



CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council

Monday, August 21, 2023
2:00 – 2:30pm

MINUTES

Attendees:

Cliff Mitchell
Ben Gitterman
Camille Burke
Sen. Dawn Gile
Alicia Mezu
Dianna Abney
Jovonne Walker
Eamon Flynn (staff)

Guests:

Veronika Carella
Michael Ichniowski
Shawn Lynch

Notes:

- Meeting was opened with discussion of a draft letter to the MDH Office of Regulations and Policy Coordination in support of the proposed regulations to amend COMAR 10.11.04, Lead Poisoning Screening Program.
- Dr. Mitchell reviewed the proposed changes in the regulations proposal as well as how the CDC establishes the blood lead reference value.
- Suggestion to replace ampersand symbol.
- Motion to approve the letter: Cliff Mitchell
- Seconded: Ben Gitterman
- The following members voted at the meeting:
 - o Alicia Mezu – Aye
 - o Ben Gitterman – Aye
 - o Camille Burke – Aye
 - o Dianna Abney – Aye
 - o Jovonne Walker – Aye
 - o Sen. Gile – Aye
 - o Cliff Mitchell – Abstain

- The following members were given the opportunity to vote by email for up to 24 hours following the meeting:
 - o Jack Daniels – Aye
 - o Devon Dodson – Aye
 - o Megan Latshaw – Aye
 - o Kristen Rawlett – Aye
 - o Chrisine Fogle – Aye
 - o Laura Allen – Aye
 - o Kelly Love – Abstain
 - o Del. Lehman – Aye
- With 13 members voting in the affirmative and two abstentions, the motion carries.

Camille Burke notes a public event of interest related to childhood immunizations.

Ben Gitterman – AAP meeting in DC will address blood lead poisoning prevention.

Cliff Mitchell – Asks that pediatricians and child care providers contact him if they are having discussions about PFAS chemicals.

Public Comment

Veronika Carella – Appreciates meeting. Requests status of questions on clarification by OAG related to IPM law. Requests the Schools Workgroup former members be given a chance to review the questions before they are submitted, as well as giving the members of the public a chance to review those questions. Asks that the status report of the workgroup be included in the May and March meetings.

Michael Ichinowski – Appreciates the efforts to reduce the blood lead reference level. MDAP offers to assist in distributing information. Happy to share information on PFAS chemicals that he researched.

Shawn Lynch – Requests CEHPAC provide information and data on IPM law implementation.