

ALAMEDA COUNTY
LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

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DATE: October 20, 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, October 26, 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, 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

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

A G E N D A

General Board Meeting

October 26, 2017

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) **General Board Meeting**
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- 6) **Announcements by Board Directors** (Information)

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ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
GENERAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2017

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Mary Hatsume Vella, Alameda; Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; John J. Bauters, Emeryville

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Larry Brooks; Lidice De La Fuente

Others:

Absent: Desley Brooks, Oakland

The meeting was called to order by John J. Bauters at 10:30 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Larry Brooks reported that he attended various Oakland Health and Housing Inspection Community workshops organized by the City Administrator's Office. Mr. Brooks also attended a Thought Leader's Forum that included what they'd learn from community workshops including the recommendation of including lead hazard inspections in Oakland's Rental Inspection Program. The next Thought Leader's Forum will include discussion on the design and metrics of the program. Findings and proposal to approve the Proactive Rental Inspection Program will be made to the Oakland City Council in early 2018 with the intention of implementing the Program in the summer of that same year.

Mr. Brooks stated he attended the California Pay for Success Initiative Convening in San Francisco, CA on September 15, 2017, which offered an opportunity to meet with other organizations that run social impact programs. At the meeting Mr. Brooks met with La Familia Counseling Services to discuss workforce development opportunities. He also met with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office who expressed interest in providing funding for the purchasing of equipment such as the X-RF machines and in discussing other strategies to support the Department.

The Department staff met with Rebuilding Together Oakland to discuss partnering opportunities in lead poisoning prevention and fundraising with non-profit agencies. The Department staff will continue to explore partnering opportunities with Rebuilding Together Oakland.

Mr. Brooks provided updates on legislative bills AB 1316-Lead Screening (Quirk), AB 391-Preventative Asthma Services (Chiu) and AB 746 School Water Testing (Fletcher), all currently on California Governor's desk; while, SB 377-RRP (Monning) is in the inactive file.

Ms. De La Fuente stated the October 26th, 2017 JPA meeting will be on the 5th floor in the Board Chambers.

- 3) **Approval of Minutes -General Board Meeting (August 24, 2017)**
Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the August 24, 2017 General Board meeting.
Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** John J. Bauters **Ayes:** 3-Wengraf; Vella; Bauters

- 4) **Approval of Minutes -Program Operations Committee**
 - a) **Minutes (August 24, 2017)**
Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the August 24, 2017 Program Operations Committee meeting.
Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** John J. Bauters **Ayes:** 3-Wengraf; Vella; Bauters

- 5) **Approval of Minutes -Administration and Finance Committee**
 - a) **Minutes (August 24, 2017)**
Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the August 24, 2017 Administration and Finance Committee meeting.
Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** John J. Bauters **Ayes:** 3-Wengraf; Vella; Bauters

- 6) **Announcements by Board Directors**
There were no announcements from Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2017

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Mary Hatsume Vella, Alameda; Susan Wengraf, Berkeley; John J. Bauters, Emeryville

Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Larry Brooks; Lidice De La Fuente

Others: Unidentified member of the public

Absent: Desley Brooks, Oakland

Director John J. Bauters chaired the meeting at 9:29 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Secretary to the Board, Larry Brooks, announced that National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is October 22–28, 2017. As part of the lead week activities the Department in partnership with the City of Emeryville will host a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Renovate, Repair, and Paint Rule training on October 25, 2017 at the Emeryville Community Center. Marketing to Emeryville property owners and property managers will be conducted by Emeryville staff, Victor Gonzalez. Space has been reserved for City of Berkeley Building Inspectors and those on the interest list. Additionally, City of Emeryville will issue a proclamation as part of Lead Week on October 17, 2017; the Department will request a proclamation from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Articles and Op-ed pieces on lead poisoning prevention are being planned for that week.

The Department staff was interviewed by KALW 91.7FM, a local public radio station based out of San Francisco, which focuses on bringing new voices to the air and reaching out to the diverse communities in the Bay Area. KALW will do a radio documentary on childhood lead poisoning to help educate the public and warn families of childhood lead poisoning. KALW will also interview three families of lead poisoned children.

Mr. Brooks indicated that staff met with SmartOakland on September 26th, 2017, to discuss partnering opportunities. SmartOakland is an organization that recently kicked off a “Get the Lead Out” campaign with the objective of crowd funding and testing 100 homes for lead in Oakland’s Fruitvale District. SmartOakland seeks to collect and publish real time data on lead hazards to influence the community to take action with regards to lead poisoning. Mr. Brooks stated SmartOakland will reach out to Director Gwen Hardy at People United for a Better Life in Oakland (PUEBLO) for information on their experience with grassroots efforts.

In September 2017, Department staff held discussions on community building and workforce development in lead safety with Bernard Ashcraft of Bay Area Roundtable Silicon Valley and County Public Health Officer, Dr. Muntu Davis. A follow up meeting will include Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency and La Familia Counseling Services who expressed the same interests particularly with AB109 re-entry participants. Director Vella recommended Department staff include Cypress Mandela and Alameda County Building & Trades Council in

the discussions. Director John J. Bauters asked to add AB109 participants in the RRP class in Emeryville if slots were available.

Mr. Brooks informed the Board that on September 20, 2017, the Department staff held a phone conference with Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) staff to discuss McClymonds High School lead test results. The Department requested the lead test lab results and offered assistance with providing parents with information on lead hazards and lead poisoning prevention. OUSD staff indicated that other school sites were tested determining no lead hazards.

Mr. Brooks reminded Directors that as a result of the revised U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead-Safe Housing Rule section on tenant-based assistance, housing authorities must conduct environmental investigations in public housing or section 8 units where a child has been identified to have been lead poisoned. Department staff had a conference call with local housing authorities to discuss collaboration opportunities pertaining to lead remediation and the coordination of handling patient confidentiality. The Department met with the California Department of Public Health (CA DPH) for guidance and is willing to provide child lead poisoning information to the housing authorities if the address is provided along with a confidentiality waiver to release the lead test results information that's signed by the parents. The State Association of Housing Authorities recommended the use of a confidentiality release form, which they will present to the State for approval, and eventually given to the client when they sign up for public housing assistance or section 8 housing.

Director Vella expressed concern over the proposed confidentiality release form noting cultural sensitivity, repercussions to the family and asked for caution and sensitivity as it is rolled out. Director Bauters asked Directors and staff to contact the Councilmember that serves on the Alameda County Housing Authority to have the waiver distinguished as voluntary and with oral instruction given to the client. Directors Vella, Hardy and Bauters articulated apprehension over displacement at which time Ms. Hardy stated the subject is very important to her organization.

Action: Director Bauters issued a motion to direct Department staff to send a written notice of concern that documents used to voluntarily consent to having health data as it pertains to lead poisoning in children also be accompanied with oral instructions to housing authority staff that the waiver is voluntary and cannot be handed over to the client without orally being discussed.
Moved: John J. Bauters **Seconded:** Susan Wengraf **Ayes:** 3-Vella; Wengraf; Bauters

Mr. Brooks asked Director Bauters and Vella for their legal perspective on the matter. Director Bauters recommended Department staff speak to County Counsel on the role of the Department and offered to sit in meetings with the housing authorities for further discussion. He also stated concerns over the administrative costs to the Department, at which time Mr. Brooks stated this could be a funding opportunity for the Department that could assist with training housing authority staff and with the environmental investigations.

Mr. Brooks informed that in September 1, 2017, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), which focuses on reviewing the activities HUD conducted a site visit at the Department in an effort to obtain the Department's perspective on HUD's Lead Hazard Control grant program. Representatives toured seven HUD Lead Hazard Control Program projects in several stages of completion, discussed methods used and different situations encountered, State lead case management activities, funding sources, partners and challenges. GAO expressed interest in sharing with other grantees information on the CSA assessment as a

potential funding source for Lead programs. GAO will provide a copy of their report when it becomes available.

3) **Outreach and Education Monthly Report**

Lidice De La Fuente provided Directors with information on the monthly report for August 2017; highlighting healthy housing assessments and interventions and noting that the Department staff focused on reaching out to Newark residents promoting its minor home repair, rehabilitation and lead hazard control services.

4) **Announcements by Board Directors**

Director Vella announced that City of Alameda will proclaim October 22-28, 2017 as National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week on October 17, 2017 and recommended Department staff connect with Encinal High School radio station on lead poisoning prevention.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

September 28, 2017

Attendance:

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Non-Voting Directors: Gwen Hardy, Community Representative

Alternates: Sarah Oddie, County of Alameda

Staff: Larry Brooks; Lidice De La Fuente

Others:

Absent: Desley Brooks, Oakland

The meeting was called to order by John J. Bauters at 10:16 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Larry Brooks informed Directors that on September 11, 2017, he co-presented accomplishments and recommendations for a second year of funding for the Group Living Facilities and Fixing to Stay projects at the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' Health Committee meeting. Outcomes for both programs showed that residents aged in place and residents dependent on group living facilities were protected from homelessness. The Department informed of findings during inspections, accessibility upgrades and fall prevention modifications. In order to further expand efforts the Board directed staff to tap into the County's displacement funding such as Measure A1 Housing Bond. Overall, the funding recommendations were well received and are expected to be approved by the full Board of Supervisors in the fall of 2017.

Mr. Brooks provided an update on the proposed CSA fee increase ballot measure stating that County Board of Supervisors recommended partnering with the Alameda County Fire Department on a joint measure. Mr. Brooks reminded Directors that in 2005 the Department conducted its own feasibility study, estimating the cost for a survey and campaign to be \$65,000 and determining that at the time an increase to the CSA fee was not feasible. Mr. Brooks expects that the cost of a ballot measure campaign in 2017 to be at least \$65,000. Director Vella asked Mr. Brooks to look into the usage of funds under the County's 2018 proposed sales tax adding that the City of Alameda is also considering a sales tax increase or bond measure for 2018 to fund road maintenance. Director Bauters asked Mr. Brooks for updates pertaining to the California Senate Bill 3, Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, a housing preservation measure. Director Bauters asked Alternate Sarah Oddie for a copy of the slide presentation made to the County Health Committee by Housing and Community Development Department on the Measure A1 Bond measure since it could be a potential funding source for the Healthy Homes Department.

3) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements by Board Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 A.M.