

**Lead Poisoning Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 28, 2020**

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- Present:** Dr. Mehul Dalal (CSA Director), Maritza Bond (Director of Public Health), Jim Turcio (Building Department), Dr. Erin Nozetz (Pediatrician, Associate Director of Yale Toxicity Clinic), Dr. Meredith Williams (Director of Pediatrics, Cornell Scott Hill Health Center), Amanda Decew (Pediatric APRN and Clinical Director for Quality and Risk Management, Fair Haven Clinic), Benjamin Trachten (Attorney), Amy Marx (Attorney, New Haven Legal Assistance Association)
- Others:** Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Frank Mongillo (Health Department Board Member) Patricia King (Corporation Counsel), Assistant Corporation Counsel Elia Alexiades, (Assistant Corporation Counsel), Taijah Anderson (Mayoral Aid, City of New Haven Legislative Liason), Nathan Leys (Legal Fellow, New Haven Legal Assistance Association), Richard Furlow (Majority Leader, Board of Alders)
- Absent:** Serena Neal-Sanjurjo (Director Livable City Initiative), Dr. Karen Dubois-Walton (Director, New Haven Housing Authority), Dr. Marjorie Rosenthal (Pediatrician, Yale Primary Care Center), Kimberly Ploszaj (State Department of Public Health); Vacant Community Member, Vacant State’s Attorney Representative, Vacant Board of Alders Representative
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Bond called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks.

Elicker thanked committee members for serving; expressed gratitude to Bond and Dalal for changing the direction re lead abatement and enforcement; highlighted the need to address the inequity of the disproportionate impact of lead poisoning on black and brown children; concluded that the issues are complicated and that there is a lot of work to do.

2. Committee Leadership

Dalal nominated Nozetz for Chair, seconded by Trachten, approved unanimously

Dalal nominated Rosenthal for Vice Chair, seconded by Trachten, approved unanimously

Trachten nominated Marx for Secretary, seconded by Nozetz, approved unanimously

3. Meeting Dates

Alexiades explained that the committee must set meeting states to comply with FOIA requirements. The committee agreed that it will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

4. Proposals for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Nozetz suggested an update from Health Department on new policy directions on lead over the last six months

Dalal suggested a discussion of the role of the committee, especially vis a vis other existing bodies such as the Board of Health

Turcio suggested a discussion of a database of homes with lead hazards. He stated that the number has been cited at 50K, which he thinks is not accurate. Director Bond shared that Muncipity is being phased in at the HD and that it might be a “long term goal” to build a database.

Marx suggested that medical professionals could share field updates on how Covid has affected pediatric practice and lead testing

Nozetz suggested that an update on how the Covid pandemic is affecting landlord/tenant relationships

5. Other

Nozetz suggested that the committee should try to get a community member/parent on the committee. Anderson explained that the city had made a proposal but that the individual had missed the confirmation hearing. Nozetz replied that the committee may want to revisit.

Nozetz adjourned the meeting at at 6:00 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Attest:

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Amy Marx  
Secretary

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Date

Approved:

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Erin Nozetz, Chair

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