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Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 11:00 AM
To: Baird, Richard (GOV)
Cc: Weber, Travis (GOV); Matt Davis; Chris Kolb; Eric Rothstein; Ksikkema@pscinc.com
Subject: Re: Open Meetings and FOIA

There are statements of fact- "we meet standards " , statements of caution and concern - " we are not comfortable with an action and disproportionate assignment of the Borden of proof- " I am right and you have no proof for insisting a different course. Additionally ,impacts on environmental healthier differ , depending on where you are in your life course and when the health issue manifests itself distal to the insult. And the reassurance must be in a climate of trust.No such climate exists in Flint.

On Friday, October 23, 2015, Baird, Richard (GOV) <bairdr@michigan.gov> wrote:
I agree with Dr. Reynolds and it is sometimes a fine line to walk between discussing preliminary findings/conclusions before validation, and providing public insight into the process underway. People will not trust silence but neither will their trust be sustained if public statements of "fact" have to be recanted in the light of additional evidence.

The collective experience of this panel gives comfort that you can keep the balance.

Again, we thank you for taking this on.

Rich

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

On Oct 23, 2015 8:14 AM, Lawrence Reynolds <lrey52@gmail.com> wrote:

I am working on getting coverage for our annual conference to participate. I would prefer to call in. Please keep in mind, our government agencies have insisted they are operating within the letter of the law and regulations.This position has been used to ignore citizen and non- governmental concerns for several months. We should consider the balance we must maintain.The last thing we need are the same spokespeople who dismissed those concerns speaking for this advisory task force.Perception is based in reality. We also need to identify the overlap of our work and the other reviews going on and what will make our review distinctive.

On Thursday, October 22, 2015, Ken Sikkema <ksikkema@pscinc.com<<mailto:ksikkema@pscinc.com>>> wrote:

Thank you..

Ken

On Thursday, October 22, 2015, Weber, Travis (GOV) <WeberT.gov> wrote:

I would be happy to do so.

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On Oct 22, 2015, at 12:18 PM, Ken Sikkema <ksikkema@pscinc.com<<mailto:ksikkema@pscinc.com>>> wrote:

Travis:

Would you be available next Wed (Oct 28) at approximately 10 am to provide a briefing to the Flint Water Task Force members on the Open Meetings Act and FOIA and answer questions?

We are planning to meet at PSC offices in downtown Lansing--230 North Washington, 3rd floor..

Thank you in advance...

Ken Sikkema

On Thu, Oct 22, 2015 at 10:53 AM, Weber, Travis (GOV)
<WeberT7@michigan.gov<<mailto:WeberT7@michigan.gov>>> wrote:

Senator,

Happy to help with this issue. I would prefer to do so over the phone or in person, but am happy to answer questions and give a brief lay of the OMA/FOIA land if you'd prefer over email.

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Ken:

I think Travis Weber in our Legal Office is best positioned and am copying him here. I believe that this body would function under the same EO privilege that the Council for Law Enforcement And Reinvention (CLEAR) functions. Because it is advisory to the governor only, and not a body enabled under statute, it is not subject to OMA. But I am not the Attorney here. Over to Travis.

Rich

From: Ken Sikkema [mailto:ksikkema@pscinc.com]
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Rich:

I'm feeling the need to have a better understanding of how these statutes apply--or don't apply--to the work of the Task Force and what alternatives the Task Force might want to utilize to address any criticism. Could you put me in touch with someone who can walk me through this a bit?

Thanks

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