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Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 11:24 AM
To: Peeler, Nancy (DHHS); Moran, Susan (DHHS)
Cc: Robinson, Mikelle (DHHS); Fink, Brenda (DHHS); Travis, Rashmi (DHHS)
Subject: RE: follow up on Flint - new \$\$ in budget

I don't believe our outreach and education materials would duplicate CLPPPs, although we certainly need to discuss what each group can contribute. Based on the community outreach and community meetings that environmental health staff routinely engage in at sites of contamination or environmental areas of concern, our health education focuses on environmental risk communication. In this situation we will also need to help the technical advisory group with messaging as it implements sampling plans and determines response to findings.

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Thanks for the information. We'll want to make sure we aren't duplicating efforts in the education and outreach area, as that is an active work area for CLPPP already.

I heard from Budget again, understand there will be more conversation about the \$850,000 this afternoon, and we'll receive further information later.

From: Miller, Corinne (DHHS)
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Two funding options for environmental investigations were presented to Kim Stephen, including hiring environmental firms for the EBLs. We had already reached out to several firms and received one written proposal that was sent to Kim yesterday. She was going to check with DTMB to see if MDHHS could contract directly with firms to avoid going through an RFP process - given this situation. In the two funding options, we requested funding for 50% of an enforcement staff member to oversee the EBL investigations.

In addition to the EH investigation dollars we budgeted funding for part of a toxicologist and an environmental health educator. Both have been working with the DEQ on the Flint situation but Linda was told by the federal funder that the Flint situation is not within scope of federal cooperative agreement objectives and we need to have them stop working on it. The toxicologist is working on intricate decision trees to support environmental sampling activities and response. My understanding is that the Flint technical advisory group will be relying on this information and the accompanying education materials that need to be developed.

The option that we prefer is Option 2. Total cost is ~\$442,000 which includes contracting with environmental firm/s (some of which already have a presence in the Flint area); 50% enforcement FTE overseeing the EBLs, 20% tox and EH health educator staff time and outreach materials.

The cost of option 1 plus tox/eh education/brochures is ~ \$700,000. Using this option, we are not confident that we could find investigators with the right training, certification and background to immediately hit the ground running and to deliver quality work with efficiency.

Corinne

From: Moran, Susan (DHHS)

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Copying Corrine- she was working with Kim Stephen yesterday to come up with budget for the environmental piece. So this figure may represent the costs for the combined nurse education and EBL.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2015, at 9:35 AM, Peeler, Nancy (DHHS) <PeelerN@michigan.gov> wrote:

Good morning! I just had a call from Budget about new \$850,000 for activities related to childhood lead and Flint. This call was the first I've heard about this since our conversations/emails on Wednesday, so I need some help catching up on the current plan and our role/next steps. My questions:

1. Is any of this new \$850,000 coming to our program, if yes, how much?
2. I assume any new funding to us would be for the nurse case management activities we talked about.
3. Are we supervising the nurses?
4. Are contracting the funding out to the Genesee County health department, and has a conversation with them already taken place?

I appreciate any information and direction you can provide on this. Our contract amendments are due by Monday, so I'm thinking about that very tight timeline as we move forward.

Nancy