
From: Larder, Cristin (DCH)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 11:26 AM
To: Scott, Robert L. (DHHS)
Cc: LyonCallo, Sarah (DHHS); McKane, Patricia (DHHS)
Subject: RE: State data confirms higher blood-lead levels in Flint kids

Hi Bob,

Just a quick note: I'll restrict the analytic file to each child's first positive test every calendar year.

Cristin

From: Scott, Robert L. (DCH)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 10:40 AM
To: Peeler, Nancy (DCH); LyonCallo, Sarah (DCH)
Cc: McKane, Patricia (DCH); Fink, Brenda (DCH); Larder, Cristin (DCH)
Subject: RE: State data confirms higher blood-lead levels in Flint kids

I spoke with Cristin. I have extracted a file from the Warehouse with all tests for Genesee County, age

We talked about which test to use—I had been using the first elevated test (≥ 5 , whether venous, capillary or unknown) and Cristin will probably do the same). Once Cristin has geocoded all records to identify which are in City of Flint and which are out-county, she can then slice and dice them as appropriate.

I'll be happy to help in any way I can.

From: Peeler, Nancy (DCH)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 10:35 AM
To: LyonCallo, Sarah (DCH) <lyoncallos@michigan.gov>
Cc: McKane, Patricia (DCH) <McKaneP@michigan.gov>; Fink, Brenda (DCH) <FinkB@michigan.gov>; Scott, Robert L. (DCH) <ScottR9@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: State data confirms higher blood-lead levels in Flint kids

Bob is assembling a list of questions, info he needs to share with/obtain from Epi to do a data pull. Can we get in the same room, perhaps around 11:30 or 12?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2015, at 10:04 AM, LyonCallo, Sarah (DCH) <lyoncallos@michigan.gov> wrote:

nancy - i will be in touch with you and bob via email shortly. please work with me until patti gets back, ccing patti.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 28, 2015, at 9:59 AM, Peeler, Nancy (DCH) <PeelerN@michigan.gov> wrote:

Can you give us your cell number? Bob and I have a number of questions about the data you need pulled.

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On Sep 28, 2015, at 9:45 AM, McKane, Patricia (DCH) <McKaneP@michigan.gov> wrote:

I believe Sarah's point was that we should have been brought in before count data was provided to Angela and others and released to the press, not after.
Cristin is well aware of the need to analyze data, now.
Also if you are having difficulty reaching Cristin, I would recommend contacting me, Sarah or Virginia. Email or cell phone works best for me as I'm rarely at my desk.

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On Sep 28, 2015, at 7:35 AM, Peeler, Nancy (DCH) <PeelerN@michigan.gov> wrote:

We've also been trying to reach Cristin – it wasn't clear to us whether she knew about this assignment, which this email indicates she does. We appreciate that confirmation. I will pass this info on to Bob Scott. We appreciate if you can please keep Bob, as the CLPPP Surveillance Manager who has extended knowledge about this data, in the loop. He can then update me as needed.

Nancy

From: LyonCallo, Sarah (DCH)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 9:19 AM
To: Fink, Brenda (DCH)
Cc: Peeler, Nancy (DCH); McKane, Patricia (DCH)
Subject: Re: State data confirms higher blood-lead levels in Flint kids

Dear Brenda,

After seeing Gongwer on Friday AM, I contacted Corinne to understand what was going on, Linda Dykema and Angela later pulled in Epidemiology. I come out of environmental health (cut my teeth on superfund site in a politically complex area) and can appreciate sensitivity on multiple fronts, as well as appreciating the analyses of data at the local level (well done).

It would benefit all of us for epidemiology staff to be pulled in as quickly as possible in the future, so that Patti and I can assist Cristin, that we can weigh in on design issues, and we can make sure that we are not at cross purposes when Angela requests a response. Cristin's response will take some time.

Cristin and I discussed an approach on Friday before we received the report from Angela with the updated counts. We will take a look this AM and revise our approach.

Sarah

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On Sep 28, 2015, at 8:45 AM, Fink, Brenda (DCH) <FinkB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Obviously this is uber high profile---so we just need to be sure we're about the data, which as you and Sarah likely know, is under a lot of scrutiny because some of the local folks have different data (done differently, lots of issues---just this involves people who care deeply about the community, Larry Reynolds who is now on our iM Exec Team, etc) I'm just saying sensitivity to the local people who are so concerned about the babies there based on what they have for data is a context that is important, beyond the high profile and other issues . My comment has nothing to do with the data itself. Just the context of very concerned people. Doesn't impact our data . . . obviously. It's just there's a people side to this issue that sometimes gets lost when something becomes so politicized. Just for us, I guess.

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From: Peeler, Nancy (DCH)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 7:54 AM
To: McKane, Patricia (DCH)
Cc: Fink, Brenda (DCH); LyonCallo, Sarah (DCH)
Subject: Fwd: State data confirms higher blood-lead levels in Flint kids

Good morning Patti, looping you in FYI. Wanted you to be aware of this as Cristins supervisor.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Minicuci, Angela (DCH)" <MinicuciA@michigan.gov>
Date: September 27, 2015 at 9:29:49 PM EDT
To: "Wells, Eden (DCH)" <WellsE3@michigan.gov>
Cc: "Lasher, Geralyn (DCH)" <lasherg@michigan.gov>, "Moran, Susan (DCH)" <MoranS@michigan.gov>, "Peeler, Nancy (DCH)" <PeelerN@michigan.gov>, "Robinson, Mikelle (DCH)" <RobinsonMI8@michigan.gov>, "Hertel, Elizabeth (DCH)" <HertelE@michigan.gov>, "Eisner, Jennifer (DCH)" <EisnerJ@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: State data confirms higher blood-lead levels in Flint kids

I've asked our lead epidemiologist to look at the data closer than what was in the charts to get a handle on this. The epi is Cristin Larder.

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On Sep 27, 2015, at 5:39 PM, Wells, Eden (DCH) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

Given not sure what % children tested, etc.

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On Sep 27, 2015, at 5:34 PM, Wells, Eden (DCH) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

Thanks--DFP is looking at tests positive/number of tests done-- not sure that this is a reliable measure used by our program. Await input from Nancy or Linda.

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On Sep 27, 2015, at 5:26 PM, Lasher, Geralyn (DCH) <lasherg@michigan.gov> wrote:

Yes. We provided the graphs with the narrative bullet points.

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On Sep 27, 2015, at 5:20 PM, Wells, Eden (DCH) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

Geralyn- were the graphs shown outside of MDHHS?

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On Sep 27, 2015, at 5:06 PM, Moran, Susan (DCH) <MoranS@michigan.gov> wrote:

Sorry - hit send too soon.

Copying Lynda and Corrine- not sure who in Epi or CLPPP has been point person on state's data.

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On Sep 27, 2015, at 2:11 PM, Lasher, Geralyn (DCH) <lasherg@michigan.gov> wrote:

We will need help responding to what the Free Press is claiming in this article.

Sue--let us know who can get us this as early Monday as possible.

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<http://www.freep.com/story/opinion/columnists/nancy-kaffer/2015/09/26/state-data-flint-lead/72820798/>

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