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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 2:24 PM
To: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Cc: Dean Sienko
Subject: RE: Slight confusion in media

Robin Erb is making the edits now to FREEP article

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS) [<mailto:WellsE3@michigan.gov>]
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OK, and while GCHD leads, we are supporting them in the letter send-out....and I am not complaining at all, I just know that we are running in parallel on some efforts we can talk more tomorrow to see how we can maximize the many public health efforts on the ground-

Cheers,

Eden

From: Mona Hanna-Attisha <MHanna1@hurleymc.com>
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Yes, this is wrong. It was also misleading on the free press article.

The Flint Investigation and innovation Team (FLINT) is a Hurley, MSU, and other multidisciplinary and multi institution endeavor. I can share more details if you like.

I will clarify with the reporter. All I told her was that MDHHS was sending letters.

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On Oct 27, 2015, at 12:36 PM, Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

Hi Dean and Mona,

We can talk about this tomorrow, but I noted this in the DFP article as well. I would love MDHHS to be involved in the Flint Lead Innovation team, but not aware that we are. The letters will formally be announced from the GCHD. I do see a great opportunity to partner, of course, as we are doing now, and keep doing!!!

See today's missive in Food

News:<http://www.foodworldnews.com/articles/46974/20151026/michigan-health-officials-scramble-to-help-lead-poisoned-flint.htm>

"Panicked parents in Flint received this message from doctors, university researchers, and public health officials who were on the move to lend a hand to the city that is still beyond shocked and angry about the toxic water. Their main concern at the moment is the safety of the children in the city from the worst effects of lead that flows through the city's water line.

Leading this project is Dr. Dean Sienko, associate dean for public health at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine. He said that they have never expected this to happen. In most cases, when elevated blood level is the problem, it's usually just in a single child or family. Right now, there is a large source of lead, which can create a potential health problem in the community.

Since there is no way that lead poisoning can be reversed, the things that can be very helpful for those who were affected are ensuring the right kind of nutrition, parenting and community service. This will reduce the weight of the worst damages which are learning disabilities, speech deficiency and severe behavioral problems in the years to come.

To address this problem, the group known as the Flint Lead Innovation Team of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is believed to mail letters to families suggesting them to talk to their children's doctors about an immediate lead testing and to also have a permanent monitoring for any developmental problems focusing mainly on nutrition, because some foods may contain substance that can reduce the absorption of lead.

They are still discussing some steps that might also help the situation. One of the solutions being discussed is moving local nutritionists and dieticians to pediatric offices and health clinics to better serve those with immediate needs. Another is to encourage the people to enroll in programs like Double Up Food Bucks, which gives low income families access to fresh produce."