



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

Children's Environmental Health Protection and Advisory Council

Agenda

October 8, 2019

9:30am – 11:30am

Join by phone: 323-515-0981 PIN: 446 390 399#

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Members: Russ for Rob – Dept of Ag; Julian Levy; Megan Latshaw; Veronika Carella; Laura Allen; PHONE: Nse Witherspoon; Ruth for Sen. Guzzone; Alicia Mezu; Camille Burke; Scott LeRoy; Ben Gitterman

PUBLIC: Peggy Williams; Theodora Scarato; Brian Dobbs

Reminder of membership and attendance; Review of current members and who need to renew; Reminder for Ethics filing

- **Update on Lung Injury Associated with Vaping**

Dr. Mitchell reviewed current vaping issues with clinical information; No one type of material found to be safe; True public health concern; Julian asked about how disease comes on/clinical aspects; "Vaping Associated..." What about the instrument used for vaping? Could that be an issue? CM: Instruments have been looked at, no conclusive evidence that it would be solely the instrument; Academically and researchers need to look longitudinally at those, especially kids, who are vaping – What is the impact of vaping on teens and their lung development?

VC: As a Commission, we should bring to attention that vaping is not including in Clean Indoor Air Act. CM: That would have to be a statutory change. VC: Action item – Letter to Attorney General to amend Clean Indoor Air Act? CM: It has to be a Legislative change CM: Data would be helpful and what is available data? Need to show how it is a children's environmental issue/impact.

JL: We (CEHPAC) should be a leader on this issue; AM: MSDE has done outreach to schools and is working with MDH Center for Tobacco

VC: Could we send letter to schools to include vaping in "No Smoking" signs

Russ: Can we suggest and support any studies or data collection?

VC: Can't we do a precautionary step such as practical suggestions

Nse: In Charles County, some schools have signs; Can we highlight them and share that other schools should do the same?

VC: MSDE Report back to us at next meeting regarding MSDE involvement

****Action Item – MSDE representative to attend next meeting MSDE to share with group action done at MSDE with schools and in child care**** JL second; abstention from Dept of Ag and CM

RV: Ho Co, Mont Co, PG and Balt City has more restrictions on vaping than State law; MARC

- **Update on Maryland’s Children and the Environment**

Physician living overseas interested in writing the update to MD Children’s and the Environment; What additional content is needed? Vaping, Indoor Air, Outdoor Air, Emerging Contaminates – physical and chemical, Endocrine Disruptors, Pesticides, Goal is to provide update on where MD is on Children’s Enviro Health; complete in 2020. Nse: Children’s Enviro Network would be more than happy to help with sections

- **HiAP Workgroup**

HiAP proposal to become a Council; act on social determinants of health; Final report will be published – 2018 and 2019 priorities and next steps. CEHPAC contributed to public documents;

- **Letter**

CM concerns 1) Nov. 30 due date not realistic; VC – should be modified to acknowledge receipt of letter and something will be done; 2) References should be added w/ URL 3) Strike or edit 2nd paragraph first sentence to not be accusatory CM, ML and VC will work on letter before CM sends to Council for approval, and CM to send

- **CEJSC Items**

Potential joint meeting date December 10th; Camille and Duane will confirm;

- **Update on 13th Annual Pesticides and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Project Conference**

Dr. Linda Burnbaum gave presentation on Endocrine Disruptors

- **Children’s Environment Health Month**

Nse: Oct. 10th day; all actions can be added to the Children’s Environmental Health Network website can be added; School of Public Health Proclamation from MD Governor?

- **Update on Asthma and Lead Home Visiting Program**

900 children received home visits

- **Public Input**

Peggy Williams – WiFi issues in schools; Has FCC responded to CEHPAC letter? Sent PIA request as to why MSDE did not include Wi-Fi in video best practices-can CEHPAC help with the response? Oregon has passed legislation that there is an “emergency” for

children's exposure to wi-fi; Brian Dobbs: MSDE put out best practices for digital devices but ignored CEHPAC recommendation to reduce children's exposure to wi-fi – what is the response from CEHPAC to MSDE that they ignored CEHPAC's suggestions?

CM: Alicia – can we ask for MSDE feedback on the issue of wi-fi?

Alicia: Yes, can you send a written request to MSDE thru Alicia?

Theodora Scarato – PIA sent to MSDE; can the Council send letter to MSDE regarding why not consulted? FCC does not want to change limits. Can the Council ask for a public hearing? Action needs to take place;

End at 11:37am

