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To: Hollins, Harvey (GOV)
Subject: FW: Flint Water Issue Update
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Harvey:

Here is Capt. Chris Kelenske's update from yesterday.

I think the EM part of this is being monitored very well.

Let me know if you hear or need anything.

From: Kelenske, Chris (MSP)
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District Coordinator, Lt. Roach, attended meetings today at Genesee Co DHHS and Genesee Co Untied Way referencer the continuing problem with Flint's water. The first meeting consisted of DHHS, Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (**GCCARD**), Dept. of Human Services, Genesee CO Health Dept., Commission on Aging, Genesee County EM Jen Boyer, and a few other county depts. The distribution of filters was the main topic of conversation. Lt. Roach learned that so far 20,000 Britta faucet filters were purchased from Home Depot with the million dollars the state provided. The filters are in Flint and will be housed at the GCCARD warehouse awaiting distribution. Genesee Co Public Health Dept is taking the lead on public messaging/press releases.

Overall, it was a fairly productive meeting. Everyone from this meeting headed over to the next meeting at the United Way in Flint. Reps from the United Way ran the meeting which also included reps from the school district, public housing, and one rep, Sean Kammer, Asst to the City Administrator at the City of Flint. Unfortunately, Sean left early and requested he be emailed the information. Once again, a fairly productive meeting with distribution being the main topic of conversation, the use of volunteer groups to help install filters for elderly clients, school distribution, and public education/messaging. Much was worked out for distribution with it starting with priority groups. Attached is a summary of the meeting.

Today, 1800 filters were being distributed to Flint Public Housing including Section 8 housing with the agreement their building maintenance will install the filters for those who cannot. Other priority groups should start in the morning. It was also requested the UPC codes be blacked out so returns could not be made to Home Depot. Zero Water is providing filtered cups for after school activities and athletes. All classrooms will get filtering units with a 24 cup capacity. There are talks of filters for all drinking fountains. For those who cannot attach a regular filter to their faucet, ZeroWater filtered pitchers are going to be supplied. United Way ordered some today and may be in this week. Under sink filters will not be purchased due to cost and potential installment issues. Brita filter pitchers do not meet lead standards so they will not be used.

Jen Boyer has reached out to volunteer groups (CERT, VDF) for help with installments of filters for elderly or special needs people. There are also talks by the City of Flint water dept. of connecting outdoor faucets so people can go fill jugs for free. This may be decided by the end of the week. This water is good since it isn't going through any distribution pipes. Lt. Roach advised there were talks of military water buffalos were brought up for water distribution for possibly the next week while the city works on getting their outdoor faucets figured out. I believe there may be

other alternatives before we do this but I will get the NG as the water buffalos and any water distribution from them would need to be certified and that may take a couple days.

Genesee Co Public Health Dept is taking the PIO lead with help from the PIO from the United Way, Tom Wickersham. Tom is a PIO for GM and volunteers for the United Way. 211 will be used as well as some websites to advise of distribution points and as well as education. Right now 4 points will be used :2 DHHS offices, and 2 GCCARD locations. The Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (**GCCARD**) is an organization of individuals whose overall goal is to eliminate barriers and level the playing field for the poor, seniors, children and the hard to serve population of Flint and Genesee County. These opportunities may include pre-school training through our Head Start department for the young; receiving additional and/or job training in order to find a permanent job; seeking and finding of adequate housing if displaced; receiving of nutritional meals delivered on a daily basis, or receiving home improvement repairs when necessary.

A few areas of concern: lack of participation by the City of Flint government. The representative for Flint left early today with really not contributing anything to the effort while he was there. Ginna Holmes (DHHS) knows the Flint Mayor and is reaching out to him today ref this issue. The other area is people in the group expecting the state, namely Emergency Management, to run the meetings and the event. Lt. Roach explained we will not be running either but will participate and be a resource as much as possible. This is a local EM/public health issue unless it is determined we are taking the lead. Lt. Roach believes the Co Public Health Dept is going to take a lead role with help from others. Ginna Holmes and Jen Boyer will work closely with them along with DHHS. They have another meeting scheduled for Thursday at 10:00am at the United Way in Flint and Lt. Roach will be there and we will stay engage to assist. The United Way has done a tremendous job so far with this incident according to Lt. Roach.

Below are some notes on the attached press release reference the filters:

- Free water filters will be available to current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clients and Flint residents at four locations beginning Tuesday, October 6, at 9 a.m. through a partnership between the MDHHS and the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department. Free National Sanitation Foundation certified water filters are being provided to Flint residents as part of the administration's comprehensive approach to addressing water concerns in the area.
- Current MDHHS clients are encouraged to visit either the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office location to obtain a free, certified home water filter. Residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs should visit the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices located at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be onsite at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.
- MDHHS clients in the city of Flint who are active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients should bring valid identification and a copy of their water bill to their local MDHHS office to receive their filter free of charge. Flint residents who are not active MDHHS clients should bring identification and their water bill to the GCCARD location.
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