

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2008

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Ken, Bukowski, Henry Chang, Jr., Beverly Johnson, Betty Olds

Non-Voting Directors: Alice Lai-Bitker, Gwen Hardy

Alternates: Nancy Templeton

Staff: Mark Allen, Paul da Silva

Others:

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

1) **Open Forum**

Director Olds said during a social gathering, a medical doctor expressed that children are more likely to be exposed to lead from freeways than to lead in homes. Mr. Allen said that a correlation does exist between children exposed to lead along freeways and from homes built next to freeways, in many cases lead contamination of the soil can come from either past freeway traffic, when gasoline was still leaded, and from deteriorated lead based paint in low income homes which are found in close proximity to freeways. He said there are indeed other sources of lead, but lead-based paint and lead dust in homes remain the primary sources of childhood lead poisoning.

2) **Director's Report**

Mr. Allen informed the JPA Board of Directors of the following:

- The Program received the California Department of Public Health's (DPH) evaluation of the Program's biannual progress report, which was submitted at the end of July. He said for first time in memory there was no criticism by the State of any of the numerous fields of activity reviewed by DPH. Reviewers for the State DPH highly commended the Program on its activities. Directors Chang & Bukowski congratulated the Program.
- Following a recent meeting in Albany where she talked to both Director Bukowski and former Board Secretary Steve Schwartzberg about working more closely with the Program. Albany City Manager Elizabeth Pollard contacted Mr. Allen and assigned the Albany Community Development Director to pursue these discussions. Mr. Allen said that he would keep the JPA Board apprised.
- The City of Piedmont's Building Official contacted the program regarding technical assistance on a rental property unsafe renovation complaint. He has expressed interest in working with the Program to provide more information on lead safe work practices to Piedmont residents.
- Director Johnson said there are probably a number of cities in the County who are unaware of the services provided by the Lead Program. She suggested making a presentation to the Alameda County Conference of Mayors to introduce the Program to other cities. Directors and staff expressed support for what they termed an excellent idea.

- Mr. daSilva provided an update on the Angie's List event in Jack London Square on September 22nd: 41 persons received a blood lead test (capillary); nine persons attended the two-hour Lead-Safe Painting and Remodeling class; and 25 vouchers were distributed to individuals interested in attending a free one-day Lead Safety for Remodeling, Repair and Painting class, redeemable for 60 days after the event. Mr. Allen thanked Director Chang for the support of his office and for making an appearance at the event.

3) **Approval of Minutes (August 23, 2007)**

Action: The Board approved the minutes for August 23, 2007.

Moved: Ms. Olds **Seconded:** Mr. Chang **Ayes** 4

4) **Program Operations Committee**

a) **Minutes (September 13, 2007)**

b) **Health and Housing Services Report**

Mr. Allen reviewed the Health and Housing Services Report. There were no questions regarding this report.

5) **Administration and Finance Committee**

a) **Minutes (September 13, 2007)**

6) **Announcements by Board Members**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2007

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Henry Chang, Jr., Beverly Johnson, Betty Olds

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy

Alternates: Rubén Briones, Nancy Templeton

Staff: Mark Allen, Paul da Silva

Others: None

Absent: Alice Lai-Bitker, Ken Bukowski

1) **Open Forum**

On behalf of the Lead Program staff, Mr. Allen extended sincere condolences to Director Olds on the loss of her husband.

2) **Director's Report**

Mr. Allen announced the following to the JPA Board of Directors:

- Program staff will be collaborating with Angie's List, a consumer referral service operating in 124 cities throughout the country, on a nationwide Lead Safety Tour. The ACLPPP, in partnership with the City of Berkeley and San Francisco, is working with Angie's List to kick off the tour on September 22nd at Jack London Square, Oakland, from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.. This event will offer free blood lead screening of children; information on the sources of lead poisoning, including leaded toys and candies, as well as lead-based paint; and training in lead safe work practices. Contractors and property owners will receive vouchers, redeemable within 60 days after the event, for a free one-day Lead Safety for Remodeling, Repair and Painting class.
- Get the Lead Out, a Bay Area Coalition of Lead Leaders, which includes representatives of 11 Bay Area counties, is developing a media campaign to provide guidance to parents and others on how to safeguard their children from lead tainted objectives during the upcoming holiday season. The campaign will seek to enlist retailers as well as organizations such as local fire departments and the U.S. Marine Corps who traditionally host toy drives in this effort.
- The November 8th's Strategic Planning meeting, which was scheduled for 10:00 to 12:00, is not feasible due to a conflict with Director Chang's schedule. The Board members present agreed upon 2:00 p.m. as the starting time. Mr. Allen said an e-mail would be sent to all JPA Board members to confirm 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 8th for this special meeting.
- Mr. Allen suggested the staff report on water and abrasive blasting ordinances be redistributed for discussion on September 27, 2007, as many Board members were absent during its initial distribution and discussion. The Board decided it was not necessary to revisit the staff report, but expressed interest in the development of a proposal that would be aimed at preventing the creation of lead hazards. The Board asked staff to report on the feasibility of such an ordinance.
- The California Department of Public Health (DPH) will host a site visit by representatives of the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from October 9-11. DPH has asked the Lead Program to host the CDC team for one of

those days.

- Lawyers for the oil and paint companies have made a formal California Public Records Act request for thousands of lead related documents from the Lead Program. Alameda County is one of more than two dozen plaintiffs in the Santa Clara County et al lawsuit against the oil and paint companies for the creation of a public nuisance. Program staff is working with County Counsel to produce these documents, if appropriate. This will be a time and resource consuming effort. In 2002, the same companies subpoenaed hundreds of similar documents.

3) **Health and Housing Services Report**

Mr. Allen and the JPA Board Members reviewed the Health and Housing Services Report. There were no questions regarding these reports.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2007

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Henry Chang, Jr., Beverly Johnson, Betty Olds

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy

Alternates: Rubén Briones, Nancy Templeton

Staff: Mark Allen, Paul da Silva

Others: None

Absent: Alice Lai-Bitker, Ken Bukowski

- 1) **Open Forum**
No public comment.
- 2) **Director's Report**
None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2007

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Henry Chang, Jr., Betty Olds

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy

Alternates: Rubén Briones, Nancy Templeton

Staff: Paul da Silva, Dennis Jordan

Others: None

Absent: Mark Allen, Ken Bukowski, Beverly Johnson

1) **Open Forum**

No public comment.

2) **Director's Report**

Mr. da Silva informed the JPA Board of Directors of the following:

- The 11 lead toys disposal sites would remain operational until December 2007 due to the recent toy recalls, and now, State-issued lunchboxes. He explained that the State has placed a moratorium on State promotional items until further testing can reveal whether these are safe for distribution. He said that the Program has taken the initiative to have its own promotional items tested (those not funded by the State) to ensure that they do not contain lead.
- The California Department of Public Health's Lunch Box Questions and Answers newsletter for review. This newsletter provides background information on the lunch boxes and guidance for their disposal.
- Program staff has been invited to participate in the National Center Healthy Homes (NCHH) Conference on October 22. Mr. Dennis Jordan, Program Certified Industrial Hygienist & Healthy Homes Project Manager, explained to the JPA Board that the NCHH would be covering all expenses to have Program staff represent the Program as an approved training provider of NCHH courses.
- Circulated a revised version of the JPA Meeting Schedule. He said that this has been updated to reflect the new time for the November 8th's Strategic Planning Meeting which will take place between 2 and 4 p.m.. He said that an electronic version would be sent to each Board member's e-mail address.

3) **Health and Housing Services Report**

Mr. da Silva and the JPA Board Members reviewed the Health and Housing Services Report. Mr. da Silva explained that monthly health report has been changed to reflect the California Department of Public Health's Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's recent notification. He said that the Program was instructed to discontinue case management of adults with a blood lead levels between 10 and 39 micrograms per deciliter as they would be providing this service. There were no questions regarding these reports.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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1) **Open Forum**

No public comment.

2) **Director's Report**

None.

3) **Staff Report**

Mr. da Silva introduced Mr. Dennis Jordan, Program Environmental Services Manager & the HUD Round XIV Healthy Homes Project Manager. Mr. Jordan explained to the JPA Board of Directors that Program staff was requesting the Board's approval to extend the end date of the Laboratory Services contract until December 2008. He explained that this is needed to cover the remaining activities for the HUD Round XIII Lead Hazard Control grant. He said that no additional funds were needed to cover the extended period. Mr. Chang inquired on the reason for not needing to encumber more funds. Mr. Jordan explained that there were sufficient funds still available under the old contract to cover this extended period.

Approval of Staff Report for Laboratories Services Contract

Action: The Board approved the extension of the Laboratory Services contract until December 31, 2008.

Moved: Mr. Chang **Seconded:** Ms. Olds **Ayes** 2

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.