

ALAMEDA COUNTY
LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

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DATE: September 22, 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, September 28, 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 255, 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

September 28, 2017

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

Alameda County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, 2nd Floor, Room 255
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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ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
GENERAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 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

Others:

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by John J. Bauters at 9:59 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Larry Brooks reported on the July 2017 Place Matters Housing Workgroup meeting, a subcommittee of the Place Matters Initiative of the Public Health Department, focusing on strategizing to advance a Proactive Rental Inspection program in Oakland. The Department staff is recommending the inclusion of inspections for lead hazards in the program.

Furthermore, Mr. Brooks provided highlights of the National League of Cities Addressing Housing and Health: How Cities Are Making a Difference briefing and site visit, which focused on exploring the intersections between housing and health. Mr. Brooks conducted a tour in Baltimore, MD and met with representatives of their proactive inspection program, which is one of the cities strategies to address safety hazards. The Baltimore proactive inspection program is attributed to the city's reduction of child lead poisoning rates by 80 percent. Mr. Brooks informed of the need for champions such as vice mayors, mayors and community leaders and the importance of community support to carry out healthy housing initiatives. Mr. Brooks stated that Baltimore's, "Sisters of Bon Secours", secured purchasing vacant housing and converted units into homes, shelters and various social service buildings with community benefit program funds, therefore, creating affordable housing. Mr. Brooks stated he hopes that local non-profit hospitals can use their community benefits funds to assist with building or preserving existing housing. Director Ashcraft indicated she would make an inquiry with the Alameda Hospital on their community benefits program.

Mr. Brooks provided updates on legislative bills, AB 1316-Lead Screening (Quirk) and AB 391-Preventative Asthma Services (Chiu) both referred to the appropriation committee suspense file, while SB 377-RRP (Monning) was re-referred to the appropriation committee.

3) **Approval of Minutes -General Board Meeting (July 27, 2017)**

Director Bauters asked to amend the meeting minutes for all three meetings to correct the total number of Ayes from 3 to 4.

Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the July 27, 2017 General Board meeting with the amendment.

Moved: Susan Wengraf

Seconded: John J. Bauters

Ayes: 3-Brooks; Wengraf; Bauters

Abstain: Ashcraft

4) **Approval of Minutes -Program Operations Committee**

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

Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the July 27, 2017 Program Operations Committee meeting with the amendment.

Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** John J. Bauters **Ayes:** 3-Brooks; Wengraf; Bauters

Abstain: Ashcraft

5) **Approval of Minutes -Administration and Finance Committee**

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

Action: The Board approved the meeting minutes for the July 27, 2017 Administration and Finance Committee meeting with the amendment.

Moved: Susan Wengraf **Seconded:** Desley Brooks **Ayes:** 3-Brooks; Wengraf; Bauters

Abstain: Ashcraft

6) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements from Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

**PROGRAM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

August 24, 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

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, alerted Directors of an article released by the East Bay Time, *Oakland Schools Work to Fix McClymonds High Lead Levels*, reporting that recent tests on the campus carried out by Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) found high lead levels and sediment in water from the football field water fountain, cafeteria kitchen faucet and an unused boys' and girls' locker room shower. OUSD responded by replacing the fountainhead and kitchen faucets days before the school year began and anticipates replacing the shower heads in the unused locker rooms in the fall; full campus pipe replacement is estimated at \$2.3 million. Larry Brooks informed of a related article pertaining to Assembly Bill 746, authored by Lorena Gonzalez Fetcher (D) of San Diego that would require school districts to test their water for lead and fix or cap any contaminated water sources. Mr. Brooks stated the Department staff would reach out to OUSD for assistance. Directors asked Department staff for the articles.

At the July 27th, 2017 JPA meeting, Housing Program Manager, Dale Hagen reported that the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) had discovered lead tainted jewelry in shops in Oakland and Los Angeles. Subsequently, a DTSC representative reached out to the Department and provided a flyer aimed at Oakland residents alerting them that low-cost jewelry sold locally has been found to contain lead and cadmium, and of potential dangers. The flyer was made available to Directors.

In August 2017, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a warning about high levels of lead in an ayurvedic medicine called Balguti Kesaria, a common remedy in India used to treat a variety of conditions in children. This remedy was found during two case investigations in California, involving two infants in two different counties. FDA urges anyone who is using this product or giving it to a child should stop immediately and consult a health care professional.

Mr. Brooks informed Directors that early in the year the Department was asked to participate in a radio interview with Dr. Howard Mielke, geochemist and researcher at Tulane University in New Orleans on KPFA's Terra Verde radio show. Dr. Mielke's work focuses on studying lead in urban soil. During the interview Dr. Mielke summarized his findings and recommendations for lead in soil while the Department's Housing Program Manager, Dale Hagen, provided recommendations on urban soil, urban gardening and information on the lead

hazard control grant program. Mr. Brooks stated 28 percent of the Department's lead hazard control projects require soil treatment due to lead hazards. Dr. Mielke was highlighted in the July 15, 2017 article by ThinkProgress, *The Lead Crisis: Tackling an Invisible and Dangerous Neurotoxin*.

Mr. Brooks alerted Directors that under State and Federal regulations housing authorities must conduct environmental investigations in Section 8 units where a child has been identified to have been lead poisoned. This new regulation requires housing authorities to complete environmental investigations within 30 days of the findings. Director Desley Brooks stated that this requirement could present a backlash in Oakland due to many landlords being reluctant to rent to Section 8 participants and it's something to be cognizant about. Mr. Brooks stated the Department has experienced that property owners are reluctant to considering lead hazard control grants due to concerns that they will be held liable for lead poisoning and for acknowledging that their properties have lead hazards. Department staff has tentatively scheduled a conference call with the local housing authorities to discuss implications of the requirement. Director John J. Bauters requested Department staff participate in the discussion with housing authorities Housing Quality Standards representatives and asked for a copy of the regulation requirement.

Mr. Brooks informed Directors of a video clip showing that the U.S. Department of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention in the state of Maine provides a full lead investigation when a venous blood lead test result is less than five micrograms per deciliter.

3) **Outreach and Education Monthly Report**

Lidice De La Fuente provided Directors with information on the monthly report for July 2017 noting the report reflected the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 outreach and education objectives and healthy housing assessments and interventions for the Department.

4) **Announcements by Board Directors**

Director Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft indicated she would arrange for the Department to conduct an outreach event at Mastick Senior Center in Alameda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

August 24, 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

Others:

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by John J. Bauters at 9:49 A.M.

1) **Open Forum**

2) **Director's Report**

Larry Brooks informed Directors that the Department is currently in contract negotiations with the City of Fremont and Union City for rehabilitation and minor home repair services for the current fiscal year. Contract for each city is estimated to be \$200,000 for the year. The Department also provides minor home repair and rehabilitation services in the cities participating in the Urban County TAC; Mr. Brooks expects to provide an update on contract negotiations with the Urban TAC in time for the next JPA meeting.

Mr. Brooks stated that the City of Fresno, a new recipient of Lead Hazard Control Grant funding was referred to the Department for guidance by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Control and Office Healthy Homes (HUD LHC/OHH). City of Fresno representatives conducted a site visit for two days in mid July 2017 to learn about the Department's experience with executing Lead Hazard Control grants in an effort to incorporate into their program.

Additionally, the U.S. General Accountability Office was referred to the Department by HUD LHC/OHH for a site visit to review HUD's Lead Hazard Control Grant programs and to obtain grantees perspectives on the programs. A site visit has been planned for end of August 2017.

3) **Audit Report Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Mr. Brooks provided Directors with the Basic Financial Statement and Independent Auditor's Report for 2016 completed by Patel & Associates, LLP. As the recipient of federal grants, the Department is required to conduct an independent audit on an annual basis. Mr. Brooks stated there were no findings in the report. Director Bauters asked to hold the agenda item for a future meeting to address any questions the Directors may have on the report.

4) **Announcements by Board Directors**

There were no announcements by Board Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 A.M.