

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

**JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

January 24, 2008

Attendance:

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

Non-Voting Directors: Alice Lai-Bitker

Alternates: Nancy Templeton

Staff: Mark Allen, Paul da Silva

Others:

Absent: Beverly Johnson

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

1) **Open Forum**

No public comment.

2) **Director's Report**

Mr. Allen circulated the "Lead-Safe Landlord" booklet to the JPA Board of Directors, stating that these have been distributed to property management and real estate firms, and to property owners via the Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County. He said that a limited amount is also made available to property owners who call the Program's Information Line.

Mr. Allen attempted to finalize the 2008 calendar year JPA meeting schedule, but one JPA Director was not present to do so. He said that this item would be revisited during the following JPA General Board meeting when all Directors were present to confirm the dates listed.

Mr. Allen informed the JPA Board that a meeting was conducted with the City of Albany's Community Development Director, Ann Chaney, along with the Planning and Building Manager, Building Inspector, Associate Planner and Planning Technician. He said that all parties present discussed ways in which the City and the Program could build a closer working relationship. He said that it was a very positive meeting and that everyone was open to working extensively with the Program. Ms. Chaney indicated that she would discuss the possibility of joining the County Service Area with the City Manager.

Mr. Chang suggested discussing with the City of San Leandro the idea of joining the CSA as well. Mr. Chang said that it would be beneficial to fashion a chart in which the advantages of joining the CSA were clearly delineated. Mr. Allen said that San Leandro would be the logical city to be approached. He said that a similar chart could be developed much like the one that was used when the City of Alameda required an annual presentation to renew its participation in the CSA.

Ms. Olds asked if, in Mexico, lead was still used in paint. Mr. Allen said that Mexico still uses lead in paint and has just begun to remove lead from gasoline. He said that they have focused on removing lead from pottery and manufactured goods. He said that they will focus on removing lead from paint, jewelry and home remedies at a later date. He added that the contribution of lead poisoning from home remedies has now become a national concern. He said that various home remedies from South Asia, Mexico, and on the East Coast, the Dominican Republic, and from various other countries are being used as folk remedies for digestive ailments.

Mr. Allen informed the JPA Board of Directors that training of the City of Oakland's Public Works Department's employees will be conducted on September 17, 2008. He added that approximately 100 Public Works employees will be trained on lead-safe work practices. He said that preliminary discussions are underway with Contra Costa County to provide similar training to some of their staff.

3) **Approval of Minutes (November 8, 2007, December 13, 2007)**

Action: The Board approved the minutes for November 8 & December 13, 2007.

Moved: Mr. Chang **Seconded:** Ms. Olds **Ayes** 3

4) **Program Operations Committee**

a) **Minutes (November 8, 2007, December 13, 2007, January 10, 2008)**

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 (November 8, 2007, December 13, 2007, January 10, 2008)**

6) **Announcements by Board Members**

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2008

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Ken Bukowski, Beverly Johnson, Betty Olds

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy

Alternates: Rubén Briones, Clara Garzón

Staff: Mark Allen, Paul da Silva

Others: None

Absent: Henry Chang, Jr.

1) **Open Forum**

No public comment.

3) **Director's Report**

Mr. Allen informed the JPA Board of Directors that:

- A meeting was conducted with Vice-Mayor Chang on January 31, 2008 to discuss strategies for working closely with Oakland building officials on lead-safe work practices. He said that this meeting was very positive and productive. He added that he was contacted by Nancy Templeton to inform him that she had initiated a conversation with the City of Emeryville's building official on conducting a similar meeting with him.
- Program staff was contacted by the Contra Costa County staff to provide technical assistance in completing their HUD Lead Hazard Control grant activities. He said that, if accepted, this service, along with training for their staff, would be provided on a fee-for-service basis.
- The February 28th's JPA Board meeting would be utilized to further discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the JPA. He said that at that time he would be seeking direction from the JPA Board of Directors on how they would like to proceed in terms of submitting the MOU to their respective city counsels.

4) **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 10:02 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2008

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Ken Bukowski, Beverly Johnson, Betty Olds

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy

Alternates: Rubén Briones, Clara Garzón

Staff: Mark Allen, Paul da Silva

Others: None

Absent: Henry Chang, Jr.

1) **Open Forum**

No public comment.

2) **Director's Report**

Mr. Allen informed the JPA Board of Directors that the City of Newark, New Jersey, has passed a Childhood Bill of Rights, which includes childhood lead poisoning. He said that Program staff was contacted by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University. They published "Achieving the Goals of the Newark Children's Bill of Rights" in which the Program was referenced as "...among the nation's leaders in tackling childhood lead poisoning." Ms. Johnson requested that an electronic version be provided so that a copy could be placed in each city's website. Mr. Allen said that he would forward it via email to each of the Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.