on the state of property insurance and pollution liability insurance in MD and the exclusions that are allowed by the law.
 - Status on allowed exemptions in MD
 - Status on surplus lines and status in MD
 - MIA’s view as to why this is or is not applicable in MD
 - Opportunities to incentivize insurers to require compliance.
- Joint Commission meeting: Discuss what the state strategy should be with regard to the intersection of housing and health as it relates to the below Commissions.
 - Children’s Environmental Health & Protection Advisory Counsel
 - Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities
 - Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission
- Lead and Water in Schools: Update on the 2021 Bill [HB0636 = School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead \(Safe School Drinking Water Act\)](#). [Text - Chapter - Signed by the Governor](#) and the progress that has been made on the implementation (Fred Mason from MSDE)
- Chip Program Statistical Update Report (Cliff Mitchell/Jack Daniels)
 - Funding Status
 - Current State Match

- Future plans

New Business:

- WSA Updates
 - Update report on testing outcomes in schools/daycares and any new legislation that may have passed
 - 1. Lead in Schools update - Tim Rule provided a short powerpoint presentation (document titled, “LPPC_2022.05.05_Testing-Pb-DW-Schools+WIIN 2107_update - Tim Rule.pdf”) which was provided to the Commission at the conclusion of the meeting for their information. Additionally, Tim provided the following links:
 - Testing for Lead in Drinking Water - Public and Nonpublic Schools website: https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Pages/Testing-For-Lead-In-Drinking-Water-Public-and-Nonpublic-Schools.aspx
 - Guidance Materials: Example Signage for Outlets: https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/water_supply/Documents/SLT_Example_Signage.docx
 - 2. Lead and Copper Rule update - Christina Ardito provided a short powerpoint presentation (document titled, “LPPC Meeting May 5 2022 LCR update - Christina Ardito.pdf”) which was provided to the Commission at the conclusion of the meeting for their information.
 - Update on infrastructure bill: Jeff Fretwell provided a detailed powerpoint presentation (document titled, “Presentation by Jeff Fretwell.pdf”) which was provided to the Commission prior to the meeting for review.
- Lead and Water in Schools: Update on the 2021 Bill [HB0636 = School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead \(Safe School Drinking Water Act\)](#). [Text - Chapter - Signed by the Governor](#). This bill lowered the lead in drinking water in schools action level to 5 parts per billion. MSDE/Fred Mason is scheduled to discuss the progress that has been made on the implementation of the bill at the June Commission meeting.
- State ARPA Review Report on Progress: Ruth Ann Norton attempted to contact Alice Kennedy from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to invite her to the May meeting to provide a State ARPA Review and discuss the \$100 million allocation, however Alice Kennedy was unavailable and out of the county. Ruth Ann Norton will continue to try and make contact with Alice Kennedy to invite her to a future Commission meeting. Ruth Ann Norton clarified that there was an allocation of \$100 million related to housing that may overlap with lead and wants to know if the city is considering taking further action directly with regard to lead. Ruth Ann Norton thought it would be good to have Alice Kennedy from DHCD because DHCD made a public announcement of \$100 million going to healthy housing i.e. bringing vacant housing back to healthier standards. \$3 million was allotted for healthy housing. Mary Beth Haller indicated that all the ARPA funding is being done through the Mayor’s Office of Recovery Programming. The Office of Recovery Programming is notifying agencies and communities directly. The Baltimore City Health Department does not have a supplemental ARPA request in and around lead and is not not aware if DHCD submitted such a request or not.
- Abell Foundation Report: An attempt was made to invite the author of the document titled “2022_Abell_Lead-Control-report_FINAL-web.pdf” to the Commission however the author was not available to attend. The report was provided to the Commission prior to the meeting for review. Ruth Ann Norton encouraged the Commission to read the document.
- CHIP Program Statistical Update Report Request: Ruth Ann Norton asked Cliff Mitchell and Jack Daniels to provide a brief report in June on the funding status of the CHIP Program and what the state current match is as well as the plans for the future.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment): Shante Branch provided a brief update to Susan Kleinhammer regarding the Viken Instrument. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) talked to the manufacturer and LPPP is in the process of putting together a bulletin for Kaley Laleker’s review in order to provide the community with more guidance.

- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health): Cliff Mitchell took the time to remind everyone that this is asthma awareness month. The funding for asthma also supports the lead programs as a healthy homes program in 11 jurisdictions, and it is important to recognize that this encompasses an all housing hazard approach. Additionally, Cliff Mitchell clarified the purpose of the June Joint Commission Meeting which is to take advantage of the expertise within the three Commissions and compile a list of common goals.
- **Maryland DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development: There were no comments or updates provided.
- **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): Camille Burke reported that all the lead care II machines and kits have been returned to Magellan and BCHD is now waiting for the replacements so it can return to testing in the community.
- **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter): On April 26, 2022, Paul Rogers requested the Lead Commission’s support on an ECHO Grant application with the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. If funded, MDAAP would identify 10-12 pediatric practices and use telementoring to provide lectures and case presentations to help improve office lead testing. The “hub” or faculty team will consist of several pediatricians to do the lectures as well as a QI consultant/coach. Over a six-month period, MDAAP’s goal is to develop best practices for pediatricians to increase blood lead testing of children in their practice. Additionally, MDAAP would like to share its best practices with its partnering agencies. Paul Rogers requested the Commission partner with MDAAP in developing these best practices and help expand use of them to providers and agencies across Maryland. A motion was made by Mary Beth Haller, seconded by Susan Kleinhammer to send a Letter of Support to MDAAP for the ECHO grant. All present Commissioners were in favor of the Letter of Support. On May 5, 2022 a Letter of Support for the ECHO grant for MDAAP from the Lead Commission was sent to Paul Rogers. Paul Rogers expressed his gratitude for the support from the Lead Commission. If the grant is approved, Paul Rogers would like to have some time to inform the Commission of MDAAP’s plans with the project and how it relates to the Commission.
- **HABC** (Housing Authority of Baltimore City): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): There were no comments or updates provided.
- **GHHI** (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative):
 - Ruth Ann Norton reported that on June 9, 2022 GHHI will be doing a formal launch of the 1k home that it will be doing with healthcare, philanthropy, and the federal government in Baltimore which will have full lead hazard control climate and health together.
 - George Stewart announced that the Maryland Asthma Summit is scheduled for May 11-12, 2022 from 10-4 which will be virtual. Additionally, the Housing Choice Voucher program for lead preferences for lead affected families in Baltimore City is fully operational.
 - Ruth Ann Norton announced the new Vice President of Climate Energy and Equity, Melany Santiago, who joins GHHI on June 6, 2022.

Commissioner Comments and Updates:

- Ruth Ann informed the Commission that she has been appointed to the CDC’s Lead Elimination Advisory Counsel and has accepted the appointment. Additionally, in June, during National Healthy Homes Awareness month, GHHI will host the Maryland call on Maryland legislation on its impact on lead in healthy housing and climate. GHHI will invite Commissioners to the meeting.
- Barbara Moore mentioned the handout titled, “Aluminum Crock Pots Source of Lead.pdf” and wanted to know if this was a problem in Maryland and is that something that is routinely asked. Ruth Ann commented that GHHI should add the Aluminum Crock Pots to its home visiting questions.

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

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Paul Rogers, seconded by Barbara Moore to adjourn the meeting. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Future Meeting Date:

The next will be a Joint Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Documents Distributed:

- Awards & Recognition.pdf
- Draft Minutes 220505.pdf
- Final Agenda 220901.pdf
- Laws - Statute Text - 6-807 through 6-810.pdf
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Chart FY '22.pdf
- Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership.pdf
- dhmh_4620_bloodleadtestingcertificate_2016.pdf
- maryland_immunization_certification_form_dhmh_896_-_february_2014.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions and informed the Commission that Wendy Phillips will be sending out a survey to the Commissioners. The survey will ask Commissioners for their top 3 objectives that they would like to achieve on behalf of the State as the Commission meets over the next several months. Ruth Ann also reminded the Commission of the open member positions and encouraged attendees to forward any recommendations they have for the open positions. A list of the current and expired membership appointments can be found on the Lead Commission's website [Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership](#). Those interested in membership renewal or submission of new applications can apply directly on the Governor's website [Online Application Instructions and Submittal](#). Over the next few months, agencies will be preparing a transition report for the new Governor as it relates to lead poisoning. Ruth Ann informed the Commission that she will be requesting that the agencies make its report available to the Commission.

Members Present:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch
Jacob Benzaquen	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Jack Daniels	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	
Mary Beth Haller	Manjula Paul	

Members Absent:

Senator Jill Carter	Benita Cooper	Anna Davis
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Guests Present:

Justin Barry-GHHI	Eamon Flynn-MDH	Kaley Laleker-MDE
Frederick Banks-MDE	Darlene Israel-MDH	Fred Mason-MSDE
Shante Branch-MDE	Dawn Joy-AMA	Kelsey McClain-GHHI
Camille Burke-BCHD	Comfort Kissi-GHHI	Wade McCord-MDE
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Jonathan Klanderud-MDE	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Chris Corzine-OAG	Nick Kyriacou-Public	Brenda Reyes-HUD

Tim Rule-MDE
Tiana Sheppard-GHHI
Anastasia Solano-MDE

George Stewart-GHHI
Katherine Taylor-BCHD
Chris White-Arc Environmental

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Paul Rogers, seconded by a Commission Member to accept the May 5, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: October 2022:

- Public Community Based Meeting Henderson Hopkins School: Ruth Ann Norton reminded the Commission of a previous discussion that the Commission hold a public community based meeting in October at the Henderson Hopkins School to coincide with the National Children's Environmental Health Month and the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness month. It is intended that the meeting be streamed publicly via facebook. Ruth Ann Norton believes that she can secure the venue at the school during the day but will take input from the Commissioners if they prefer to hold it at a different time.
- Health Department Open Forum: Cliff Mitchell recommended that the Health Department Open Forum be postponed to a later date possibly in November in which an entire meeting can be dedicated to this topic. Additionally, Manjula Paul suggested that focus also be put on educating parents of the regulation changes.
- Lead Commission Recognition
- MSDE/OCC Update Report: This item will be rescheduled to a future date.

Old Business:

- Lead Commission Recognition Reminder:
 - Ruth Ann reminded the Commission about the yearly Awards and Recognition. She anticipates providing an award for each of the three categories during the month of lead week in October. Wendy Phillips will circulate the nomination form and ask for recommendations by September 16, 2021. The Commissioners vote on the winners by the end of September. During the October meeting the Commission will announce the recognition award.

New Business:

- **Public Education Regarding Regulations Changes:** Ruth Ann Norton suggested that the Commission do some public communication prior to October 28, 2022 along with a series of videos that can be shared with the public. MDE will be the lead for providing the public information with support from MDH. Paula Montgomery is currently working with the MDE Office of Communications to develop educational videos. Additionally, MDE will be working on some social media campaign reels for youtube, twitter, and facebook. Ruth Ann Norton asked that the videos and reels be shared with the Commission at the October meeting.
- **Lead and Water in Schools: Update on the 2021 Bill HB0636 = School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act). Text - Chapter - Signed by the Governor. and the progress that has been made on the implementation:** Fred Mason of the Maryland State Department of Education provided an update on the progress that has been made on HB0636. Since the 2021 legislation, school systems have used the Healthy School Facilities Fund to address the fixtures that tested between 5 and 20 parts per billion which are available on the internet at https://iac.mdschoolconstruction.org/?page_id=750. Schools can also use their own funds for fixture replacements as well as using the Aging Schools Program for capital projects.
- **CHIP Program Statistical Update Report:** Cliff Mitchell and Jack Daniels provided a report update on the CHIP Program which included: the number of families reached; the average cost per home; the funding status and current State match; ARP updates; overall barriers that are being faced; and future plans.
- **DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Report:** Jack Daniels provided an update on programmatic updates; DHCD's plans to apply for HUD funding for lead in the future; status of HUD grants; and expenditure of ARP to support lead prevention.
- **Report on Compliance and Enforcement:** Jonathan Klanderud introduced Dr. Frederick Banks who is the new Deputy Program Manager with MDE's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Jonathan Klanderud also provided the handout, "Lead Poisoning Prevention Chart FY '22" and provided a report on compliance and enforcement.

- **Legislation Pre-Files:** No pre-files were discussed at this time.
- **Review of Community Outreach funding status under the MD Environment Code 6-8:** Ruth Ann Norton reported that she recently had a meeting with the Secretary of MDE, Director of Land & Materials Administration, and the Program Manager for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to discuss the effect of MDE's discontinuation of the outreach contract on GHHI's ability to offer legal services.
- **GHHI's Need for Legal Service Attorney:** In the recent meeting with GHHI and MDE, GHHI encouraged MDE to restore funding for this position which was eliminated due to the discontinuation of community outreach funding.

Pending Legislative Action Dates

- Effective October 28, 2022 when a child under the age of six or a pregnant woman has a blood lead level greater than or equal to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter, MDE or the local health department will be notifying the parent or the pregnant woman and the property owner and initiating case management.
- Prior to December 31, 2022, MDE is required to report to the legislature its evaluation of how to effectively incorporate the blood lead reference value into the overall lead programs.
- Effective January 1, 2024, when a child under the age of six or a pregnant woman has a blood lead level greater than or equal to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter, an environmental investigation will be conducted.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Kaley Laleker announced that Shante Branch, the Program Manager of the MDE Lead Poisoning and Prevention Program will be leaving MDE effective Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Recently, MDE hired a new epidemiologist, Shamola Dye. MDE recently had a legislative audit which covered the end of 2016 through April 2021. Auditors identified 973 units that they believed lacked certificates. With 4 out of the 10 samples taken, MDE did not perform an investigation to determine if the units had appropriate certificates. MDE compared their findings against the LRCA database and was able to decrease the numbers to 309. MDE sent advisory letters to the property owners of the 309 in July and have also prepared Notices of Non-Compliance which will be sent out September 6, 2022. MDE is working on improving this process to better catch instances where there are discrepancies.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell indicated that MDH is in the process of completing the evaluation for the impact of the regulation changes; working on revising form 4620; working closely with MDE for the business processes for how local health departments will manage lead exposed children; and working on integrating all its operations.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development):** No updates were provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camille Burke reported that they have new hires: Katherine Taylor, Valerie Milling, and a new sanitarian from Morgan State. Additionally, the City received ARPA funds but none for lead.
- **MDAAP (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter):** Paul Rogers reported that MDAAP is recruiting around 20 pediatric practices that will be an individual quality improvement to look at how MDAAP can improve testing in the pediatric office as well as monitoring children with elevated blood levels which will be over a 10 month period.
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City):** There were no updates given.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development):** There were no updates given.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care):** There were no updates given.
- **MIA (Maryland Insurance Administration):** There were no updates given.
- **GHHI (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative):** Ruth Ann Norton announced that GHHI received 2.5 million dollars from the ARPA funding in Baltimore City for the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative to work on lead and

healthy housing. GHHI will soon be releasing its calendar of events for lead week/month. Lastly, GHHI welcomed new staff, Comfort Kissi, and Tiana Sheppard.

Commissioner Comments and Updates:

Susan Kleinhammer recommended that the Commission revisit the topic of having contractors provide proof of certification of lead training when permits are being pulled for construction work in the City. Susan Kleinhammer will email Mary Beth Haller in order to assist in this.

Public Comments and Updates: No updates or comments were received.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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October 6, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

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Documents Distributed:

- Draft Agenda 221006.pdf
- Draft Minutes 220901.pdf
- Top 3 Objectives (Responses).pdf
- Project ECHO for MD LPPC.pdf
- Lead Surveillance Mid-Year 2021 Report.pdf
- MDHBloodLeadTestingCertificate_4620_Revised2022_Draft_v3_watermark.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions and introduced the Principal of Henderson Hopkins School, Peter Kannam. Peter Kannam indicated that Derick the Dinosaur greeted the students of the school in order to bring attention to lead poisoning prevention awareness and childrens' environmental health month while emphasizing how to be healthy. Peter Kannam welcomed the Commission and shared a little background of the school and his own experience with a student who had lead poisoning. Horatio Tablada also gave welcome remarks.

Members Present:

Benita Cooper	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Jack Daniels	Barbara Moore	
Anna Davis	Ruth Ann Norton	
Susan Kleinhammer	Manjula Paul	
Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch	

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Jacob Benzaquen	Adam Skolnik
Senator Jill Carter	Mary Beth Haller	

Guests Present:

Tina Alley-Public	Camille Burke-BCHD	Don Howard-Public
Frederick Banks-MDE	Lanae Christian-Lifebridge Health	Darlene Israel-MDH
Robert Baron-MIA	Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Alexia Jones-GHHI
Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Chris Corzine-OAG	Peter Kannam-Henderson Hopkins
Thea Becton-HUD	Shamola Dye-MDE	Jonathan Klanderud-MDE
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Eamon Flynn-MDH	Kaley Laleker-MDE
Aaliyah Brice-GHHI	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	D'ultra Lee-Lifebridge Health

Tria Morris-Public
Wendy Phillips-MDE
Victor Powell-HUD

Horacio Tablada-MDE
George Stewart-GHHI
Katherine Taylor-BCHD

Chris White-Arc Environmental
Khalia Young-No Boundaries Coalition

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Christina Peusch to accept the September 1, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Next Month Topic Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: November 2022:

- MSDE/OCC Update Report (Manjula Paul)
- Health Department Open Forum

Old Business

- **Lead Commission Recognition and Awards:** Yearly, the Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission aims to recognize excellence, innovation, and leadership from within the Lead Poisoning Prevention community. The Commission members voted amongst the nominees previously submitted and the following nominees received an award:
 - George Wesley Stewart was awarded with the Outstanding Child Health Environmental Advocate Award 2022
 - Barbara Moore was awarded Outstanding Advocate Award 2022
 - Wendy Phillips was awarded Special Recognition Award 2022
- **Results of Objective Survey:** In September 2022, Wendy Phillips sent a survey to the Commissioners asking them for their top 3 objectives that they would like to see the Commission achieve on behalf of the state over the next several months. The results document titled, “Top 3 Objectives (Responses).pdf” was sent to the Commission and discussed at the meeting.
- **Lead Week:** Ruth Ann Norton informed the Commission that Lead Week will begin on Sunday, October 23, 2022. There will be a joint agency social media campaign with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI), Baltimore City and others.
 - **GHHI:** Ruth Ann Norton reported that on Monday, October 24, 2022, GHHI will launch the 1k home project in Baltimore. GHHI will be providing full funding for 1 thousand families in Baltimore to do energy efficiency, full lead hazard control, weatherization, asthma reduction, and trip and fall injury all in one holistic approach to housing. On October 25, 2022 there is a tour for Derek the Dinosaur who will be doing a book read around the area. GHHI will also be hosting other events throughout the week.
 - **MDH:** Cliff Mitchell reported that MDH will be stressing the importance of the key messages for the 2022 Lead Poisoning Prevention Week as 1) The transition from 5 micrograms to 3.5 micrograms on October 28, 2022 for notification of parents and property owners if there is a child who is found to have a lead level of 3.5 micrograms per deciliter or above and 2) Continued importance of children getting testing.
 - **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camille Burke reported that BCHD will be partnering with the Enoch Pratt Library and will be there each day of Lead Week to engage in conversations with the public. On October 17, 2022 BCHD will relaunch its media campaign which will run through December 2022.
 - **Baltimore County:** An employee from Baltimore County informed the Commission that it is doing in-person events and also for the entire month of October it will be running ads on Maryland Public Television and WBAL-TV 11 Baltimore.

New Business

- **Public Educational Video/Reels from MDE (Paula Montgomery):** Paula Montgomery with the assistance of MDE’s Office of Communications, developed an educational video which was shown to the Commission. To see the video you can click on the following link <https://youtu.be/sEOIOELg250>. The video will serve as a kick off with plans to do additional videos in the future discussing the different resources available.
- **MIA Reporting (Benita Cooper):** Benita Cooper addressed the concerns that were raised in the New York Times article “Copy of How 2 Industries Stymied Justice for Young Lead Paint Victims”. The article was initially discussed and provided to the Commission for the April 7, 2022 meeting. Benita Cooper gave some background on the article and informed the Commission that the issues raised in the article have not been an issue in the state of Maryland.
- **Preliminary Data Report on Childhood Lead Registry (CY2021 Childhood Lead Surveillance in MD Report) (MDE) (LPPP):** The Commission was provided a copy of a powerpoint presentation titled, “Lead Surveillance Mid-Year 2021 Report.pdf” which Rena Boss-Victoria discussed at the Commission meeting.

Pending Legislative Action Dates: No new updates.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Paula Montgomery indicated that MDE applied for a HUD grant, which is currently pending, for a study to evaluate lead hazards at lower blood lead levels.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell provided the Commission a revised Blood Lead Testing Certificate MDH Form 4620 titled, “MDHBloodLeadTestingCertificate_4620_Revised2022_Draft_v3_watermark.pdf” and explained what revisions were made to the form. If there are no further revisions the form will be submitted to become the new official form.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development:** No updates provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camille Burke reported that BCHD had an influx of 8 applicants for sanitarian and 7 of the 8 will be hired. BCHD is forging a partnership with Morgan State’s Environmental Science & Food and Nutrition with the intent on increasing sanitarians for BCHD.
- **MDAAP (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter):** Paul Rogers provided the Commission the document titled, “Project ECHO for MD LPPC.pdf” and indicated that the ECHO program is now in place and MDAAP’s goal is to work with 17 pediatric practices to see how testing, follow-up, education, and counseling of families can all be improved. The program will continue for 9 months and go through April. Paul Rogers indicated that he will be sharing information that MDAAP achieves from this special study.
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City):** No updates provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development):** No updates provided.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care):** No updates provided.
- **MIA (Maryland Insurance Administration):** No updates provided.
- **GHHI (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative):** No updates provided.

Commissioner Comments and Updates: No comments or updates provided.

Public Comments and Updates: No comments or updates provided.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Documents Distributed:

- Draft Minutes 221006.pdf
- Final Agenda 221103.pdf
- REGULATIONS TEXT - 10.11.04.pdf

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions and also thanked those that attended the October Commission Meeting at Henderson Hopkins School.

Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen	Cliff Mitchell	Christina Peusch
Benita Cooper	Paula Montgomery	Paul Rogers
Jack Daniels	Barbara Moore	Adam Skolnik
Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton	
Mary Beth Haller	Manjula Paul	

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar	Anna Davis
Senator Jill Carter	

Guests Present:

Akua Boatema-MDH	Shamola Dye-MDE	Candace Scott-MDH
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Eamon Flynn-MDH	Tiana Sheppard-GHHI
Aaliyah Brice-GHHI	Jason Harding-BCDHCD	Wes Stewart-GHHI
Camille Burke-BCHD	Colleen Hess-BCHD	Jillian Storms-MSDE
Subha Chandar-MDH	Steven Homola-BCDHCD	Horacio Tablada-MDE
Walter Clews-AmeriSpec	Darlene Israel-MDH	Katherine Taylor-BCHD
Stephanie Cobb-Williams-MDE	Dawn Joy-AMA	Chris White-Arc Environmental
Samantha Cribbs-HCHD	Wendy Phillips-MDE	Marcia Williams-BCDHCD
Nasu Conteh-FCHD	Tiffany Pride-MDH	
Chris Corzine-OAG	Tim Rule-MDE	

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Barbara Moore, seconded by Benita Cooper to accept the October 6, 2022 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

December Topic Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar:

- MDH Evaluation of Universal Testing and Updates on Home Visits (Cliff Mitchell)

Old Business:

- Review of Lead Week: Ruth Ann Norton and Cliff Mitchell briefly reviewed the Lead Poisoning Prevention week activities and its success.

New Business:

- **MSDE/OCC Update Report:** Manjula Paul presented a short report on the prevention of lead poisoning for children attending registered child care homes and the child care centers. Manjula Paul presented a PowerPoint presentation titled, “Child Care Facility Lead Inspection Report” which highlighted the Maryland Department of Education and Division of Early Childhood Leadership; Definitions: Child Care Programs: Licensed and Regulated; COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts; Childcare Program Numbers and Children Capacity; COMAR: Facility Inspection and Children Testing’ Licensing Inspection Report; and Considerations.
 - Manjula Paul shared the Child Care Scholarship Program link with the Commission.
<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program>
 - Christina Peusch shared a link for regions for reporting unlicensed child care and stated that a provider is issued a license or registration and should have it conspicuously posted.
<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/licensing/regional-licensing-offices>
- **Draft Regulations on Lead Testing:** Cliff Mitchell provided the Commission a document “REGULATIONS TEXT - 10.11.04.pdf” which is a copy of the draft regulations from the department on revision of the blood lead testing regulations and requirements for health care providers. Cliff Michell briefly discussed this with the Commission.
- **Health Department Open Forum:** Cliff Mitchell and Ruth Ann Norton facilitated open discussions between the the below listed individuals and the Commissioners to allow the local health departments to discuss their challenges regarding lead and explore what the community and Commission should be thinking about in terms of the next phase of Lead Poisoning Prevention and needed responses in the state. 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).
 - Candace Scott, Program Manager for the medicaid home visiting program for children exposed to lead or with moderate to severe persistent asthma.
 - Tiffany Price, Washington County Health Department, MDH
 - Nasu Conteh, Coordinator for the lead and asthma program at the Frederick County Health Department
 - Colleen Hess, Nursing Supervisor for Baltimore County’s Lead and Asthma Program
 - Samantha Cribbs, Program Supervisor for the maternal infant Health Program, Howard County Health Department
 - Cambile Burk, Director of Lead Program for Baltimore City Health Department

AgencyHot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment): No updates at this time.
- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health): No updates at this time.
- **Maryland DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development: Jack Daniels provided an update that the program on healthy homes for healthy kids continues to advance and extend outreach to reach

more applicants. Funds remaining for this year will likely be spent. The Baltimore City Lead Initiative \$4million grant was paused due to COVID but has since restarted and DHCD now has received 10 applications and will begin to work on getting the abatement projects started and completed. DHCD has lost some employees and is currently working with limited staff.

- **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): Camile Burke informed the Commission that BCHD adopted a family that it serves. BCHD recognized that the family had other needs that it can assist with through the holidays.
- **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter): Paul Rogers commented that MDAAP is in its 3rd month of the ECHO Program with a total of 16 practices participating and provided a brief status.
- **HABC** (Housing Authority of Baltimore City)
- **Baltimore City DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development): Katherine Taylor commented that COVID caused a pause in unit production but now is starting again. Also, DHCD currently has 2 active grants.
- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care): Manjula Paul reported that OCC is working with BCHD to develop a 2 hour free webinar training on lead, asthma, allergy environment exposure and prevention. This training will provide 2 continuing education credits to the child care provider. The training will be published in the coming months.
- **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration): No Updates Provided.
- **GHHI** (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative): Ruth Ann Norton indicated that GHHI is now accepting applications for 1k homes in the City of Baltimore with a priority on East Baltimore for whole house healthy homes repair which includes everything such as solar, weatherization, asthma reduction, and lead hazard control injury prevention. GHHI met with MDE to urge that it advance funds on public education and support and on legal services to help families and owners of properties.

Commissioner Comments and Updates: No comments and updates.

Public Comments and Updates: No public comments and updates.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION December 1, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet Draft Meeting Minutes

Opening Welcome and Introductions:

Ruth Ann Norton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions. MDE Secretary, Horacio Tablada, reminded the Commission of MDE's commitment and dedication to fight against lead poison in the state of Maryland. He also announced the appointment of Tyler Abbott who will replace Kaley Laleker, Director of the Land and Materials Administration when she leaves MDE at the end of November 2022. Lastly, Ruth Ann Norton announced that she accepted the role on the new governor's team to be the policy executive co-chair for housing through February. Tyler Abbott provided a brief introduction and shared his goals for the Lead Commission.

Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen

Paula Montgomery

Paul Rogers

Anna Davis

Ruth Ann Norton

Susan Kleinhammer

Manjula Paul

Cliff Mitchell

Christina Peusch

Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar

Jack Daniels

Adam Skolnik

Senator Jill Carter

Mary Beth Haller

Benita Cooper

Barbara Moore

Guests Present:

Tyler Abbott-MDE

Darlene Israel-MDH

Wes Stewart-GHHI

Thea Becton-HUD

Dawn Joy-AMA

Horacio Tablada-MDE

Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE

Comfort Kissi-GHHI

Katherine Taylor-BCHD

Camille Burke-BCHD

Jonathan Klanderud-MDE

Chris White-Arc Environmental

Walter Clews-AmeriSpec

Jo Anne Murray-MSDE

Julie Whitis-MDH

Stephanie Cobb-Williams-MDE

Tim Rule-MDE

Khalia Young-No boundaries Coalition

Shamola Dye-MDE

Tiana Sheppard-GHHI

Eamon Flynn-MDH

Anastasia Solano-MDE

Steven Homola-BCDHCD

Stephanie Staats-HUD

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the November Minutes have been tabled until the January 2023 Commission meeting.

Old Business:

- Health Department Open Forum-Takeaways:
 - Camile Burke expressed concern for lack of authority to enforce the new lower blood lead level.
 - Paul Rogers offered to provide to local health departments the lectures that he has been preparing for the ECHO Program.

New Business:

- **MDH Evaluation of Universal Testing and Updates on Home Visits:** Cliff Mitchell, MDH gave a presentation on “Childhood Blood Lead Testing in Maryland, 2022: Evaluation and Recommendations”. The presentation highlighted background of March 28, 2016 Regulations (COMAR 10.11.04); Follow Up Evaluations; Childhood Lead Testing in Maryland 2010-2020 test results; Impact of Testing Regulations Changes on Testing Rates; Impact of Testing Regulations Changes on Measured Blood Lead Levels; Future Blood Lead Testing Targeting Options; Findings; Recommendations; and Acknowledgements. A copy of the presentation will be available on the Lead Commission website.
- **Discuss Mead Commission Calendar Tentative Dates for 2023:** The discussion of the 2023 calendar items have been tabled until the January 2023 Commission meeting.

Pending Legislative Action Dates: No updates to report.

Agency Hot Topics/Current Events:

- **MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment):** Rena Boss-Victoria reported that HELPS is continuing to be developed and the hope is for it to soon be in production.
- **MDH (Maryland Department of Health):** Cliff Mitchell reported that MDH will soon be releasing the revised form 46-20 as soon as MDH receives approval which is anticipated to be in January 2023. MDH recently met with the local health department case management team across Maryland and MDH will continue to provide guidance to them.
- **Maryland DHCD (Maryland Department of Housing and Community) Development:** No Updates Provided.
- **BCHD (Baltimore City Health Department):** Camile Burke reported that she and Katherine Taylor are the newest members of the leadership academy for public health from the CDC. Camile Burke also announced that on December 10, 2022 BCHD will be hosting an event with GHHI at Mondoman Mall in order to do some testing and raise awareness about lead poisoning prevention and initiatives from GHHI. Ms. Burke also reported that BCHD is also now focusing on improving relationships with individuals of the housing code enforcement.
- **MDAAP (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter):** Paul Rogers commented that the EPA currently provided an announcement asking for comments about regulations that should be issued to control the lead and gasoline used in piston engine airplanes which is the biggest source of lead pollution around the airports.
- **HABC (Housing Authority of Baltimore City):** No Updates Provided.
- **Baltimore City DHCD (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development):** Katherine Taylor indicated that DHCD is currently looking to hire a program manager, and community aids.
- **MSDE/OCC (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care):** No Updates Provided.
- **MIA (Maryland Insurance Administration):** No Updates Provided.
- **GHHI (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative):** Wes Stewart commented that the EPA report is out on the new strategy to reduce lead exposure and disparities for lead. Wes Stewart also reported that ARPA funding around the country is increasing.

Commissioner Comments and Updates: No comments and updates.

Public Comments and Updates: No public comments and updates.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Christina Peusch to adjourn the meeting. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Future Meeting Date:

The next Lead Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2023 via Google Meet, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Thursday, January 6, 2022 · 9:30a–11:30a · Google Meet

Approved Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – December 2021
- Old Business
 - 2022 Reporting Calendar Update
 - Update on Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee
 - 2022 Legislation Discussion
 - HB0174 = Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Registration and License Information
 - HB101
- New Business
 - Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: February: Environmental Case Management Presentation (MDE) (Paula Montgomery)
 - Discuss Format of Health Department Open Forum for March
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
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Final Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – January 2022
- Old Business
 - 2022 Legislation Discussion
 - Letter of Support HB174
 - Creation of Legislation Process Subcommittee
 - Update on Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee
 - Physician Letter Update- Letter for publication
 - Continued discussions on Format of Health Department Open Forum for March
- New Business
 - MDE Lead Commission 2022 Calendar Reminder: March: DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives (Jack Daniels)
 - Approval of Annual Report CY21
 - Medical and Environmental Case Management Presentation (Paula Montgomery)
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
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Thursday, March 3, 2022 · 9:30a–11:30a · Google Meet

Final Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Vision Setting
- Approval of Minutes – February 2022
- Old Business
 - Updates from the Legislative Subcommittee
 - Update from the Lead Testing and Immunization Subcommittee
 - Physician Letter Update
 - Discuss GAP Analysis - Add access for Public Input
- New Business
 - MDE Lead Commission 2022 Calendar Reminder: April:
 - WSA Updates
 - Update report on testing outcomes in schools/daycares and any new legislation that may have passed from a representative from Water Supply Program (Georgella Samu and Tim Rule)
 - Update on Bi-Partisan Infrastructure bill (WSA) (Tentative)
 - DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives
 - Update on State ARPA Review
 - Commission Input on EPA Strategic Plan on Lead - Due March 16, 2022
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
 - **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment)
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- Commissioner Comments and Updates
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Thursday, April 7, 2022 · 9:30a–11:30a · Google Meet

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – March 2022
- Old Business
 - Updates from the Legislative Subcommittee
 - Discuss GAP Analysis
- New Business
 - MDE Lead Commission 2022 Calendar Reminder: May:
 - Preliminary Data for Testing for 2021 to see the increase or decrease in testing (Shante Branch)
 - Health Department Open Forum-Paula Montgomery
 - DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Updates and Initiatives (Jack Daniels)
 - WSA Updates
 - Update report on testing outcomes in schools/daycares and any new legislation that may have passed from a representative from Water Supply Program
 - Update on Bi-Partisan Infrastructure bill
 - State ARPA Review (Baltimore City)
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
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- Commissioner Comments and Updates
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The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2022, 9:30a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

Thursday, May 5, 2022 · 9:30a–11:30a · Google Meet

Approved Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – April 2022
- **Old Business**
 - 2022 Legislation Closeout Discussion
 - Lead Clauses and Impact of Bills that Passed:
 - [SB0528: Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022](#)
 - [SB0524 / HB0108](#) Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs - Energy Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing
 - Discuss Timing for Health Department Open Forum
 - Joint Commission Meeting Status
- **Reminder Review for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar for the Month of June:**
 - MIA Reporting (Benita Cooper)
 - Joint Commission Meeting
- **New Business**
 - WSA Updates
 - Update on infrastructure bill (Jeff Fretwell)
 - Update report on testing outcomes in schools/daycares and any new legislation that may have passed (Saranthip Koh & Tim Rule)
 - Lead and Water in Schools: Update on the 2021 Bill [HB0636 = School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead \(Safe School Drinking Water Act\)](#). [Text - Chapter - Signed by the Governor](#). and the progress that has been made on the implementation (MSDE/Fred Mason)
 - State ARPA Review Report on Progress - (Baltimore City)
 - Abell Foundation Report
- **Agency Hot Topics/Current Events**
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The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022, 9:30am – 11:30 am

**Joint Session of the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council,
Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities, and Lead
Poisoning Prevention Commission**

Housing, Health, and Health Equity

DRAFT AGENDA

Purpose: To advance children's health and health equity through state healthy housing strategies

Background: The Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council (CEHPAC) has long been interested in housing and children's health, particularly with respect to the following issues:

- Asthma and its relationship to housing conditions
- Household chemical hazards, including hazards in consumer products, pesticides and integrated pest management
- Health equity and housing

The Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities has previously discussed built environment and its relationship to health and health equity, including climate change, transportation, and population health.

The Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission has since the 1990s been involved directly in addressing housing issues related to lead poisoning prevention.

This joint meeting is meant as a one-time event, for the three groups to discuss overall priorities in view of the following background events:

The Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS) has identified housing as one of the potential priority areas that cuts across several SIHIS domains for population health, particularly childhood asthma (but with implications for diabetes and body mass index/obesity, as well as potentially indirect impacts on opioids).

1. The national infrastructure legislation enacted earlier this year has a number of items that may affect housing and health, including: \$15 billion for lead pipe replacement; \$5 billion for Superfund and Brownfields; \$5 billion for road and highway safety.

Proposed agenda:

1. Introductions (brief)
2. Problem statement/opportunities
 - a. Transitions in Government
 - b. Infrastructure bill
 - c. End of Phase 8 of COVID
 - d. New mandates/legislation affecting environmental health, health equality, across many agencies

- e. Statewide Integrated Health improvement Strategy (pop health including opioids, diabetes, severe maternal morbidity and childhood asthma)
 - f. New tools/emphasis on data and using data to address health, health equity
 - g. Common conversations around housing and health
 - h. Devon's Venn Diagram
3. Facilitated brainstorming on potential opportunities/considerations related to housing, health, and health equity priorities for the State
 - a. What are the common areas in housing for improvements in health
 - b. How do we define health equity with respect to housing?
4. Facilitated priority-setting/agenda setting
5. Final report out for separate commissions/councils to consider in future activities
6. Public comments

Potential uses/value of the report outs:

1. Each of the 3 individual advisory bodies could separately use the items to inform its own work.
2. If there are some common themes, the three groups (or a subset) could jointly incorporate a recommendation in their annual reports to the General Assembly.
3. Even if they are not made an official recommendation, the discussion may be valuable to the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of the Environment, and the Department of Health.

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Thursday, September 1, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

Approved Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – May 2022
- Old Business
 - Lead Commission Recognition Reminder
- Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: October 2022:
 - Public Community Based Meeting Henderson Hopkins School
 - Health Department Open Forum
 - Lead Commission Recognition
 - MSDE/OCC Update Report
- New Business
 - Lead and Water in Schools
 - MIA Reporting (Benita Cooper)
 - CHIP Program Statistical Update Report (Cliff Mitchell/Jack Daniels)
 - Report on Compliance and Enforcement (Jonathan Klanderud)
 - DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Report (Jack Daniels)
 - Legislation Pre-Files
 - Review of Community Outreach funding status under the MD Environment Code 6-8
 - Baltimore City DHCD Status of HUD Grants & Expenditure of ARP
 - GHHI's Need for Legal Service Attorney
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION
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Detailed Approved Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Open Positions
 - Survey: As the LPPC anticipates reconvening over the next several months, what would be the top 3 objectives that you would like to see the commission achieve on behalf of the state? (Share results at next meeting)
 - Preparing Recommendations for the Next Governor
- Approval of Minutes – May 2022
- Old Business
 - Lead Commission Recognition Reminder
- Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: October 2022:
 - Public Community Based Meeting Henderson Hopkins School
 - The school expressed interest in some of the students presenting a project related to lead at the meeting.
 - Health Department Open Forum
 - Lead Commission Recognition
 - MSDE/OCC Update Report
- New Business
 - Lead and Water in Schools: Update on the 2021 Bill HB0636 = School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act). Text - Chapter - Signed by the Governor. and the progress that has been made on the implementation (**Fred Mason from MSDE**)
 - MIA Reporting (**Benita Cooper**): Address concerns raised in the New York Times article “Copy of How 2 Industries Stymied Justice for Young Lead Paint Victims” brief the Commission on the state of property insurance and pollution liability insurance in MD and the exclusions that are allowed by the law.
 - Status on allowed exemptions in MD
 - Status on surplus lines and status in MD
 - MIA’s view as to why this is or is not applicable in MD
 - Opportunities to incentivize insurers to require compliance.
 - CHIP Program Statistical Update Report (**Cliff Mitchell/Jack Daniels**)
 - Report Update:
 - on the number of families reached
 - on average cost per home
 - Funding Status:
 - Current State Match
 - Should an ARP request be made to the Governor?
 - Future plans
 - Report on Compliance and Enforcement (**Jonathan Klanderud**)
 - DHCD Lead Hazard Reduction Report (**Jack Daniels**)
 - Programmatic Updates
 - DHCD’s plans to apply for HUD funding for lead in the future
 - Legislation Pre-Files
 - Review of Community Outreach funding status under the MD Environment Code 6-8
 - Baltimore City DHCD
 - Status of HUD grants
 - Expenditure of ARP to support lead prevention
 - GHHI’s Need for Legal Service Attorney
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Thursday, October 6, 2022 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Henderson Hopkins Highschool/Google Meet
Approved Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – September 2022
- Next Month Topic Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar: November 2022:
 - MSDE/OCC Update Report (Manjula Paul)
 - Health Department Open Forum
- Old Business
 - Lead Commission Awards & Recognition
 - Results of Objective Survey
 - Lead Week (MDE/MDH/DHCD/GHHI)
- New Business
 - Student Lead Presentation
 - Public Educational Video/Reels from MDE (Paula Montgomery)
 - MIA Reporting (Benita Cooper)
 - Preliminary Data Report on Childhood Lead Registry (CY2021 Childhood Lead Surveillance in MD Report) (MDE)
 - Baltimore 1K Home launch (Alice Kennedy Ruth Ann)
- Pending Legislative Action Dates
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LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

November 3, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – October 2022
- December Topic Reminder for Lead Commission 2022 Calendar:
 - MDH Evaluation of Universal Testing and Updates on Home Visits (Cliff Mitchell)
- Old Business
- New Business
 - MSDE/OCC Update Report (Manjula Paul)
 - Draft Regulations on Lead Testing (Cliff Mitchell)
 - Health Department Open Forum
- Pending Legislative Action Dates
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
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December 1, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – November Minutes Tabled to January 2023
- Old Business
 - Health Department Open Forum-Takeaways
- New Business
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