



**CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH &
PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council

**Monday, February 6, 2023
1:30 – 3:00pm**

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Members in attendance:

- Cliff Mitchell
- Devon Dodson
- Alicia Mezu
- Jovonne Walker
- Kelly Love
- Jack Daniels
- Christina Drushel-Williams
- Paul Ferraro
- Nse Witherspoon
- Ben Gitterman
- Megan Latshaw
- Eamon Flynn (staff)

Guests in attendance:

- Kylan Simpson
- Veronika Carella

Notes

- Meeting minutes from 10.19.22, 11.16.22, and 12.06.22 were reviewed and approved unanimously (Jack Daniels abstained). Minutes from 12.06.22 will be updated with CEJSC members in attendance.
- School Workgroup – Looking at MDA IPM Report, as well as information from MDA website. Has not met since last meeting.
- Previously CEHPAC had decided to draft a letter to the Offices of Governmental Affairs of state agencies explaining what CEHPAC does, especially in CEHPAC's role in reviewing regulations proposals that affect children's environmental health. This was deferred until the new administration was sworn in. Many of the agencies report that leadership is still getting situated. Cliff requested Devon and Jovonne to draft and co-sign a letter.

- Update to 2008 Children’s Environmental Health Report, which was largely a product of MDE, MDH, and CEHPAC. Johns Hopkins preventative medicine residents have worked on this over time, as well as other JHU students and residents. Cliff reviewed the proposed outline for the report, as well as areas to work on in order to be able to publish this year. Suggests adding in a section on health disparities and environmental justice. Requests volunteers to assist:
 - Nse
 - Megan
 - Dianna
 - Ben
 - Devon
- Cliff reviewed a constituent inquiry which was sent to him as chair of CEHPAC. The inquiry was requesting a review of the potential health impacts of chromebook computers. Cliff shared with the constituent some of the reviews of research on screen times and directed her to the recent Guidelines to Reduce EMF Radiation.
- Eamon reviewed the process for scheduling meetings for 2023, which will be posted to the website shortly. Members were reminded that they are expected to attend at least half of the meetings, and if they anticipated difficulty in attending future meetings, to reach out to Eamon.
- 2023 Legislative Session – Bills which Cliff and Eamon have identified as related to children’s environmental health have been sent to CEHPAC members by email. CEHPAC’s role is to be an outside voice to help shape what the government does. Ex officio members of CEHPAC serve as subject matter experts, and the input from non-governmental members are encouraged. CEHPAC discussed some of the pertinent legislation.
 - HB 9 - transportation equity act - CEHPAC agreed to **revise the 2021 letter on HB 1204**
 - HB 79 – whole home repairs act
 - HB 147 – Climate crisis plan – Investment in the future generation, and leading planning with consideration for children. Planning for climate crises must include a specific focus on the health impacts and UNIQUE VULNERABILITIES that climate change has and will have on children at the local level. Nse to draft a position and send to Cliff and Eamon.
 - HB 299 – synthetic turf chain of custody – **Cliff and Eamon to circulate prior position.**
 - HB 310 – ‘Justice 40’ bill – Aimed at prioritizing MDE spending on overburdened low-income communities.
 - HB 473 – Air quality monitoring
- Cliff highlighted the upcoming EPA webinar on lead poisoning data
- Cliff discussed an email received from a natural turf industry representative who requested a meeting with CEHPAC. Members interested in participating should contact Cliff. **Cliff will also invite them to the next CEHPAC meeting.**

Public Comments

- Veronika Carella – Asks that CEHPAC follows the Sunshine Laws for meetings with more advanced notice. Asks that meeting minutes more accurately document public input. Joint Chairmen’s Report – How will CEHPAC communicate its findings to the Joint Chairmen? Asks that CEHPAC respond more specifically to the Joint Chairmen’s Report, including submission of findings of the Schools Workgroup. Notes that eight of the schools listed in the data only had a general outline for what their IPM plan would be, not that it was developed and

implemented. Requests that CEHPAC allow more public participation in meetings in order to be more transparent, especially as it relates to the Joint Chairmen's Report and CEHPAC's contributions.

Devon Dodson moved to adjourn, seconded by Dianna Abney. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Statute: [Health-General §13-1501—1506](#)

Website (includes meeting dates, minutes, etc.):

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/EH/Pages/children-environmental-health.aspx>

Members:

Seat	Name
Senate	VACANT
House	VACANT
MDH (chair)	Cliff Mitchell
MDE (vice chair)	Devon Dodson
MDA	Kelly Love
MSDE	Alicia Mezu
DHS	Shawnette Mills
DHCD	Jack Daniels
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services	Christina Drushel Williams
Health care provider	Ben Gitterman
Health care provider	Laura Allen
Academic institution	Kristen Rawlett
Parent/Guardian	Jovonne Walker
Epidemiologist	Megan Latshaw
Economist	Paul Ferraro
Toxicologist	Nse Witherspoon
MACHO	Dianna Abney
Private industry	VACANT
CEJSC	Camille Burke

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