

Peeler, Nancy (DHHS)

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 <16, January 1, 2010 – August 31, 2015. I sent the file to Cristin just a few minutes ago.

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.

Sent from my iPhone

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.

Sent from my iPhone

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

Peeler, Nancy (DHHS)

From: Scott, Robert L. (DCH)
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:45 AM
To: Peeler, Nancy (DCH)
Subject: RE: State data confirms higher blood-lead levels in Flint kids

It seems reasonable to me. The "remove subsequent tests for that child" is a toughy, I'm sure. I don't have any suggestions for making the process any simpler.

I expressed my concern yesterday to Cristin that they are counting EBLI kids again if they show up in a subsequent year. If I understood correctly, it's because they want to avoid any suggestion of undercounting. I'm certainly willing to go with their judgment.

From: Peeler, Nancy (DCH)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 10:26 PM
To: Scott, Robert L. (DCH) <ScottR9@michigan.gov>
Subject: Fwd: State data confirms higher blood-lead levels in Flint kids

Does this sound like the process you use, or any tips on how you approach this most effectively?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "LyonCallo, Sarah (DCH)" <lyoncallos@michigan.gov>
Date: September 28, 2015 at 7:16:48 PM EDT
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Cc: "McKane, Patricia (DCH)" <McKaneP@michigan.gov>, "Fink, Brenda (DCH)" <FinkB@michigan.gov>, "Scott, Robert L. (DCH)" <ScottR9@michigan.gov>
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Nancy

Cristin has been working all day on this. We are working together right now and expect to be doing so for a while this evening. We are committed to getting monthly proportion of tested positive graphic for each region (high risk, other flint, other Genesee) for 0-6 year olds for tomorrow am review by Corinne – we will forward when comfortable it is correct.

To do this, we are having to identify tests on a monthly basis for the denominator, up until (and including) the first incidence of high EBLI in the year. Then remove subsequent tests for that child in the rest of the calendar year. The whole thing starts over the next calendar year. We are in a maze of do-loops right now.

Sarah

From: Peeler, Nancy (DCH)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 5:24 PM
To: LyonCallo, Sarah (DCH)
Cc: McKane, Patricia (DCH); Fink, Brenda (DCH); Scott, Robert L. (DCH)
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Thanks, everyone, I understand that Bob and Cristin connected and the work is moving forward.