
From: Bartholomew, Anne - FNS [<mailto:Anne.Bartholomew@fns.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 11:22 AM
To: Bien, Stan (DCH)
Cc: Hillman, Bruce - FNS
Subject: Information requested about Flint, MI and lead in water issue

Hi Stan,

Bruce suggested that I contact you directly. I did leave a voice mail. We have an urgent request from the USDA Secretary on behalf of a Congressperson about a problem with high lead levels in water supply in Flint, MI. We are wondering what steps, if any, that Michigan WIC has taken with respect to this issue. Has Michigan WIC determined a need to issue ready-to-feed for affected participants? If yes, is this being done on an individual basis or universally to those living in the affected area. The Secretary has requested a quick response so your attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,

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From: Baker, Mary A. (DCH)
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 10:34 AM
To: Lishinski, Karen (DCH)
Subject: FW: Water with WIC

Hi Karen. Thank you so much for your time and the information you provided today. Here is the e-mail to which I referred. Again, please don't share this with anyone else. I will be out on Friday, but back in the office on Monday. However, if something urgent arises on Friday, please contact my supervisor, Kristen Hanulcik at hanulcikk@michigan.gov or our division director, Stan Bien at biens@michigan.gov.

Thanks,

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From: Hanulcik, Kristen (DCH)
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 8:07 PM
To: Bien, Stan (DCH)
Cc: Baker, Mary A. (DCH)
Subject: Re: Water with WIC

I would agree with that from an access perspective, for instances when an alternative to tapwater is desirable.

I would like to talk with you and Mary Ann about this more in the morning if we can make that happen.

Meanwhile, I have Mary Ann copied as a think we should be in touch with our state lead contact regarding this.

If area hospitals are going to be providing discharge instructions to mix formula with bottled water, this will have big implications for the WIC agency.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2015, at 4:24 PM, Bien, Stan (DCH) <biens@michigan.gov> wrote: