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Michigan Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission Purpose and Responsibilities May 2017

The issue of child lead poisoning in Flint has highlighted the incidence of child lead poisoning throughout the state of Michigan. Over the past twenty years, there have been dramatic reductions in the number of Michigan children testing with elevated blood lead levels. But despite the state's efforts, there still remain pockets of predominately low-income areas where children continue to be exposed to lead.

By far the most common form of lead exposure for children is through lead paint and lead dust in old homes. Other sources include residual lead in the environment and lead in water. Appropriately testing and providing needed services to children with elevated blood lead levels should remain a high priority for the state. But the state must also take a more proactive approach to stopping lead exposure.

Through executive order, EO 2-17-2, the governor called for the creation of the Child Lead Elimination Commission. This permanent commission includes the same diversified stakeholder and state department representation that was within the temporary Child Lead Poisoning Elimination Board. In November 2016, the Board, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley, submitted 101 recommendations in a final Report to the Governor. **The Commission's charge is to coordinate all efforts to eliminate child lead exposure throughout Michigan.**

Responsibilities:

The board's main purpose is to ensure successful implementation of the Board's recommendations set forth in the Board's Report. The recommendations cover the following five key areas:

1. Testing children for elevated blood lead levels
2. Follow-up monitoring and services
3. Environmental lead investigations
4. Remediation and abatement
5. Dashboards and reporting

As part of its charge, the Commission will:

- Review and prioritize the recommendations within the Report
- Implement recommendations as guided by the prioritization.
- Monitor ongoing lead exposure issues across the State
- Coordinate lead elimination efforts across the State
- Collaborate with stakeholders to assure coordinated lead elimination efforts

Operating procedures:

- The board will meet at least twice a month beginning in May 2017. Members should plan to attend each meeting, but teleconferencing is available if needed.
- Email will be the primary form of communication between meetings and members wishing to provide supplemental information may email materials to the designated board contact.
- Meeting summaries will be prepared following each meeting and distributed to all members.

Annual Commission Report

- An Annual Commission Report shall be prepared by staff and presented to the Commission for final review and approval before presentation to the Lieutenant governor and Governor.