

into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Melody Beattie

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Subject: RE: Genesee County Health Department- EOC 1/4/16

Good morning ,

I will relay, with your permission of course, this email to our Medical Services Administration, with whom I have had the same discussions. Rest assured that I saw a multi-point plan from this health plan about how to address the issues in their patient population, and these community engagement pieces are just one part.

One issue all are trying to capture is the urgency under which the enhanced testing needs to be conducted, so this is one of a number of strategies the health plans are utilizing.

Another part is of utmost concern, that I know is also in multiple health plans' strategic approaches, is that of provider engagement. Despite the news and the blast faxes and the Health Alerts and the Provider Letters and the Toolkits, we continue to hear from citizens, the Governor's Task Force and EBL case investigators and case managers, that providers are not asking about lead exposure to Flint water since April 2014, nor asking about testing/screening, or whether families have filters. I tried to set up a provider forum in Nov-Dec to little or no interest, but am now working to get one rolling regardless, in partnership with health plans, by end of this month.

It would really be helpful if you could be there to speak about this very issue and give the perspective of a local physician responding to the crisis, and a leader of best practices. We will webinar it and archive it as well (I am wondering if I can make it CME-able as well), and Dr. Reynolds, it would be great to have you involved as well---

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Thanks for your reply, Eden. Yes, I have had discussions with Matt Davis about this as well and it was my understanding that it was recommended to expand screening, but still to push kids to their medical homes as you said. If we all agree to drive kids to their medical homes first, the primacy of the medical home, why is that not being done first?

What are the medical HMOs doing to push kids to their medical homes? How are they incentivizing visits, providing case management, partnering with practices, enhanced transportation, etc? This is what needs to happen - not only will all of this improve lead screening rates, but also immun rates and all other HEDIS measure that HMOs (and providers) care about.

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Hi Mona,

The Governor's Task Force has made a number of preliminary recommendations to MDHHS last month, and a major one is to maximize blood lead screening. The primary care home is best, all agree, and health plans are identifying any children that have not been tested. Current thoughts are that there could be thousands. Health plans will be closely monitoring the provider follow up as well post initial screens. And, while it does not pick up potential lead exposure prior to Oct 1, water is still a potential source if public health measures are not being used, or used appropriately. Also there is a need to establish the prevalence of EBL in this impacted community-

I have had long discussions with Matt Davis about this, and Larry is aware as well. I can discuss further if needed. But all, including Medicaid, agree with the primacy of the patient primary care home.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2016, at 8:38 PM, LaRocco, Toni <tlarocco@gchd.us> wrote:

At the request of MDHHS, we are working with the Medicaid health plans to screen kids that have not been screened. There are many kids that, for a multitude of reasons, have not been screened.

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