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Subject: Re: Technical Advisory Team Information

Eden, As usual, Andy responded in a more cogent way than I did. Same point, better wording. Pete

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On Wed, Nov 11, 2015 at 7:16 PM, Andy Leavitt <aleavitt@senatedems.org> wrote:
 Dr. Wells,

Once you engage in a home inspection there is no doubt we should be doing full abatement but speaking about paint and soil in the same breath as the water that clearly doubled EBL seems disingenuous. No doubt Flint had lead previously and will continue to have lead in the built environment, but looking at Flint's EBL pre-switch compared to other communities of similar age and make-up seems to indicate that Flint was doing fairly well at lowering levels before the water. We cannot rest on the fact that DWSD fixes the lead problem, but we also cannot conflate the catastrophe of the water with general lead risks. Anyone who does that will not be taken seriously by Flint residents.

On Wed, Nov 11, 2015 at 6:20 PM Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:
 HI Pete,

I just want to check in on this one statement to be sure we are on the same page-I may be over-reading-as we go through the EBL investigations every child with a level of 5 or more is and will be undergoing a home investigation which will look at all sources of potential lead exposure, including potential water sources, regardless of the fact that the river source has switched. These home investigations have already begun by GCHD and additional PH staff.

My concern is that if we mitigate all of the potential water sources for a child, there will still be other environmental sources that should also be mitigated/abated as part of that investigation--I would hate to have the child continue to be exposed to any sources or lead, even as water is addressed?

My long-term view is that, as water sources improve (that is the goal!!), there will still be a need for general lead abatement, but I am not viewing this as a deflection as much as a need to consider for long-term public health planning.

Your thoughts welcome,

Eden

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Sent from my iPad

On Nov 11, 2015, at 9:57 AM, Pete Levine <plevine@gcms.org> wrote:

I also think it is important for folks to stop trying to deflect this crisis into a general lead abatement discussion.



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On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 6:57 PM, Howard Croft <hcroft@cityofflint.com> wrote:
Andy,

We just recently converted to the new method with no flushing, the vast majority were done with the old procedure. Our original expectation focused on the thought of a new standard being put in place statewide for uniformity but eventually, through conversations with Darren Lytle we made the decision to convert in advance of any potential statewide changes.

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 6:40 PM, Andy Leavitt <aleavitt@senatedems.org> wrote:
Howard,

For clarity, of those hundreds of samples how many are with the flawed sampling method and how many are done with the appropriate sampling method?

Thanks,

Andy

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 6:36 PM Howard Croft <hcroft@cityofflint.com> wrote:
Marc,

I believe that we agree with that message, we are planing to pursue all of the people who were sampled under the previous protocol and request that they submit to another round of testing with the new procedures. We have generated hundreds of samples this year and we intend to aggressively reach out to everyone for retesting. We are building a campaign that will continue to caution people about taking safe measures for drinking water but also produces neighborhood sampling pools that test several times throughout the course of the year in addition to tier 1 pools.

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 5:14 PM, Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu> wrote:

No one should be told that if their water tested safe using the old MDEQ protocol, that it is ok to drink. I thought we learned that lesson already. The old sampling protocol is flawed.

Best Regards,

Marc

From: Howard Croft [<mailto:hcroft@cityofflint.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:56 PM

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Andy,

We changed the instructions late last week that called for flushing, all bottles are now going out with the new protocol attached. We are concerned that some people are still not removing filters from the tap so we are trying to focus on that aspect of communication as well..

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 1:59 PM, Andy Leavitt <aleavitt@senatedems.org> wrote:

Hi Howard,

Can you confirm when Flint will move away from the testing mode that includes flushing?

Thanks,

Andy

On Mon, Nov 9, 2015 at 6:20 PM Wright, Michael <Wright.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Howard:

Thanks for arranging the meeting today. I didn't catch all of what Natasha (and others) said on the line but I was intrigued when I heard her mention a fact sheet or some information on Lead that was taken from a city in MA. Can you/she forward that URL for our review and consideration?

During the last call, I also noted my concern regarding boil advisories during a lead emergency and wanted to provide a link that documented what I said about Lead (and nitrates for that matter) being concentrated upon heating.

http://water.epa.gov/drink/guide/upload/book_waterontap_full.pdf

Lastly, I couldn't hear who made the comment, but I agree that infants are likely the most vulnerable of concern. So, I was wondering if the clinicians/health practitioners in the room might consider partnering or spearheading an outreach effort to target expectant mothers with the Filters that are being provided. Not sure if this is best done via prenatal clinics, delivery hospitals, OB-GYN departments, or lactation management specialists, etc. The public health practitioners might also be able to use this emergency as another reason to advocate breastfeeding (vs infant formula).

Thanks,
Mike

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All,

Enclosed please find the weekly update along with the agenda for next weeks Technical Advisory Committee meeting. The time and location remain at City Hall on the 3rd floor at 2:00 pm. There is a conference call in number available and we have modified the speaker system to accommodate all those who call in. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Thank you,

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