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From: Scott, Robert L. (DCH)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 1:57 PM
To: 'Marc Edwards'
Subject: FW: New DCH-1294, time-sensitive

Marc,

(I also left you a phone message.) Please see below regarding an IRB review application. I told Colin that, as far as I know, our IRB director is expected back on Monday.

Have you submitted an IRB review application to Virginia Tech's IRB? If so, has it been approved? If that's the case, you can submit an Abbreviated IRB review app to MDHHS. It's available at www.michigan.gov/IRB.

If you haven't and don't intend to, please send me yet another paragraph explaining why not. I'm not an expert on these matters, and I'm still a little fuzzy on when an IRB review is required.

There is far more scrutiny of all data requests now than in 2006. That's a good thing in the long run, but makes it harder to move quickly.

Bob

From: Boes, Colin (DCH)
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Subject: RE: New DCH-1294, time-sensitive

Robert, thank you for letting me know about the time-sensitivity. I will do my best to get this turned around as soon as I can. Since this involves research you may wish to send it the IRB as well and let them know about the urgency. How soon do you think they were hoping to get it back? A few weeks? Shorter? I ask because our IRB director (an) is out of the office until at least next week (I cannot remember exactly how long he is out).

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Colin,

Please see attached DUA and related proposal. I'm asking for a reasonably-quick turn-around on this request for de-identified data, if possible given your schedule. I've pasted Professor Edwards' comments below:

"Yes, I think there is clearly some urgency to the situation.

MDEQ has publicly stated that your blood lead records are showing that there is no public health concern for residents in Flint.

The levels of lead in Flint water, that we are finding in our water sampling, are certainly in a range that can cause childhood lead poisoning.

Indeed, one child has already, likely been lead poisoned from exposure to high lead in water.

I think the fact that you already have other teams working on these records, indicates a high level of interest, and urgency.

Congressional interest in the safety of the water is also very high, and this will be an important issue in deciding options for treating the water, in the weeks and months ahead."

Thanks,

Bob

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