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Subject: Re: Pb in Flint

One addition, Matt,

Note that with the holidays, the frequency of EBL reporting may not smooth out until mid-January--Warm Regards,

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Good morning, Matt,

I discussed this with Corinne yesterday and this morning. It looks like EPID is working closely and has met several times with Medicaid as late as Friday to develop the metrics of interest to both, which will derive the most representative surveillance data for elevated blood leads. **The goal has been to have these be weekly** (of note, they were already discussing this late last week).

Please let me know if there are any other concerns or issues. it is our intent to be sure we are implementing all MDHHS and other public health programs and resources to address the health of the children of Flint.

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On Sat, Dec 19, 2015 at 4:30 PM, Davis, Matthew (Matt) <matttdav@med.umich.edu> wrote:
 Hi Eden -

I hope you're doing well!

I'm writing to give you a friendly heads up

The Flint Water Advisory Task Force will likely, within the next week or two, be sending Gov Snyder a set of recommended metrics for the dashboard that we alluded to in our initial Task Force letter to the Governor earlier this month.

Several of these metrics fall under the purview of MDHHS and tie directly to data (and corresponding data sources) that MDHHS shared on Dec 11 in the "Flint Blood Testing Report". Others relate to metrics that you, Sue, and I discussed in our phone call that same week — i.e., related to connecting CLPPP data (numerator) to Medicaid data (denominator) for the Flint zip codes — or that appeared in the Sit Rep reports that GERALYN shared with the Task Force from Nov 30 and Dec 1.

In other words, I think that MDHHS will already be prepared to present several of these metrics, based on available data. MDEQ and MDE will also be likely state agencies involved in generating data for the dashboard; there may be others as well.

One of the issues that we are currently grappling with is the frequency of updates to the metrics. When are you anticipating that the next Flint Blood Testing Report will be issued?

In the interest of building and sustaining public trust in part with data transparency, there is strong interest on the Task Force in recommending weekly updates (similar to weekly updates on enrollment from the Healthy Michigan Plan). Given the current testing rate in Flint (~200-300 children per week, based on the Dec 11 report) and the hope of elevating that rate, that frequency seems reasonable to me in terms of data robustness. I would be interested to hear your thoughts on this.

Thanks very much,
 Matt

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