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CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING

June 6, 2007

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

109 West Michigan Avenue Lansing, MI 48933
Second Floor, Room 205

Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Randy Ray Barst*
Carole Ann Beaman Ph.D, LLP*
Joan Dyer
Clay Powell
Robert D. Sills
Laurel R. Sproul
**participated by speaker phone*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Darryl Gallant
Bruce C. Jeffries
Kimberlydawn Wisdom, M.D., M.S.

STAFF

Donna Strugar-Fritsch
Amy Wiles
Mary Scoblic

PUBLIC PRESENT

Paul Haan – Healthy Homes Coalition,
WMI
Sharon Hudson – MDCH, CLPPP
Jane Nickert – MDCH, CLPPP
Alice Penrose – U of M Preventative
Medicine
Wesley Priem – MDCH, LHHS
Bob Scott – MDCH, CLPPP
Diana Torres-Burgos – U of M
Preventative Medicine
Judy Williams – Ingham County Health
Department

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson, Clay Powell.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections were noted to the minutes of the March 12, 2007 meeting.

MOTION: Laurel Sproul moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2007.

SECOND: Joan Dyer

MOTION APPROVED

III. STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Mary Scoblic reported on the current and future State budget discussions, noting that the outlook is grim.

- Under the current discussion, the lead program must cut \$250,000 from the FY07 budget of \$1 million.
- Under the current FY 2008 budget proposal, the entire Healthy Michigan fund will be cut, eliminating \$1 million in funding for lead.
- This will create additional lost matching funds available from HUD and Medicaid.
- Programmatically, DCH will not be able to fund 6-7 local agencies' lead poisoning efforts, including Muskegon and Ingham County. The housing registry and the ombudsman will also receive no funds.

Commissioners discussed a major letter writing campaign to local legislators, with a copy to the Governor.

IV. ACTIVITY AND UPDATES SINCE MARCH 12, 2007 MEETING

- The new capacity to view blood lead testing data on MCIR has been advertised through a press release. MCIR users also see a notice of the addition of lead tests when logging into MCIR. Head Start and daycare programs recently received "read-only" access, which will add a significant new venue for assessing lead testing.
- The web-based course for providers is undergoing final beta testing. It will be available in the next few weeks. Continuing Medical Education credits will be available to users as of August 1, 2007.
- Blood Lead Testing at WIC clinics – subsequent to the new law requiring that WIC children be tested, the clinics fall into one of three categories, underscoring the need for a funding source for non-Medicaid children:
 1. Testing all children that come through their doors;
 2. Testing Medicaid children but not children with no source of payment; or
 3. Not testing anyone, but referring children to primary care for testing.
- DHS rules on daycare licensing have been implemented. These rules do not specifically mention lead; the rules are deliberately more open-ended, which allows for more discretion in how licensing staff can cite and pursue problems that they find.
- *EarlyOn* referrals – *EarlyOn* is still experiencing problems with children with elevated blood lead levels not being referred to this program. Discussion and problem-solving are on-going.
- Bills Introduced Subsequent to Commission's Annual Report

Two House Representatives have agreed to sponsor a total of three bills for the following:

1. Extend the sunset date of the Commission – Rep. Colouris
Draft of bill has not been returned from Legislative Services as of today.
2. Change the name of the housing registry – Rep. Steils
Draft of bill has not been returned from Legislative Services as of today.

3. Create tax credit for lead abatement – Rep. Steils
Rep. Steils has asked for input from the Commission on his draft
 - o Commissioners and public are asked to provide comments to Clay over next ten days. He will work with Rep. Steils’ office.

V. REVIEW AND COMMENT: LONG-TERM STATE PLAN TO ELIMINATE LEAD POISONING IN MICHIGAN

Staff reviewed a number of state and metropolitan plans, and also reviewed all the work done in Michigan to date. Donna Strugar-Fritsch noted that a great deal of work, progress and documentation has occurred in Michigan, and that producing a large manual would not advance progress at this point. Rather, the Commission might focus on four key areas in its report:

1. The complex, enormous task of crafting a comprehensive, pragmatic strategy to remove lead paint from Michigan residences, which the Commission has not yet been tackled directly.
2. Aggressive steps to continue to test all children at high-risk for lead exposure, with the goal of 100%. To include a requirement that high-risk children be tested as a condition of acceptance into licensed daycare/preschool.
3. Securing sustainable funding for lead poisoning prevention and control.
4. Monitoring the many efforts underway to prevent and control lead poisoning, to ensure ongoing improvements and maximum outcomes.

The Commissioners unanimously supported this outline, and made numerous suggestions to focus it more effectively.

VI. NEXT STEPS

Donna Strugar-Fritsch will complete the first draft of the June 2007 report and disseminate it to Commissioners and staff to be reviewed, with a schedule of dates for the review period.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Haan: regarding testing children prior to day care enrollment, Mr. Haan suggests including 4C people in the discussion, to understand any burden it places on their industry and any impact on access to daycare.

He also suggests lead hazards to be assessed over time and not just once because of deteriorating conditions. He noted the need to offer centralized accountability with decentralized oversight.

Wes Priem: Mr. Priem reported that the Lead-safe Housing Registry is functional and running. It is located on the Internet at www.michigan.gov/leadsafe. Wes would like comments while funding still exists to make edits to the database. The second phase of the database is complete and the third phase (GIS) is in the works. Combining MSHDA’s registry is part of the fourth phase, but having problems.

He also reported on a new EPA rule expected in March 2008 that will require lead-safe work practices and worker training and certification for contractors and construction professionals conducting renovation activities in child-occupied facilities. Child-occupied facilities include

child-care centers, preschools, and kindergarten classrooms, and may be located in private homes and apartments, as well as in public or commercial buildings.

VIII. SUMMARY AND ADJOURN

Commissioners were urged to circulate the final report and discuss it with their local legislators. Staff will keep the Commission advised of legislation and any changes in the Commission's sunset date.

MOTION: Joan Dyer moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Robert Sills

MOTION APPROVED

Vice-Chairperson Powell adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



Donna Strugar-Fritsch

June 19, 2007

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