

Jenkins, Ken

From: Gillam, Susan
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2008 1:57 PM
To: Hoddinott, Lisa; Jenkins, Ken
Subject: FW: New Cases

FYI
Susan
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From: Louise Jones [mailto:Louise.Jones@easternhealth.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2008 8:51 AM
To: John Peddle; McGrath, Karen; Gillam, Susan; Boyd Rowe
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The attached e-mail is not what we want to see.

As you know there have been a number of people who have self identified this year. Robert has indicated that there have been 12 when he called me this week. He wanted to try other ways to search the data that we had discussed this winter and I was not in agreement at that time indicating that we continue to ask people to call us if they have any questions. Also there was no consensus with the IT people as to an approach to use to get any better results. Remember that NLCHI spent 8 months developing this database already at that point in time and Robert had indicated to me that NLHBI was finished their work it would be up to me to decide whether I wanted to do more work to see if we could identify more people..Also remember that both the government and ourselves continue to say that we have no assurance that the database is complete.. It is my understanding that they tried 5 different search strategies looking for the persons name who already was a patient who self identified. The only way that they were able to do the search was because they knew what they were looking for.. in fact the search identified over 800 clients at the HSC site database only. From my perspective if we did not know her name we would have then to individually review all of the 800 plus files for 1 year to see if there was anyone in the group that meet the criteria for testing.

We need to talk about this before we get Robert on the line on Monday. This is the needle in the haystack that he is going after. From my perspective it will be significant work.. But what you need to know is that he is developing a briefing note for the Minister.. the database will be resubmitted to the COI and he is concerned that the province will be deemed not to have done everything to try and find individuals for retesting

So just to give heads up.

So my question is do we make ourselves available to Robert on Monday? Can you respond and then I would ask John to follow-up with Robert if he has not already done so to identify a time..

Have a good weekend

From: Thompson, Robert [mailto:rthompson@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2008 4:44 PM
To: Louise Jones
Subject: New Cases

Reza and Barry tested the methodology for a single year and did pick up the self-identifier for that year. So it looks like the methodology is sound. You may wish to confirm.

Tomorrow I will develop a proposed process for a new search strategy. It may be slightly different for each region as each one has different information systems.

I understand that CEOs are meeting in CB on Monday, so that would be a good time to discuss it with everyone (by conf call for me).

Robert

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