

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Lead Exposure and Prevention Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Lead Exposure and Prevention Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2617

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No 01/17/2022 01/17/2024

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Section 2203 of Public Law

114-322, "Water

Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act"; 42 U.S.C.

§300j-27

13. Effective Date

12/16/2016

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee accomplishes its purpose by reviewing federal programs and services available to lead-exposed individuals and communities; reviewing current research on lead poisoning to identify additional research needs; reviewing and identifying best practices, or the need for best practices, regarding lead screening and the prevention of lead poisoning; identifying effective services for individuals and communities affected

by lead exposure; and undertaking any other review or activities that the Secretary determines to be appropriate and provide advice to the Secretary. Annually for five years the Committee is required to develop a Report to Congress.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership in the Committee shall not exceed 15 members, including both Federal and non-Federal members, with not less than ½ of the members being Federal members. Membership in the Committee shall represent specific fields of expertise including: epidemiology, toxicology, mental health, pediatrics, early childhood and special education, environmental health, and nutrition/dietetics. Membership balance also takes into affect demographic characteristics. The Committee may also include non-voting liaison representatives to provide additional scientific and programmatic expertise on lead poisoning.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee expects to hold two meetings every fiscal year. The Committee will review federal programs and services available to lead-exposed individuals and communities; review current research on lead poisoning to identify additional research needs; review and identify best practices, or the need for best practices, regarding lead screening and the prevention of lead poisoning; identify effective services for individuals and communities affected by lead exposure; and undertake any other review or activities that the Secretary determines to be appropriate and provide advice to the Secretary. As required by Congress, the committee will submit a report of the committee activities,

annually for five years. These meetings are necessary to accomplish this requirement.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act [S.612 signed into law on December 16, 2016] authorized HHS to establish an Advisory Committee, in coordination with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other relevant agencies, as determined by the Secretary consisting of Federal members and non-Federal members which shall include specific fields of expertise (epidemiology, toxicology, mental health, pediatrics, early childhood and special education, environmental health, and nutrition/dietetics). This capability centralized in one Committee does not exist elsewhere in the Department of Health and Human Services.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

NA

21. Remarks

The committee met once in FY23. An annual report for the HHS Secretary will soon be provided for Calendar Year 2022 and a similar report has been prepared for Calendar Year 2023. The 2022 report will be included in the 2024 ACR. OSHA has decided not to participate in the LEPAC, therefore Tiffany Defoe from OSHA resigned on January 27, 2023. In FY 23 five committee members with terms that ended 6/30/2023 served their additional 180 days: Wallace Chambers, Nathan Graber, Karla Johnson, Erika Marquez, Anshu Mohllajee through 12/31/2023. Abraham Kulungara replaced Jamie Mack. The committee

includes federal members.

Designated Federal Officer

Paul Allwood Branch Chief

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ammon, Matthew	07/01/2019	06/30/2025	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Barnhill-Proctor, Tammy	07/01/2019	06/30/2024	U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Chambers, Wallace	07/01/2019	12/31/2023	Cuyahoga County Board of Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Flannery, Brenna	04/17/2024	06/30/2026	United States Food and Drug Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fry, Rebecca	04/26/2023	06/30/2025	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Graber, Nathan	07/01/2019	12/31/2023	St. Peter's Pediatrics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hance, Mary	05/05/2023	06/30/2024	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hanes, Tina	04/28/2023	06/30/2024	United States Department of Agriculture	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hattlelid, Kristina	06/14/2021	06/30/2025	Consumer Product Safety Commission	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Johnson, Karla	07/01/2019	12/31/2023	Marion County Health Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Kulungara, Abraham	06/02/2023	06/30/2026	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials	Representative Member
Lopata, Aaron	04/25/2023	06/30/2025	Health Resource and Services Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Marquez, Erika	07/03/2019	12/31/2023	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mohllajee, Anshu	07/02/2019	12/31/2023	California Department of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Norton, Ruth Ann	04/04/2022	06/30/2026	President and Chief Executive Officer	Representative Member
Parsons, Patrick	04/14/2022	06/30/2026	Director Division of Environmental Health Sciences, New York State Department of Health	Representative Member
Reddy, Amanda	04/08/2022	06/30/2026	Executive Director	Representative Member
Robiou-Ramirez de Arellano, Grace	05/01/2023	06/30/2025	United States Environmental Protection Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Yendell, Stephaine	04/18/2018	06/30/2026	Senior Epidemiologist Supervisor	Representative Member
Zajac, Lauren	05/02/2022	06/30/2026	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 20

Narrative Description

The Lead Exposure and Prevention Advisory Committee (LEPAC) shall provide advice and guidance to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support the agency's mission and its strategic plan by reviewing research and Federal programs and services related to lead poisoning and to

identify effective services and best practices for addressing and preventing lead exposure in communities. Annually for five years the Committee is required to develop a Report to Congress.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Recommendations for policy changes

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

for the life of the committee?

1

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee did not make in recommendations in FY 23. LEPAC recommended lowering the Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV). In 2012, CDC adopted the BLRV as a way of identifying the 2.5% of U.S. children ages 1–5 at greatest risk of lead exposure. The BLRV is based on the 97.5th percentile of the blood lead level (BLL) distribution among children 1–5 years old in the U.S. from the two most recent cycles of data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). Thus, based on NHANES data from 2015–2018, CDC accepted the Lead Exposure and Prevention Advisory Committee (LEPAC) recommendation to update the BLRV to 3.5 g/dL. In October 2021, CDC announced the lower BLRV.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendation was fully implemented in FY22.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

LEPAC meeting minutes and recommendations are posted and available to the public on CDC's NCEH/ATSDR website.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

This is not a grant review committee.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

Not Applicable