



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

**Thursday June 2, 2022
9:30am – 11:30am**

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Minutes

Members in attendance:

- Ben Gitterman
- Clifford Mitchell
- Camille Burke
- Christina Drushel-Williams
- Devon Dodson
- Kelly Love
- Kristen Rawlett
- Laura Allen
- Megan Latshaw
- Nse Witherspoon
- Paul Ferraro

Guests in attendance:

- Shweta Sharma
- Veronika Carella
- Kylan Simpson

Notes

- The chairs of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission (LPPC), the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities (CEJSC), and the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council (CEHPAC) welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves.
- Dr. Mitchell provided an overview of the purpose and goals of the meeting, including the Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy and recent state and federal initiatives.
- Department of Housing looking at increasing funding for weatherization, which touches on environmental justice, health, and housing.
- Recent advances in Maryland tools, including EJ Screen and EPHT, will be helpful as we look at cross sectional topics. EJ Screen will be released for a public beta testing on Monday June 6, 2022.
- Members participated in a brainstorming session based on the following questions:
 - What opportunities do you see that are related to health, health equity, and housing?
 - What specific initiatives would you propose to address housing, health, and health equity?
 - What are the tools/data/other needs that people feel are important considerations in addressing housing, equity, and health equity?
- Next Steps / Discussion
 - Suggestions for a briefing on federal infrastructure funding and priorities to be addressed in the next administration.
 - Chairs expressed appreciation for joint discussion and highlighted the numerous cross-cutting issues/needs/opportunities, especially rich and transparent data and sustainable funding.
 - CEJSC will share the key definitions and nomenclature, especially that as defined by the General Assembly.
 - Suggestion to promote the three groups and encourage more participation and input from the public, and drive community engagement more broadly in areas related to health, housing, and health equity.
 - Need practical and innovative solutions and initiatives, with resources distributed equitably across the state
 - Staff and chairs will synthesize information and ideas collected today.
- Public Comments
 - Veronika Carella - Requests CEHPAC begin working on Joint Chairmen's Report on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools. Requests CEHPAC share the materials presented at a previous meeting by the Schools Ad-Hoc Workgroup online. Requests CEHPAC vacancies be filled.
 - Patrick DeAmey - Staff attorney at Chesapeake Legal Alliance - Asked about local air

quality monitoring initiatives (non-stationary sources) and requested additional information.

- Laura Stewart - Free State PTA would love to help with parental and school engagement on any issues related to environmental health. lstewart@FSPTA.org