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DATE: November 10, 2016

TO: Directors and Alternates
Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

FROM: Maricela Foster, 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, November 17, 2016. 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, 5th Floor, Board Chambers, 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

Chairperson, Hon. Max Anderson, City of Berkeley • Hon. Ruth Atkin, City of Emeryville
Hon. Desley Brooks, City of Oakland • Hon. Wilma Chan, Alameda County
Hon. Trish Herrera Spencer, City of Alameda • Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

AGENDA

General Board Meeting

November 17, 2016

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

Alameda County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor, Board Chambers
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)
- 3) **Approval of Minutes (October 27, 2016)** (Action) Pg. 1
- 4) **Program Operations Committee**
 - a) **Minutes (October 27, 2016)** (Information) Pg. 3
- 5) **Administration and Finance 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

October 27, 2016

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Ruth Atkin, Emeryville; Trish Herrera Spencer, Alameda

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Maricela Foster, Larry Brooks, Lidice De La Fuente

Others:

Absent: Desley Brooks, Oakland

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Atkin at 10:10 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

No public comment.

2) **Director's Report**

Larry Brooks informed the Board that on December 6, 2016 the Department and the Alameda County Public Health Department will present to the City of Oakland's Community and Economic Development Committee on the importance of proactive rental inspection programs with a healthy housing perspective. The presentation will include highlights of the proactive rental inspection and healthy housing program at Rochester, New York that has reported a fifty percent reduction of lead exposed children as a result of inspections for home based lead hazards.

Ms. Foster asked the Board if the current meeting structure met their needs and if they would be interested in providing feedback to the Department via a survey. The Board agreed on providing feedback.

Ms. Foster highlighted Director Ruth Atkin's retirement party and thanked her for her gracious comments and support for the Department and staff. Director Atkin stated her last JPA meeting will be in November 2016.

Ms. Foster also announced her retirement effective January 31, 2017 and that Mr. Brooks would serve as Interim Director.

3) **Approval of Minutes (September 22, 2016)**

Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the September 22, 2016 Board meeting.

Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** Trish Herrera Spencer **Ayes:** 4

4) **Program Operations Committee**

a) **Minutes (September 22, 2016)**

There were no questions or comments on the meeting minutes.

5) **Administration and Finance Committee**

a) **Minutes (September 22, 2016)**

There were no questions or comments on the meeting minutes.

6) **Announcements by Board Directors**

Director Gwen Hardy announced PUEBLO's 27th Annual Dinner Celebration on November 19, 2016 at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 525 - 29th Street, Oakland.

Alternate Susan Wengraf informed the Board that Director Max Anderson would not seek reelection this November.

Lidice De La Fuente reminded Directors that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next JPA meeting is November 17, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2016

Attendance:

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Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Maricela Foster, Larry Brooks, Lidice De La Fuente

Others:

Absent: Desley Brooks, Oakland

Director Ruth Atkin chaired the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

No public comment.

2) **Director's Report**

Secretary to the Board, Maricela Foster, informed Board Directors that as part of National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week during October 23-29, 2016, the Department conducted various activities for Lead Week. Activities included highlighting a resolution by the City of Oakland issued on October 25th, 2016, during their Council meeting at which time Director Desley Brooks provided comments on the work done by the Department. In addition, the California Governor Jerry Brown and the County of Alameda both issued proclamations for Lead Week. Ms. Foster thanked Director Wilma Chan and Alternate Sarah Oddie for assisting with the County of Alameda proclamation.

The Department promoted Lead Week activities via social media that included lead related articles published in the Oakland Magazine, Mother Jones Press, and East Bay Rental Housing Association Magazine. Television channel KRON 4 will issue a five part series regarding lead poisoning highlighting a family and staff; and Department case studies will be highlighted in a report by the Trust for America's Health (TFAH) in conjunction with the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) and the Pew Foundation.

In addition, Mr. Larry Brooks stated that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) partnered with NATEC International Inc., out of Oakland to offer free lead safe certification for renovation and Renovate, Repair, Paint (RRP) training courses to local property owners and contractors. Mr. Brooks added that this was EPA's effort in thanking the CSA cities for "adopting the box" in their permit forms for RRP certification. The Healthy Homes Department will offer an RRP Initial class on November 17, 2016.

Mr. Brooks stated that the Department continues to coordinate with CSA code enforcement officers on a multitude of activities. Most recently, the City of Alameda expanded their Code Enforcement and the Department was able to train two of their new officers. Director Trish Herrera Spencer thanked the Department for working with the City of Alameda's Code Enforcement.

Ms. Foster informed the Board that the Department received a very positive evaluation from a lead hazard control program client praising the contractor and the rest of the staff. Ms. Foster

stated that the Department requests that each property owner who receive lead hazard control funding complete an evaluation form rating the contractor, staff and overall experience. The evaluations allow the Department to get an overall understanding of the owner's experience with the project and help to identify problem areas, both with an individual contractor and with program management.

Ms. Foster provided Directors with information on, "Pretty Scary 2: Unmasking Toxic Chemicals in Kids' Makeup" a report spearheaded by the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics and released by the Breast Cancer Fund and the California Public Interest Research Group asking parents to avoid painting kids' faces this Halloween due to the presence of heavy metals and lead.

Ms. Foster stated that the Department is considering a collaboration with the Alameda County Food Bank on a project to provide healthy food to lead poisoned clients in an effort to combat lead poisoning. Ms. Foster stated the collaboration is similar to a project in Flint, Michigan where officials teamed up with their local food banks to provide healthy food boxes and nutrition classes to help treat lead poisoning.

Ms. Foster informed the Board that in one single year, Valeant Pharmaceuticals who makes Calcium EDTA, a chelation medicine, increased their pricing for the medication by 2,700% from \$950 to \$26,000. The price hike has made the IV chelation drug unaffordable resulting in hospitals using the oral medication, a slower and less effective treatment method impacting children receiving the treatment by having to spend more time in the hospital. Ms. Foster stated that local medical providers have asked the US Congress to take action on the matter.

Lastly, Ms. Foster shared with the Board "Forgotten Homes", a track created by student interns with Fresh Camp, a nonprofit in Cleveland, Ohio that teaches youth to create music and socially messaged shirts that amplify their voices and ideas. The track is a call to action demanding that more be done to prevent children from being lead poisoned. Mr. Brooks added that the Department is working with the National Center for Healthy Housing on sharing the track via social media in order to inform the younger population of lead poisoning.

3) **Public Awareness and Education Report**

Lidice De La Fuente reported on the outreach activities for the month of September 2016 noting that the Department continues to conduct healthy home assessments totaling 124 for the month. The Department also continues to reach individuals via the Department's website and Facebook page by postings articles related to lead and healthy housing issues. Ms. De La Fuente stated that the top two articles viewed on the Department's Facebook page was "Michigan removes Flint's ability to sue for water crisis" and "CDC lead tips, sources of lead".

4) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements by Board Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55A.M.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2016

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Ruth Atkin, Emeryville; Trish Herrera Spencer, Alameda

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Maricela Foster, Larry Brooks, Lidice De La Fuente

Others:

Absent: Desley Brooks, Oakland

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Atkin at 9:56 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

No public comment.

2) **Director's Report**

Larry Brooks informed the Board that he and Ethan Guy from the City of Oakland attended the National League of Cities Conference from October 12-15, 2016 in Washington, D.C. Mr. Brooks stated one of the Department's main strategies for attending the event was to learn the direction of how healthy housing programs are being sustained and the best practices for proactive rental inspection programs from the cities participating at the conference. Mr. Brooks stated that many conference attendees were familiar with People United for a Better Life in Oakland (PUEBLO) and its accomplishments. Director Gwen Hardy stated she was proud to be a serving member of PUEBLO and the JPA Board.

Lidice De La Fuente announced that the Department is currently in the process of hiring a Lead Hazard Control Project Manager for an 18-month assignment to run the day to day operations of the Department's second Lead Hazard Control Program. Ms. De La Fuente stated that the ideal candidates will be hired through the Alameda County Temporary Assignment Pool and qualified applicants can submit their resumes November 4, 2016; attention Lidice De La Fuente.

3) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements by Board Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.