
From: Lyon, Nick (DHHS)
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 2:34 PM
To: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)
Subject: FW: Emailing: Lead Prescription

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From: Mona Hanna-Attisha [mailto:MHanna1@hurleymc.com]
 Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 8:47 AM
 To: Lyon, Nick (DHHS) <LyonN2@michigan.gov>; Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov>
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And as I mentioned on the phone yesterday, Aug 27 is the first time I brought up the potential issue with the county health dept....

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From: Mona Hanna-Attisha
 Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 1:31 PM
 To: 'Johnson, M.D., Gary'; Schacher, Andrew (aschacher@gchd.us); 'Valacak, Mark'
 Cc: Hallwood, Dawn; Henry, James
 Subject: RE: Emailing: Lead Prescription

It was a pleasure meeting with Andrew today regarding the lead prescription program. As a follow-up:

- 1) We will work with Andrew and our lab and social worker to create an automatic electronic referral system for all kids with elevated lead levels. The referral will go to Andrew so that he can enroll them in his program.
- 2) Please use Hurley and MSU as a resource for lead programming, lead research, lead grant-writing, lead education, lead advocacy, lead whatever. Through Hurley, we have the providers, the patient population and the interest to work on pediatric public health issues. We clearly recognize the devastating and life-long impact of this entirely PREVENTABLE condition. Through MSU, we have the additional research capacity and the collaboration with the MSU Public Health Program (potential PH students and/or research hires interested in lead). We are eager to collaborate on this shared goal. Personally, I have a background in environmental health and this topic ideally merges the disciplines of pediatrics and public health.
- 3) Lastly, this may not be under the health department's jurisdiction; however, I don't understand why it wouldn't be - I am concerned about the potential for an increase in childhood lead poisoning secondary to the Flint drinking water situation. Flint had Safe Drinking Water Act violations for trihalomethanes after switching water sources. They dramatically increased their chlorine after switching sources. That changes the oxidation reduction potential and allows the metal of the pipe to go into solution. This is strikingly similar to what happened in Washington DC that resulted in significant childhood lead poisonings. It took about 2 years of lead leaching and exposure to result in elevated blood lead levels measured in 2003 as reported by CDC (http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/blood_levels.htm). I have an EPA colleague who worked on the DC issue and is aware/interested in the Flint issue.

Article about Flint's lead levels in water:

http://www.deadlinedetroit.com/articles/12697/scary_lead_water_and_one_flint_family_s_toxic_nightmare#.Vd8yWVKVP9d

I know this has been a controversial issue, but it would be great if we can collaborate to prevent some of the same issues that happened in DC. Our children already significant pre-existing challenges (toxic stress/adverse childhood events), avoidable lead exposure should not be an additional burden. I would be more than happy to meet to discuss/brainstorm additional solutions.

Thanks again and looking forward to additional collaborations! Mona

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From: Johnson, M.D., Gary [mailto:GJOHNSON@gchd.us]
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To: Mona Hanna-Attisha
Cc: Hallwood, Dawn; Henry, James
Subject: RE: Emailing: Lead Prescription

Thanks Mona!!

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From: Mona Hanna-Attisha [mailto:MHanna1@hurleymc.com]
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To: Johnson, M.D., Gary
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Thanks Dr Johnson. I will share with all the residents and get some copies printed for the clinic.

Thanks!

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From: Johnson, M.D., Gary [mailto:GJOHNSON@gchd.us]
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To: Mona Hanna-Attisha
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<<Lead Prescription.pdf>> Mona--

Please read over the attached letter with the prescription. We sent you a similar letter on May 5th, hoping the pediatric residents would participate in the community outreach portion of this grant funded Childhood Lead Poisoning program.