
From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 9:12 AM
To: Moran, Susan (DHHS)
Subject: Re: CDC Request for Assistance

Thanks, Sue. Matt says hello!

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 7, 2015, at 8:34 AM, Moran, Susan (DHHS) <MoranS@michigan.gov> wrote:

We are getting nudged from a couple different fronts- including Rep Kildee office and the Flint Innovation team-- to engage with CDC and ask for assistance/support as part of the health response to Flint Water situation. In order for CDC to engage with state, a request must be made by state, ie. From the State Health Official, State Environmental Director, State Epidemiologist.

When I was in Salt Lake City for annual ASTHO meeting, I did alert Judy Monroe, Deputy Director, Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) about Flint water situation. Judy is a key advisor to the CDC director for the support of US health departments, tribal nations, and insular areas. She oversees key activities and technical assistance that support the nation's health departments and the public health system, and would be my first point of contact if we were to seek CDC assistance.

The CDC is an invaluable resource and it would be very beneficial to have their support and expertise, and who knows, possibly additional funding, as we address both short term and long term consequences of the lead exposure. **Do we all agree that Michigan should reach out to the CDC at this time? Would you like me to work with Eden to draft our request to Judy for your review?**

See excerpts below from recent communication between Dr Hanna Attisha and Rep Kildee office.

On Oct 30, 2015, at 6:18 PM, Dickinson, Jordan <Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov> wrote: Mona,

I met with the CDC today and they were very willing to help. Mary Jean Brown, Chief of CDC Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, has offered to come to Flint and have initial discussions about this. She has over 30 years' experience and seemed very willing to help. She asked that I get a list together of people from medical community that she should reach out to about helping to shape the public health system in the Flint area.

So far I have Mark Valacak, Dr. Lawrence and Kirk Smith. Is there anyone else that you think should be included? If you do, can you give me their email addresses?

Thanks,

Jordan

Per Dr Hanna Attisha:

Rep Kildee mentioned the other day that he spoke with the CDC Director about what was going on in Flint and that the CDC director was aware and was following the situation.

I think there is an incredible opportunity here for the CDC to help us build a model public health program. Ok, so our entire population has been exposed to this neurotoxin, now what do we do? We could do nothing and wait 10-20 years and see the impact of lead poisoning, or we can try to defy the odds and build an innovative model public health program that buffers the exposure. We have created something called FLINTY - Flint Lead INNOvation Team - that is trying to do just that. Drawing on the burgeoning science of toxic stress and developmental neuroscience, we hope to use short term and long term interventions that can build resilience in our kids. Things like nutrition, early head start, medical homes, home visiting programs, parenting, etc.. Of course, we have no money or resources to do any of this yet. I can share more details if you like.