

ALAMEDA COUNTY
LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

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DATE: December 13, 2019

TO: Directors and Alternates
Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

FROM: Larry Brooks, Secretary
Joint Powers Authority

SUBJECT: **Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The next regular meeting of the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for **Thursday, December 19, 2019. The meeting will begin a 9:15 a.m., or immediately following the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting** at Alameda County Healthy Homes Department, 2000 Embarcadero Cove, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94606.

Attached is the agenda packet for the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Lidice De La Fuente at (510) 567-8291.

Please note change in meeting location.

Thank you.

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

AGENDA

General Board Meeting

December 19, 2019

9:15 A.M. or immediately following the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting

Alameda County Healthy Homes Department
2000 Embarcadero Cove, Suite 300
Oakland, California

NOTICE: All meetings of the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors are open to the public. Those wishing to address the Board of Directors on items not on the agenda may do so during the open forum section of the meeting.

- 1) **Open Forum** (Discussion)
Directors, alternates, staff, or members of the public may address the Board of Directors regarding items not on the agenda. The Board will listen to matters presented but may not take action on these items.
- 2) **Director's Report** (Information)
- 3) **Program Operations Committee**
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- 6) **Announcements by Board Directors** (Information)

Material related to an item on this Agenda, including those submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet, and are available for public inspection at the Alameda County Healthy Homes Department office during normal business hours.

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**PROGRAM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

November 13, 2019

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Malia Vella, Alameda; Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; John J. Bauters, Emeryville; Lynette Gibson-McElhaney, Oakland

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates:

Staff: Larry Brooks; Lidice De La Fuente

Others: Alex Marqusee

Absent: Wilma Chan, County of Alameda

Director John J. Bauters opened the Program Operations Committee meeting at 9:36 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Secretary to the Board, Larry Brooks, alerted Directors that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to use the \$134 million lead paint settlement funds to create and fund a new and comprehensive lead paint hazard mitigation program in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Development Authority. The strategy is to implement the program over eight years instead of six years and allow for the removal of lead paint in an estimated 5,000 homes and address 3,000 lead poisoned children countywide. Each lead remediation project is estimated to cost between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Mr. Brooks stated that Los Angeles County developed a video public service announcement to describe their plan for the use of lead paint settlement funds while City of San Diego developed a generic public service announcement that other jurisdictions could use as well.

Mr. Brooks learned that the California Department of Public Health (CA DPH) is seeking additional funds to address lead poisoning prevention noting that the CA DPH funds are designated for nursing case management and environmental investigations, while the settlement funds are to be used to address housing issues.

Furthermore, the City of Philadelphia passed new legislation introduced by Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown on lead certification in rental properties to address child lead poisoning. Mr. Brooks noted that Bay Area elected officials are using new lead laws as a platform for running for office and that news organizations that do investigate reports influence support for action.

Mr. Brooks stated that the State of Maine aims to test every toddler for possible lead poisoning. The state saw a 70% reduction in lead poisoning among children in the past 16 years despite cutting the acceptable exposure level in half starting in 2015.

Lastly, the Department provided technical support to Oakland Unified School District involving lead contaminated soil discovered in a section of dirt where two schools planned for a vegetable garden.

3) **Outreach and Education Monthly Report**

The monthly report for October 2019 was distributed at the meeting. Ms. Lidice De la Fuente reminded Directors that the Department is shorted staffed resulting in low activities for the month.

4) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements by Board Directors.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 A.M.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

November 13, 2019

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Malia Vella, Alameda; Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; John J. Bauters, Emeryville; Lynette Gibson-McElhaney, Oakland

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Larry Brooks; Lidice De La Fuente

Others: Alex Marqusee

Absent: none

Director John J. Bauters called into order the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting at 9:46 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Mr. Brooks informed Directors that the Department is currently in negotiations with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to discuss benchmarks and goals and objectives for the Lead Hazard Control grant funded by the new \$3.6 million grant award. Mr. Brooks stated he will keep the Board updated on the negotiations.

The Department intends to apply for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant opportunity to fund EPA's Renovate, Repair, Paint Rule trainings in HUD Region 9, which includes the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Guam and Nevada. The \$60,000 grant application is due December 6th, 2019.

Mr. Brooks asked Directors for their support to approach JPA Director and County Board of Supervisor Wilma Chan to explore using lead paint settlement funds to fund polling to determine the feasibility of a ballot measure to increase the County Service Area Lead Abatement service charge and expand it to other jurisdictions. Directors stated the need for staff to provide an analysis for the JPA Board to take back to their respective cities. Directors asked for information on itemized costs, current funding streams and opportunities, how lead paint settlement fits in, the impact of a tax increase to their constituents and scenarios of various amounts of cost increases. Directors asked for a preliminary presentation with a budget update in January 2020 and table a discussion for February 2020 under the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting. Director John J. Bauters stated the need for a discussion with county counsel while Director Malia Vella asked how the proposal would impact the two CSA cities that have a code enforcement element in their divisions. Director Gwen Hardy noted that the Lead Program is financed by the CSA "fee" and is not a tax.

Mr. Brooks stated that the County had yet to hear from the City of Oakland on their proposal for the use of lead paint settlement funds.

3) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements by Board Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM

**GENERAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

November 13, 2019

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Malia Vella, Alameda; Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; John J. Bauters, Emeryville; Lynette Gibson-McElhaney, Oakland

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Larry Brooks; Lidice De La Fuente

Others: Alex Marqusee

Absent: none

Director John J. Bauters opened the General Board Meeting at 10:03 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Mr. Larry Brooks provided Directors with a procedure on managing unsafe work complaints. Director Lynette Gibson McElhaney thanked Mr. Brooks for developing it.

Mr. Brooks stated he met with Berkeley and Oakland City Code Enforcement staff recently and discussed response to unsafe renovation complaints and training for code enforcement staff on EPA's RRP course.

Mr. Brooks informed that the City of Columbus Ohio developed a comprehensive approach to combat childhood lead poisoning that include initiatives to increase screening at pre-K centers, inspect units that receive rental assistance from the shelter system and rehabilitate homes that test positive for lead. Most recently, the City of Columbus received \$5.6 million in Federal aid to identify and address home lead hazards.

As Chair of the California Healthy Housing Coalition Lead Poisoning Prevention Workgroup Mr. Brooks recommended lead poisoning prevention policy initiatives at the local and state levels, such as new legislation requiring contractors to take the EPA's RRP course, increase lead screening and support proactive rental inspection programs. A survey on lead poisoning prevention policy prioritization was sent to members of the Coalition and report is expected in the beginning of the new year.

3) **Proposed 2020 JPA Meeting Calendar**

Directors issued a motion to approve the 2020 JPA meeting calendar with the following amendments: Hold meetings at Emeryville City Hall, 1333 Park Avenue, Emeryville from January to November except for August 2020; Cancel August 27, 2020 meeting; and, hold the December 17, 2020 at Alameda City Hall located at 2263 Santa Clara Street, Alameda.

Action: The Board approved the 2020 JPA Meeting Schedule as amended.

Moved: John J. Bauters **Seconded:** Lynette Gibson McElhaney **Ayes:** 4-Vella; Wengraf; McElhaney; Bauters

Absent: None

- 4) **Approval of Minutes -Program Operations Committee**
 - a) **Minutes (October 24, 2019)**

Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the October 24, 2019 Program Operations Committee meeting.

Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** Lynette Gibson McElhaney **Ayes:** 4-Vella; McElhaney; Wengraf; Bauters

Absent: None

- 5) **Approval of Minutes -Administration and Finance Committee**
 - a) **Minutes (October 24, 2019)**

Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the October 24, 2019 Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

Moved: Malia Vella **Seconded:** Lynette Gibson McElhaney **Ayes:** 4- Vella; Wengraf; McElhaney; Bauters

Absent: None

- 6) **Approval of Minutes -General Board Meeting**
 - a) **Minutes (October 24, 2019)**

Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the October 24, 2019 General Board meeting.

Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** Malia Vella **Ayes:** 4- Vella; Wengraf; McElhaney; Bauters

Absent: None

- 7) **Announcements by Board Directors**

Director Vella informed that the City of Alameda is voting on the creation of a Code Enforcement Division at their next council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 A.M.