

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

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DATE: June 16, 2017

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, June 22, 2017. The meeting will begin at 10:15 a.m., or immediately following the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting at the Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, 2nd Floor, Room 220E, Oakland.**

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

Thank you.

Attachments

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

A G E N D A

General Board Meeting

June 22, 2017

10:15 a.m. or immediately following the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting

Alameda County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, 2nd Floor, Room 220E
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** (Discussion)
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- 4) **Program Operations Committee**
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- 6) **Announcements by Board Directors** (Information)

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ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

**JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

May 25, 2017

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Desley Brooks, Oakland; Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; John J. Bauters, Emeryville

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Alameda; Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Larry Brooks, Lidice De La Fuente, April Williamson

Others:

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by John J. Bauters at 9:51 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Lidice De La Fuente reminded Directors that the next June 22, 2017 Board meeting will be held in room 220E.

Larry Brooks alerted Directors that June is National Healthy Homes Month and requested the Board to consider issuing proclamations in their jurisdictions. Directors asked Mr. Brooks for a boilerplate.

Mr. Brooks provided an update on pending legislation including Assembly Bill 1316: Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (Quirk), which is scheduled for hearing on May 26, 2017 in the Appropriation Committee; Senate Bill 377: Lead Based Paint (Monning) scheduled in the Senate's Appropriation Committee on May 25, 2017; and, Assembly Bill 391: Medi-Cal Asthma Preventative Services (Chiu) scheduled for hearing on May 26, 2017 in the Assembly Appropriation Committee.

Mr. Brooks displayed the Asthma Pay for Success report broadcasted on PBS News Hour and KPIX News Segment on Speck monitors, which the Department staff lends to clients participating in the Asthma Pay for Success Project to measure their indoor air quality.

3) **Goals and Objectives FY 17/18**

Mr. Brooks reviewed the Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2017 / 2018 stating that the public will be informed of lead prevention measures and the importance of healthy housing through presentations, health fairs, consultations, training, health promotion services, maintaining online visibility writing/ publishing articles, direct mailing, developing partnerships with rental housing, community based organizations and medical providers.

The Department will continue to conduct healthy housing assessments and interventions incorporation a lead visual assessment on all homes regardless of initial port of entry and will conduct progressive enforcement with non-compliant property owners where lead poisoned children resides, response to lead unsafe renovation complaints, collaborate with building officials, housing authorities and contractors to address challenges; participate in local, regional and state upstream planning on policy for meeting compliance. Mr. Brooks stated that

deliverables for the Group Living Facilities and Fixing to Stay Projects are not included in the goals and objectives due to being in negotiations. It's expected that deliverables for the two Projects will be finalized in the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Action: The Board issued a motion to approve the Department's Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Moved: Desley Brooks **Seconded:** Susan Wengraf **Ayes:** 4

4) **Budget FY 17/18**

April Williamson, Finance Manager presented on the Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 focusing on the CSA budget estimating a \$1,973,800 revenue based on a \$10 service charge of 200,794 parcels in the CSA, less a collection fee of 1.7%. Ms. Williamson provided information on the Department's discretionary expenses including the services of a training consultant to conduct the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Renovation, Repair, Painting and Healthy Homes trainings and temporary staffing for the support of Department's administrative support staff. In the non-discretionary expenses, Ms. Williamson stated that the expenses are required for Department operations and represent the building lease, which the County's General Services Agency negotiated in 2016 and the JPA Board approved, which includes a 3% increase every year; overhead charges from the County and the Agency and staff salaries and benefits noting that 65% of staff is field staff and works directing with clients. Ms. Williamson stated that salaries and benefits have increased 3.25% from last year due to a new contract for SEIU employees and slight increase in the benefit rate of 57.35%.

Directors focused on the building lease and overhead charges expressing their concern in the expenses. Board members requested information on the Department's budget for the last three years; a breakdown on the CSA contributions, itemization of Agency overhead charges, breakdown of lease agreement; to investigate any waivers for small departments, strategies and options for lowering departmental costs particularly rent, any lease alternatives; anticipated revenue changes, funding opportunities from charitable organizations and polling opportunities to increase the CSA service charge to help supplement the Department. Both Mr. Brooks and Ms. Williamson stated they would report back on their findings at the June 22, 2017. Directors voted to approve the budget FY 17/18 noting that the June 22, 2017 presentation would assist the Board with future planning of the Department's operational expenses. Directors requested bi-annual budget reports.

The Board agreed with Mr. Brooks to discontinue the quarterly reports on the Department outreach and education activities and to provide on a bi-annual basis.

Action: The Board issued a motion to approve the Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** Desley Brooks **Ayes:** 4

5) **Approval of Minutes (April 27, 2017)**

Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the April 27, 2017 Board meeting.

Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** Desley Brooks **Abstain:** Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Ayes: 3

6) **Program Operations Committee**

a) **Minutes (April 27, 2017)**

There were no questions or comments on the meeting minutes.

7) **Administration and Finance Committee**

a) **Minutes (April 27, 2017)**

There were no questions or comments on the meeting minutes.

8) **Announcements by Board Directors**

Director Susan Wengraf indicated the Department staff will present to the Berkeley City Council in July 2017 and to the Berkeley's Environmental Commission in June 2017 on the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Director Bauters alerted Department staff that he asked City of Fresno representatives to connect with the Department on the topic of targeted lead screening.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2017

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Desley Brooks, Oakland; Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; John J. Bauters, Emeryville

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Alameda; Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Larry Brooks, Lidice De La Fuente, April Williamson

Others:

Absent:

Director John J. Bauters chaired the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Secretary to the Board, Larry Brooks informed the Board of the East Bay Academy for Young Scientists, a project of the Lawrence Hall of Science, which partnered with Fremont High School students in Oakland on the environmental health topic of lead poisoning. The Department was identified as a key stakeholder and was invited to a presentation on May 23, 2017 at Oakland City Hall by the students on their research of lead poisoning and the results of soil lead testing in their neighborhoods. The Department provided information on soil lead hazards, treatment options and information about the role of the Department in childhood lead poisoning prevention, possible resources and partners for further action to raise awareness of the issue.

Furthermore, the Department is in collaboration with the University of California San Francisco and Eastmont Wellness Center staff on developing an outreach campaign targeting the Afghan community throughout Alameda County. The three-to- four month outreach campaign will include key messages on lead poisoning prevention and partnering with key players such as other safety net clinics, community centers and mosques.

Larry Brooks reported on the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) safety communication about the use of Magellan Diagnostics' LeadCare Analyzers' potential for falsely low blood lead test results with venous blood samples when venous draws were used to analyze on the capillary machine. The Department staff had a conference call with the California Childhood Lead Poisoning Branch and was directed to contact providers, both laboratories and medical offices directly to inform them of the issue. The Department staff estimates a small subset of results were affected, however, the Alameda County Laboratory is not affected. The CDC recommends that healthcare providers re-test patients who are younger than 6 years of age as of May 17, 2017 and, had a venous blood lead test results of less than 10 mg/dL analyzed using a Magellan Diagnostics' Lead Care analyzer at an onsite or at an offsite laboratory.

Mr. Brooks informed the Board of the Mother Jones article, *Unleaded Gasoline Reduces Violent Crime in Sweden Too*, indicating that childhood exposure to lead predicts lower IQs and higher crime rates later in life. According to the report, as childhood lead levels decrease, the likelihood of violent crime later in life decreases all the way down to about 6 ug/dl.

Moreover, Mr. Brooks reported on a study by The Trace, *Lead Exposure at Shooting Ranges Poses a 'Significant and Unmanaged' Public Health Risk*, indicating that gun range staffers and customers are at high risk of exposure from inhaling smoke and tiny bits of bullets that float through the air after crashing into targets. Thus far, 36 studies were conducted between 1975-2016 and found that those who patronize or work at gun ranges had blood lead levels from between 2-8 times the level of exposure deemed cause for serious concern by the CDC. Authors found that higher levels of lead exposure are associated with more frequent shooting, the use of a higher caliber ammunition and indoor ranges, which can have poor ventilation. The study's authors called for ranges and their patrons to adopt a set of practices to reduce lead exposure such as banning smoking, eating on premises, increased ventilation and airflow systems at indoor and outdoor facilities and protective clothing that customers can wear while they shoot. According to the authors the most important means of reducing this exposure would be the widespread use of lead-free primer and projectiles in ammunition.

Larry Brooks stated that Director John J. Bauters also published on his Blog, *The Real Dangers of Lead in Emeryville*, highlighting the December 2016 Reuters report on lead poisoning rates, the Department lead services, EPA's RRP rule and Emeryville's Lead Safety Ordinance.

3) **Third Quarterly Report FY 16/17**

Lidice De La Fuente reported highlights for the third quarter indicating that the December 2016 Reuters report on lead poisoning rates in Oakland's Fruitvale District provided an opportunity for the Department to write, contribute to articles, issue press releases and collaborate with multiple stakeholders including the Oakland Unified School District, Oakland Business Tax Unit, Oakland Councilmembers Gallo and Guillen. In late February/ early March 2017, the Department conducted an aggressive outreach campaign that included the dissemination of flyers, postcards and posters informing the public of key messages on lead poisoning prevention, lead screening, training, grants available and other Department services.

Larry Brooks reported on the Department challenges noting an upsurge in applications for small projects, however, needing to recruit multi-family projects for the two Lead Hazard Control Programs. The Department has also experienced difficulty in recruiting landlords of multi-family properties due to a three-year commitment to make units available to low-income families and grant funds covering painting of lead hazards and not entire rooms or buildings. Also, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made changes to sampling and cleaning protocol for consultants and contractors making it more challenging to continue to do the work in a timely manner. The Department staff saw an increase in service demand as a result of the California's Childhood Department of Public Health's (CDPH) new case management threshold. The Department staff continued to work with multiple stakeholders on unsafe renovations complaints including a complaint in Oakland where the Department worked with the property owner, contractor, City of Oakland building officials on issuing a stop-work order and with the District Attorney office who is investigating the case.

Director Susan Wengraf inquired about the number of case management cases as of result of the new CDPH threshold. Director Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft inquired about any anticipated funding cuts, which Larry Brooks stated that anticipated cuts to Community Development Block Grants will affect the Department because it currently administers CDBG funds from select cities; and, if completely eliminated he expects an increase in applicants competing for HUD Lead Hazard Control grant funds.

Larry Brooks asked Board members to consider semi-annual reports as oppose to quarterly

reports due to the Department having reduced its number of staff. Director Bauters asked to defer this question to the General Board meeting during the Budget discussion.

4) **Outreach and Education Monthly Report**

Lidice De La Fuente provided highlights for the month of April 2017 noting that the Department staff attended various Earth Day related events in the CSA; conducted a mailing to 2,483 individuals holding Oakland Business Tax Licenses; and, participated in a workforce development training in Berkeley for the Golden Gate Chapter American Society of Home Inspectors.

5) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements by Board Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2017

Attendance:

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Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Alameda; Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Larry Brooks, Lidice De La Fuente, April Williamson

Others:

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by John J. Bauters at 9:46 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Larry Brooks informed Directors that the Department submitted a proposal to its sister Department, Housing Community Development, on restructuring the Agency's Rehabilitation Services, which the Department provides for the city of Oakland and select cities in the County.

Furthermore, he informed that the Alameda County Asthma Pay for Success Pilot Project slated to end on June 30, 2017, was extended to December 2017. Under this Project the Department staff will conduct healthy housing assessments and interventions in 250 units of housing in Alameda County.

Mr. Brooks was invited to the Advancing Safe Healthy Housing Initiative's Lessons Learned meeting by the Kresge Foundation in Troy, Michigan on June 8th, 2017. Mr. Brooks is optimistic that the Department will continue to work again with the Kresge Foundation on healthy home initiatives.

3) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements by Board Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.