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Jacqueline Stevens v. HHS et al, Civil No. 22-cv-05072

March 20, 2024

Ms. Jacqueline Stevens
Northwestern University
Via email: drc@northwestern.edu

Dear Ms. Stevens:

This letter is the 16th interim response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Specifically, you requested:

Records tied to the hiring, transfers, and scope of work performed by Lauren Underwood at HHS.

- 1) All position announcements associated with any jobs she held at HHS.
- 2) All reports, memorandums, or analyses she produced, including but not limited to her work on Ebola and other emergency public health matters.
- 3) All travel itineraries.
- 4) All expense reports.

The time frame of this request is January 1, 2010 to January 22, 2017.

For this release, the Department processed 507 pages of potentially responsive records captured in the agency's search. After careful review, we determined 499 were not relevant to your request. Five pages were released in their entirety and three pages were disclosed with portions redacted pursuant to Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. §§ 552).

We will continue to review the remaining records as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's response and/or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Alesia Y. Williams
Director, FOIA Appeals and Litigations
FOI/Privacy Act Division

Enclosures: 8 pages

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DPC wants to host a joint meeting with HHS to encourage folks in Michigan (gov office and state staff) to be proactive in enrollment

How can we encourage the state CHIP administrative funds to encourage enrollment

Small HHS discussion towards the end of the week.

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Aron,
Thanks for the quick reply. April Bennett our NIH Disaster Research Response Program Manager will connect with you to set up a quick meet and greet discussion, aiming for this week.

Best Regards,
Aubrey
Aubrey Miller, MD, MPH
Senior Medial Advisor
Office of the Director
NIH/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

On Apr 4, 2016, at 7:25 PM, Aron Sousa <(b)(6)> wrote:

Dr. Miller,
I'd be happy to set up a time to talk when it is convenient for you, and I appreciate the opportunity to discuss collaborative work in Flint.

Best,
Aron Sousa, MD
Interim Dean
College of Human Medicine
Michigan State University.

Sent from my phone. Please forgive my thumbs.

On Apr 4, 2016, at 2:44 PM, Underwood, Lauren (HHS/ASPR/IO) <Lauren.Underwood@hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi Dr. Sousa and Dr. Miller,
Wanted to connect you via email regarding the developing Flint Research Consortium being cosponsored by Michigan State University, University of Michigan and the University of Michigan – Flint.

Dr. Aron Sousa is the Interim Dean at MSU's College of Human Medicine. He is part of the group of researchers collaborating to develop the Consortium.

Dr. Aubrey Miller is the Senior Medical Advisor at the NIH National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. He is coordinating the HHS research-related activities in response to the Flint Water Crisis.

We hope you can connect to discuss your research activities and interests.

Thank you,
Lauren Underwood

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Thank you!

From: Underwood, Lauren (HHS/ASPR/IO)
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 4:01 PM
To: Macias, Aracely (OS/OMH)
Subject: RE: Request for TPs for a panel happening this week

Hi Aracely,
Kamara can probably send the Zika ones as well. OGA would have material on GHSA.

Thanks!
Lauren

From: Macias, Aracely (OS/OMH)
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Underwood, Lauren (HHS/ASPR/IO)
Subject: Request for TPs for a panel happening this week

Hi Lauren,

Hope you had a great weekend!

Dr. Gracia will be participating on a panel this Thursday (during the Health Equity Forum – hope you can make it!) with Q&A at the end from the audience (National representation). She is the only HHS representative. In preparation for the questions she may receive, we were hoping to get TPs related to the Global Health Security Agenda and Zika as well. Do you have developed TPs that you can share? If not, do you know who I can get those from? I have reached out to Kamara Jones in ASPA for help with Flint related TPs.

Thank you,

Aracely

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Subject:	Re: Rich Baird called to chat about next week's hearing
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Interesting

From: Underwood, Lauren (HHS/ASPR/IO)
 Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 1:34:32 PM
 To: Goldhaber, Benjamin (OS/ASPR/COO)
 Subject: Rich Baird called to chat about next week's hearing

They're going to try to get nick lyon there and wanted to compare notes...

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To: Vineyard, Michael (OS/ASPR/OEM)
Cc: Moss, Marcille (OS/ASPR/IO)
Subject: Chatted with Nicki about Repatriation

She asked you to call her cell if you're free (b)(6).

Thanks
Lauren

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