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Subject: RE: Genesee County Water Issues Meeting 1/4/15 11am
Attachments: Final Genesee supplemental questionnaire.pdf; Flint Water System Issues Discussion Agenda.docx

Attached is an agenda for our meeting on Monday morning at 11am along with the call in information. There are several objectives for this meeting:

- Organize a review of the Flint water system in order to assess health risk (Legionella, other water illnesses, contaminants, other health issues)
- Share information regarding the current Legionella epidemiologic data review process which includes feedback on the current Legionella questionnaire
- Identify ASHRAE 188 Education/Outreach resources
- Discuss lessons learned in other communities that may assist our situation (Lead, etc.)
- Review risk assessment communication resources
- Discuss the creation of a Health Assessment Advisory Team

Just a quick review of what has happened since our conference call:

- GC has one new reported Legionella case (reported yesterday)
- We have discussed data needed for a water system review
- Epidemiologic data is being analyzed related to Legionella cases from May 2015 to present
- Marc Edwards has shared Legionella test data from 2 hospital systems using Flint water. Legionella was present in both. This reinforces our concerns and the need for ASHRAE 188 education/outreach. He will test additional buildings in the new year.

We hope the creation of a Health Assessment Advisory Team will allow us to identify potential risks in advance and to create appropriate messaging. We expect that this call will allow us to clearly identify next steps and which parties are best suited to assist in addressing those concerns. GCHD staff will meet in the EOC.

We greatly appreciate your participation in the call.

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x Filter Bacteria

x CDC Batching

x Eden shifting to what we know.

EM Power

CMS - Any powered medical device

- Get info for Flint data

- Sign off by Sue Moran

- Need HIPAA compliant folks

- Access to a portal

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Sure! I will be happy to take a look! Stay tuned...

I am looping back in the other folks from our team, as well as Jay. I think they fell off the exchange when I had to resend that initial email to you, Suzanne. My apologies!

Suzanne, you mentioned that Monday we will be talking about next steps. Somewhere earlier in that email exchange there was something about the 2 hospitals that Marc Edwards tested. Were they positive for Legionella? Just to catch us up to speed, could either of you give us a quick rundown of:

- What's happened in the interim since our call December 10?
- What are the *Legionella*-specific activities taking place currently?
- What kind of next steps are you hoping to define? Epi investigation? Environmental investigation? Remediation?

I hope I am not making things more complicated. We just want the conversation to be as productive as possible... the more we understand about the current situation and needs beforehand, the better prepared we can be.

Again, thank you!
 Laura

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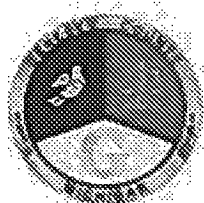
Laura Cooley,

My name is Christine Rygiel and I am the Epidemiologist for the Genesee County Health Department. I am currently working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) with a summary analysis with all the information collected from our questionnaire (attached), as well as information we gathered from the hospital records. Please have a look at our questionnaire. We would appreciate feedback on anything that may improve the interview process. Also, I would be more than happy to share the data analysis once we have finished it! But with the recent holidays it may be a few weeks. Once we finish analyzing this data, we hope to have a better understanding of what might be ruled in or ruled out as a possible explanation for the increase in Legionella over the past couple years.

In addition, we had another confirmed case this morning. We are still gathering information on this individual.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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