
From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2015 2:50 PM
To: Miller, Corinne (DHHS)
Cc: Dykema, Linda D. (DHHS); Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS); Moran, Susan (DHHS)
Subject: Re: Pb in Flint-TIME SENSITIVE

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On Dec 20, 2015, at 2:02 PM, Miller, Corinne (DHHS) <MillerC39@michigan.gov> wrote:

While I cannot speak for Medicaid, a recent e-mail suggests that they are considering sending weekly updates to the Medicaid health plans regarding EBL testing of Flint children enrolled in Medicaid. As our "Medicaid" report would essentially be a roll-up of the separate health plan reports, I have reached out to Kathy Stiffler with a request to include Martha and Bob Scott in the planning of any such reports. The challenge is always what question is being asked, over what time frame do you de-duplicate the reports, and what method do you use to classify age. I hope to touch base with Kathy tomorrow.

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On Dec 19, 2015, at 5:13 PM, Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

Corinne, please review Matt's email below and my response---while increased frequency of reporting to weekly is possible, I am not sure of the current time frame for obtaining the Medicaid denominators and if making those weekly works. We can discuss by phone if necessary.

From: Eden Wells <ewells@umich.edu>
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2015 4:54 PM
To: Davis, Matthew (Matt)
Cc: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Subject: Re: Pb in Flint

Good afternoon, Matt,

Thank you for the information. Currently the data is being pulled from the Data Warehouse every two weeks---I believe that the discussion then was the time it would take then to clean, de-duplicate and organize the information made the two-week frame workable. I do know that Corinne and her staff are working with Medicaid to address the denominator issue, so let me run this by her. Right off the bat, once the process has become routinized, increased frequency should be possible--

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On Sat, Dec 19, 2015 at 4:30 PM, Davis, Matthew (Matt)

[<mattdav@med.umich.edu>](mailto:mattdav@med.umich.edu) wrote:

Hi Eden -

I hope you're doing well!

I'm writing to give you a friendly heads up

The Flint Water Advisory Task Force will likely, within the next week or two, be sending Gov Snyder a set of recommended metrics for the dashboard that we alluded to in our initial Task Force letter to the Governor earlier this month.

Several of these metrics fall under the purview of MDHHS and tie directly to data (and corresponding data sources) that MDHHS shared on Dec 11 in the "Flint Blood Testing Report". Others relate to metrics that you, Sue, and I discussed in our phone call that same week — i.e., related to connecting CLPPP data (numerator) to Medicaid data (denominator) for the Flint zip codes — or that appeared in the Sit Rep reports that GERALYN shared with the Task Force from Nov 30 and Dec 1.

In other words, I think that MDHHS will already be prepared to present several of these metrics, based on available data. MDEQ and MDE will also be likely state agencies involved in generating data for the dashboard; there may be others as well.

One of the issues that we are currently grappling with is the frequency of updates to the metrics. When are you anticipating that the next Flint Blood Testing Report will be issued?

In the interest of building and sustaining public trust in part with data transparency, there is strong interest on the Task Force in recommending weekly updates (similar to weekly updates on enrollment from the Healthy Michigan Plan). Given the current testing rate in

Flint (~200-300 children per week, based on the Dec 11 report) and the hope of elevating that rate, that frequency seems reasonable to me in terms of data robustness. I would be interested to hear your thoughts on this.

Thanks very much,
Matt

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