
From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 2:40 PM
To: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)
Cc: Becker, Timothy (DHHS); Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS); Lyon, Nick (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)
Subject: Re: Edwards Report Response

See my note

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 21, 2015, at 2:36 PM, Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <EisnerJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

Thank you -- here's what we have:

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, the increase appeared to be consistent with the routine seasonal fluctuation seen in the summer months. 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.

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That works. I was also typing something similar as G's response came in. I had this: "When initially looking at the citywide and county elevated blood lead level numbers, the aggregate data suggested a seasonal fluctuation consistent with trends noted prior to the switch in the water source."

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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) <Jenisner1@michigan.gov> wrote:

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

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