
From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 2:39 PM
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Subject: Re: Edwards Report Response

Agree- would state that the descriptive analysis at the city or county levels showed seasonal increases during the third quarters of 2014 and 2015, but the magnitude of these increases were not clearly seen until zip code levels were analyzed.

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On Dec 21, 2015, at 2:28 PM, Lyon, Nick (DHHS) <LyonN2@michigan.gov> wrote:

I have an issue with one sentence. I think the "they did not indicate@ could be qualified.

On Dec 21, 2015, at 2:14 PM, Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <EisnerJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

For your review asap.. the reporter has a 3 p.m. deadline..

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has been, and continues to be, committed to full disclosure of information regarding the city of Flint and blood lead levels. To suggest otherwise is not consistent with how we have responded.

When initially looking at the citywide and county elevated blood lead level numbers, they did not indicate anything other than seasonal fluctuation. It wasn't until the Hurley report came out that our epidemiologists took a more in-depth look at the data by zip code, controlling for seasonal variation, and confirmed an increase outside of normal trends. As a result of this process, we have determined that the way we analyze data collected needs to be thoroughly reviewed. Our after action report will help determine how we conduct this process in the future.

Our department is focused on ensuring that appropriate case management and follow up is occurring in Flint. Summary reports outlining blood lead level testing are posted online on a bi-weekly basis, and we are working closely with local partners to fulfill data requests as we receive them.

Regarding the FOIA, Mr. Edwards received all of the requested documents, with personal information redacted, on Friday, December 18.