

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Atterholt, Jim
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 3:44 PM
To: Adams, Jerome;Ahearn, Mark
Subject: FW: Gov Mail 5/21
Attachments: 201505211528.pdf

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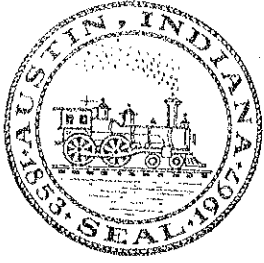
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From: Norton, Erin (Ladd)
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 3:30 PM
To: McGrath, Danielle; Atterholt, Jim; Neale, Brian S
Subject: Gov Mail 5/21

All,

Please see the attached letter from Mayor Campbell of Austin RE: the HIV outbreak.

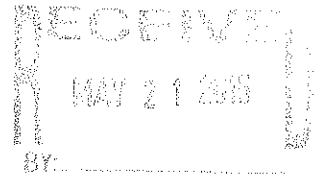
Thank you,
Erin



CITY OF AUSTIN

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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May 18, 2015

Governor Mike Pence
Statehouse
Indianapolis IN 46204-2797

Dear Governor Pence:

I am writing to ask you to please consider extending the public health emergency in Scott County for an additional 30 days or longer.

I feel that we have made a great start in addressing the crisis; however, I fear that we have just scratched the surface. We also need more time to develop a sustainable plan for the long-term care of our HIV positive citizens.

Thank you for declaring the original public health emergency in Scott County. This declaration set in motion the many State, Federal and local agencies we needed to allow us to start the process of identifying and arranging treatment for our citizens that have tested positive for HIV.

Sincerely,

Douglas Campbell
Mayor, City of Austin

DC/dd

Cc: Dr. Jerome Adams, Health Commissioner

**CC: Danielle
Jim
Brian**

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Atterholt, Jim
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 8:33 PM
To: Adams, Jerome
Subject: Fwd: Gov Mail 5/20
Attachments: 201505201638.pdf; ATT00001.htm

More good stuff Doc!

Jim
James Atterholt
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Governor Mike Pence
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Office: 317-232-1800

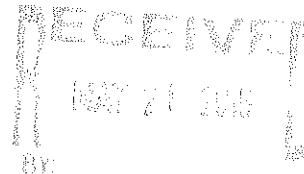
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From: "Norton, Erin (Ladd)" <ENorton@gov.IN.gov>
Date: May 20, 2015 at 4:41:06 PM EDT
To: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "Neale, Brian S" <BNeale@gov.IN.gov>, "McGrath, Danielle" <DMcGrath@gov.IN.gov>
Subject: Gov Mail 5/20

Good afternoon,

Attached is a letter from the CDC re: the Scott County HIV outbreak.

Thank you,
Erin



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30329-4027

May 15, 2015

The Honorable Mike Pence
Office of the Governor
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Pence:

Thank you for meeting with us on April 27. We appreciated the conversation with you and your staff, State Health Commissioner Dr. Adams, and Indiana State Department of Health staff. We commend you for the initiative Indiana has taken to identify and treat those affected by this HIV outbreak. Your rapid and decisive actions have already improved the health and safety of Indiana residents.

We applaud your leadership in issuing Executive Order 15-06 and signing Senate Bill 461. Extending the emergency response time and allowing for safer injection practices are critical steps to tackling this outbreak. The supplemental \$2.1 million Indiana has shifted toward this effort will help prevent further spread of these diseases and reduce the medical costs associated with the outbreak.

This outbreak remains a public health emergency and a clarion call for appropriate action in other areas at risk. We are working with your staff in Austin and Indianapolis to ensure effective HIV and HCV treatment is available to all who need it. Through the combined use of medication with counseling and behavioral therapy, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) can help address the underlying opioid addiction that puts people at risk for HIV, HCV, and fatal overdose.

When used effectively, MAT is a safe, cost-effective way to treat addiction, reduce the risk of infectious disease transmission and drug overdose, and reduce death rates. In light of the high number of people in Indiana with hepatitis C infection and the American Society of Addiction Medicine's recommendation that Medicaid cover all three MAT drugs, Indiana might consider expanding Medicaid coverage to methadone maintenance treatment.

In addition, CDC recommends that all states working to address prescription drug overdose take these top three actions: 1) promote best practices in opioid prescribing with state guidelines and stop the worst outlier prescribers, 2) improve prescribing by making Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs easier to use and access, and 3) maximize the state's role as a public insurer to protect the state residents at a high risk for overdose.

CC: Jim
Danielle
Brian Neale

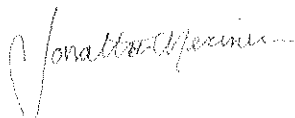
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If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be happy to speak with you at your convenience about any aspect of this response.

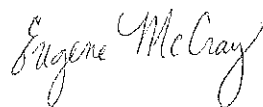
Sincerely,



Judy A Monroe, MD, FAAFP
Director, Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, CDC
Deputy Director, CDC



Jonathan Mermin, MD, MPH
Director, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC



Eugene McCray, MD
Director, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC

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From: Atterholt, Jim
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 7:08 PM
To: Adams, Jerome;Wernert, Dr. John J.;Hill, John (GOV);Carter, Doug
Subject: FW: Gov Mail 5/19
Attachments: 201505191444.pdf

FYI--Thanks for all you do!

Jim

James Atterholt
Chief of Staff
Governor Mike Pence
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-----Original Message-----

From: Norton, Erin (Ladd)
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 2:46 PM
To: Neale, Brian S; Atterholt, Jim; McGrath, Danielle
Subject: Gov Mail 5/19

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from the Scott County Board of Commissioners re: the HIV epidemic.

Thank you,
Erin

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Scott County Commissioners

*Robert C. Tobias * Larry Blevins * Kelley Robbins*

May 15, 2015

Governor Michael R. Pence
Office of the Governor
State House
200 West Washington Street, Suite 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797

Dear Governor Pence:

As County Attorney of Scott County, I am writing for the Board of County Commissioners.

On behalf of the Commissioners and the people of Scott County, thank you for all that you have offered and done for us. We certainly are aware of the decisions that have been made and that some are contrary to intuition.

We approach the HIV infection as, primarily, a health issue. For that reason, the expertise and the dedication of the State Department of Health has been beyond any expectation. The cooperation with our local Health Department and the working relationship that has been forged will, hopefully, win out. We will continue to need assistance and support. Again the Commissioners are appreciative of the support. Historically, we are a very unhealthy county. Health issues will continue to plague us in addition to HIV. The role of the Health Department will continue to grow.

In addition to the health problems, we thank you for the help with Sheriff Dan McClain and the Scott County Jail. Potentially the burden on the jail because of the HIV population could push our county to financial hardship. We are building a new jail and hope that we can accommodate the population increases.

Scott County Courthouse

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CC: Jim
Danielle
Brian Neale

Law enforcement is an area of great concern. Again, we understand that you and other state and federal agencies are involved in stemming the flow of illegal drugs in our county. The CDC has determined that there are 477 iv drug users in Scott County. That of course means that there are 477 criminals and that they all have access to drugs that are used illegally.

The economic impact of the local, state and national news will certainly have an impact on our economic future. We believe this to be true in Austin, Jennings Township and other parts of Scott County, including Scottsburg. Some predict, pessimistically we hope, a 50% drop in real property values. Anecdotal evidence suggests that some real estate sales have been lost; but, retail sales may be holding steady.

Our focus must remain on the lives and futures of the unfortunate folks that have allowed themselves to be exposed to the dangers of HIV.

Again we express our thanks for the resources that you have allowed. The Indiana State Department of Health, the Attorney General, the Indiana State Police and other organizations are worthy of our appreciation. Please express this to them.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF SCOTT



Robert L. Houston
Scott County Attorney

RLH:swp

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Atterholt, Jim
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2015 8:13 PM
To: Adams, Jerome
Cc: Pitcock, Josh;Neale, Brian S
Subject: Re: Gov position

Thanks Jerome--bringing in the position experts. If you all would be so kind enough to respond back to the good doctor as soon as you can--it would be much appreciated.

Jim
James Atterholt
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Executive Assistant: Bridget Davis
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> On May 16, 2015, at 7:33 PM, "Adams, Jerome" <JeAdams@isdh.IN.gov> wrote:

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> Jim,

> In preparation for my congressional testimony this week, I was hoping you could give me a answer to the likely question of whether or not the governor supports lifting the federal ban on funding for needle exchanges.

> Regards,

> Jerome

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> Jerome Adams, MD, MPH

> Indiana State Health Commissioner

> (317) 233-7400

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> Sent from my iPhone

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Regards,
Jerome

Jerome Adams, MD, MPH
Indiana State Health Commissioner
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From: Mike Pence <mpence1314@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 7:20 PM
To: Hill, John (GOV)
Cc: Atterholt, Jim
Subject: Re: Johnson county fatality

Thanks for the update

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 13, 2015, at 10:29 PM, Hill, John (GOV) <jhill@gov.in.gov> wrote:

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> Governor: Here is the latest information concerning the death in Johnson County. I'm clear on your direction for future notifications and have alerted the ISP.

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> On May 12, 2015 an autopsy was performed by the Johnson County Coroner and the results were inconclusive. It was noted there was no trauma to the body. Toxicology results are expected to provide more information related to the cause and manner of death. (I alerted the Toxicology lab to this and they will expedite as soon as it arrives.)

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> The state police investigation will be submitted to the Johnson County Prosecutor when concluded.

> At this point of the ongoing investigation there is no indication of inappropriate action by personnel with the Greenwood Police or Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

> Thus far the death investigation of Kyler Myers has determined the following:

> · At approximately 4:19 p.m. on May 10, 2015 officers from the Greenwood Police Department were dispatched to the residence of Mr. Myers on the report of a person running around in the yard naked

> · Greenwood officers arrived and were greeted by an unclothed man later identified as Mr. Myers.

> o It is not illegal to be undressed in the privacy of a person's home and officers advised Mr. Myers to be dressed if he leaves his home

> · At approximately 2:30 a.m. on May 11, 2015 Greenwood PD received a second call to the residence from Mr. Myers stating unauthorized persons attempted to break into his home

> · Greenwood officers arrived and were asked by Mr. Myers to search his home for the unauthorized suspects

> o The officers found no one in the home but observed drug paraphernalia over the course of being invited to search Mr. Myers' home

> o Mr. Myers was presently on house arrest and was arrested the result of finding the drug paraphernalia in his home

> · Mr. Myers was arrested for two counts of possession of paraphernalia and one count of disorderly conduct

> · His authorized house guest was cited on a summons for possession of paraphernalia

> · Based on Mr. Myers erratic behavior the Greenwood officers summoned an EMT to the scene to evaluate Mr. Myers and were advised Mr. Myers could be taken to the Johnson Co. Jail.

> · A Greenwood PD transport van responded to the residence and picked up Mr. Myers and picked up a second prisoner at the Community Hospital South and then transported both persons to the Johnson County Jail

> · At approximately 5:41 a.m. Mr. Myers arrived at the Johnson Co. Jail and was processed into the jail

> · While at the jail Mr. Myers exhibited erratic and aggressive behavior over the course of the morning

> · At approximately 11:40 a.m. Mr. Myers was evaluated by the Johnson Co. Jail Nurse who recommended he be taken to Johnson Memorial Hospital for evaluation

> · At approximately 12:09 p.m., under his own power, Mr. Myers boarded a jail transport van for the trip across the street to Johnson Memorial Hospital

> · At approximately 12:12 p.m. the transport van arrived at Johnson Memorial Hospital and Mr. Myers was found unresponsive in the back of the transport vehicle

> o Efforts to revive Mr. Myers were unsuccessful and he was declared deceased

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> Dave Bursten held a media advisory last evening and kept Christy Denault aware of this information. While the media would like to draw some nexus with the Baltimore situation, there does not appear to be such a connection. It sounds very much to me like a drug problem but we will know more when we get the toxicology report back.

> John

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> _____
> From: Mike Pence <mpence1314@aol.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 12:34 AM

> To: Hill, John (GOV); Atterholt, Jim

> Subject: Johnson county fatality

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> John

> I saw this story in the clips and note ISP has been engaged.

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> Let me know status tomorrow

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> Also, Given the national environment re Baltimore etc,.....next time, make sure I get a heads up anytime ISP is called in on a suspicious death in custody

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> <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/crime/2015/05/11/19-year-old-dies-in-police-custody/27147897/>

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> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Atterholt, Jim
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2015 12:08 PM
To: Adams, Jerome;Wernert, Dr. John J.;Neale, Brian S;Seema Verma
Subject: Fwd: Just Checking In

Just an FYI--very nice to see this kind of exchange.

Jim
James Atterholt
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike <mpence1314@aol.com>
Date: May 9, 2015 at 11:42:29 AM EDT
To: "SMMB (OS/IOS)" <SMMB@hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Just Checking In

Sylvia,

Thank you for the email and the call. I appreciate all the support which CDC and HHS have provided. Our team has informed me of good support and collaboration from the outset of this epidemic and I am grateful for your personal attention and your prayers.

We are encouraged by the progress in identifying and treating those affected in Scott County but there is much work to be done.

I am enroute to China on a trade mission for the next week but am available by email if you need to reach me. I just wanted to drop you a note to express my appreciation on behalf of the people of Indiana.

Thanks again.
Mike Pence

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2015, at 12:56 PM, "SMMB (OS/IOS)" <SMMB@hhs.gov> wrote:

Governor,

I have been staying close to CDC and their work to support your team in Indiana on the HIV issue and I thought I would just check in with you to make sure that

you all have all the support you need. Let me know if there is more that might help.

Holding the team that is working on this and those that have contracted HIV in my prayers.

Best,

Sylvia

Sent from my iPad

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Adams, Jerome
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 9:15 AM
To: Neale, Brian S;Keefer, Sean (GOV);Atterholt, Jim;mrp
Subject: Fwd: Scott County

I thought I'd share the email below with you, and suggest you share it with the governor. It is from Holli Reynolds, a senior at Austin High School. She wrote an article for her school newspaper called "her story" (it was in the folders I gave you the other day) that is about a drug addicted prostitute in Austin. The story is receiving national attention- the CDC has shared it with all of their senior staff. Holli is committed to helping her community and also very religious / was leading a prayer walk in Austin Monday night when I was down there. In short, she is everything the Governor values in a young Hoosier, and she and her fellow students are a window into the plight of Austin. Please see her comments to me below.

Jerome

Jerome Adams, MD, MPH
Indiana State Health Commissioner
(317) 233-7400

Begin forwarded message:

From: Holli Reynolds <holli.reynolds@<redacted>>
Date: April 29, 2015 at 8:49:45 AM EDT
To: <jeadams@isdh.IN.gov>
Subject: Scott County

Dr.Adams,

I know you are very busy, but yesterday I walked around Austin's "north side" knocking on peoples doors asking them if they could see something changed in the community what would they liked to see changed and like I thought many said they would like to see the drug problem go down. The next question I asked was how could the drug problem go down? If you had a wish list on what you could get accomplished if your voice was heard what would you fight for? The responses were much help and some even surprised me.

The children said they do not know anything besides drugs. Its what the kids do for fun because there isn't anything going on around here. They see their friends going, using, and selling and they want to make a quick buck or feel how their friends feel. Many children said they would love to see more after school programs. Many said they do not get a meal besides school everyday. They also talked about how they love sports, but there is no way to play on the school team. No one tells them about sign ups and their parents do not have money.

The adults said similar things, they said the best thing to do is help the younger generation to stay off the streets, that the kids need something to look forward to. That many of the kids sell drugs because they know where to find the drugs and it makes them money so they can eat. They talked about how hard transportation is hard and bicycles were much needed. Everyone steals each others bikes so they can get around better. Many talked about all the abandon buildings that are not getting used and they would like to see things go in these buildings or have them tore down. Many said it was frustrating all funds and grants go to scottsburg because they have no way to get there. A job core was also talked about. Adults say the can't get jobs because they are not getting second chances. Such as, lower level education or a criminal record.

I do not know if this would be any help to you, but this is what the rougher parts of Austin discussed with me about. They want a better life for the children and the children are just afraid they are going to get drug into the drug problem because that is all they know without actually having a program that teaches them differently. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Holli Reynolds

P.S. I am linking you my latest story, "His Story". You can look at it and tell me what I should do with it if you would like. I have shown very few people this story due to the fact I am publishing it in my school newspaper.

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 4:19 PM
To: Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;McGrath, Danielle;Brookes, Brady;Schilb, Veronica J;Crabtree, Chris
Cc: Cleveland, Bridget;Hodgin, Stephanie
Subject: FW: from Sen. Merritt: Gov. Pence signing SEA 406 into law

FYI

From: Hillary Cherry [mailto:Hillary.Cherry@iga.in.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Hillary Cherry
Subject: Statement from Sen. Merritt: Gov. Pence signing SEA 406 into law



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Hillary Cherry, Press Secretary
Hillary.Cherry@iga.in.gov
(317) 232-7184

Statement from Sen. Merritt

State Sen. Jim Merritt (R-Indianapolis) made the following statement today regarding Gov. Mike Pence signing SEA 406 into law, which will allow individuals to obtain and administer overdose intervention drugs:

STATEHOUSE (April 17, 2015) – “Heroin addiction is a rising epidemic in our state. Providing Hoosiers with access to life-saving medications, like Narcan, is a crucial step in combating Indiana’s drug problem. I am thankful for Governor Pence’s commitment to preventing future overdoses by signing Senate Bill 406 into law today. Hoosiers will now be better equipped to save their loved ones’ lives and potentially help them understand the harm they are bringing upon themselves and others.”

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Click [here](#) for a high-resolution photo of Merritt.

Hillary Cherry, Press Secretary

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From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Keefer, Sean (GOV); Neale, Brian S; McGrath, Danielle
Cc: Atterholt, Jim
Subject: RE: Needs Response: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill

From: Keefer, Sean (GOV)
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 12:32 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D; Neale, Brian S; McGrath, Danielle
Cc: Atterholt, Jim
Subject: RE: Needs Response: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill

From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Neale, Brian S; McGrath, Danielle; Keefer, Sean (GOV)
Cc: Atterholt, Jim
Subject: RE: Needs Response: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill

From: Neale, Brian S
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D; McGrath, Danielle; Keefer, Sean (GOV)
Cc: Atterholt, Jim
Subject: RE: Needs Response: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill

From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 12:23 PM
To: McGrath, Danielle; Keefer, Sean (GOV); Neale, Brian S

Cc: Atterholt, Jim

Subject: RE: Needs Response: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill



From: McGrath, Danielle

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 12:20 PM

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Cc: Atterholt, Jim

Subject: RE: Needs Response: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill



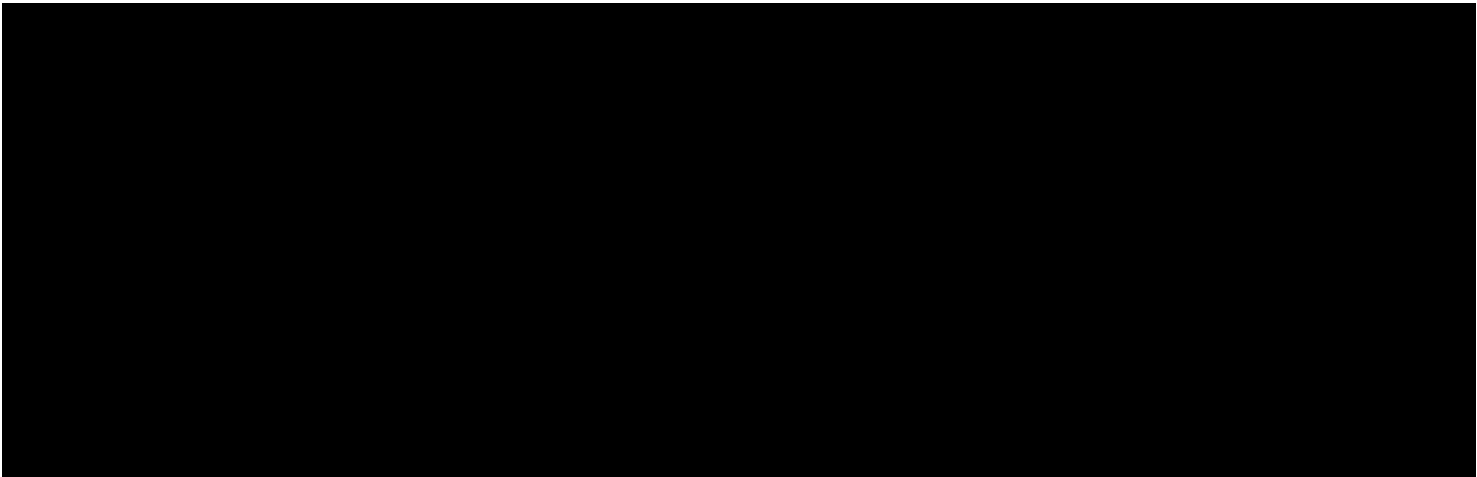
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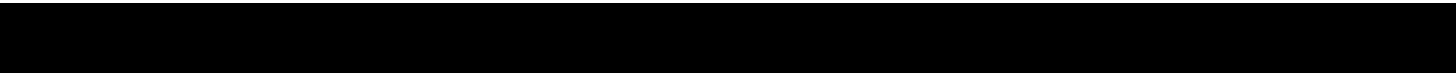
From: Keefer, Sean (GOV)

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 11:52 AM

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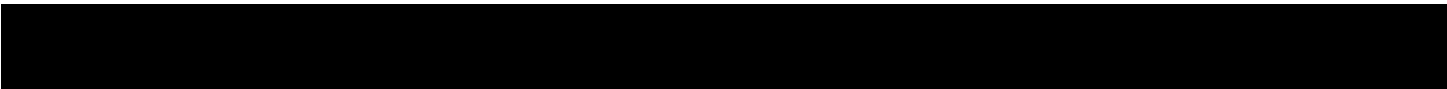
From: Neale, Brian S

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 11:48 AM

To: Brooks, Kara D; Keefer, Sean (GOV)

Cc: McGrath, Danielle

Subject: RE: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill



From: Brooks, Kara D

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 11:45 AM

To: Keefer, Sean (GOV); Neale, Brian S
Cc: McGrath, Danielle
Subject: FW: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill

All—the AP is doing a story on the Needle Exchange bill. I don't know the latest on this issue and so I need to hear from you as to how we answer Lauryn. Please provide a response before 4:00 p.m. today.

From: Schroeder, Lauryn [<mailto:LSchroeder@ap.org>]
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Gov. Pence and Needle Exchange Bill

Hi Kara,

Happy Friday! Hope you're doing well. I'm writing a story about the HIV outbreak – update in number of cases – and also looking into needle exchange programs/why there is pushback to implement such programs.

The House passed the bill that would allow high-risk counties to establish their own programs with permission from health department officials. Am hoping to get an updated stance from you/Gov. Pence about that bill. Would he sign it if it got to his desk?

Some experts are saying the month-long program may not be enough to truly contain the issue. Does he have any updated plan of action to address the HIV outbreak? Extending the 30-day emergency program?

Please get back to me as soon as you can. My deadline is 4 p.m. today.

Thank you!
Lauryn



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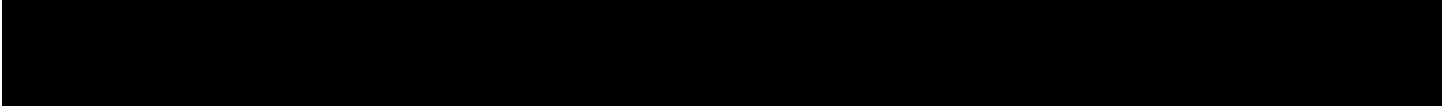
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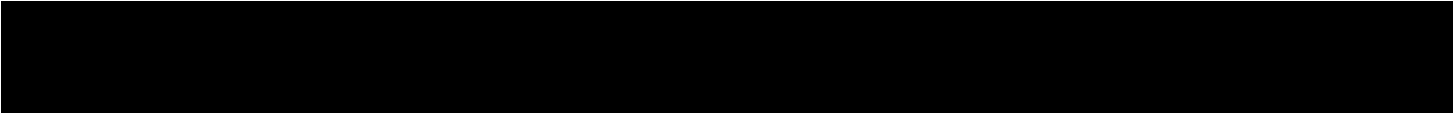
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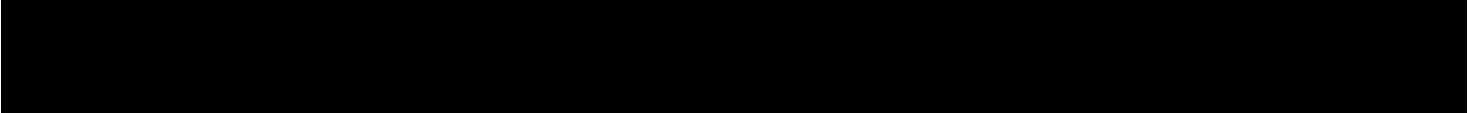
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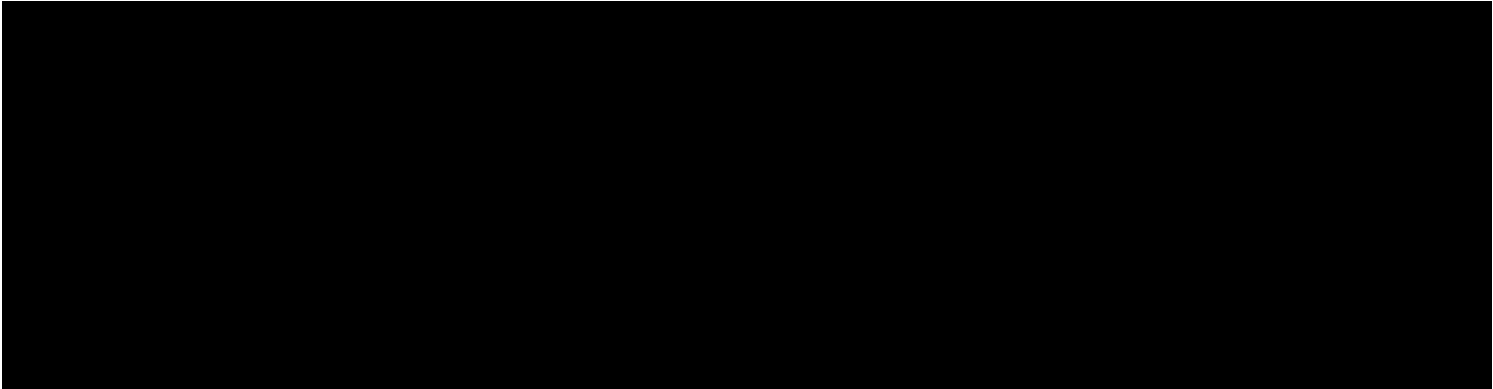
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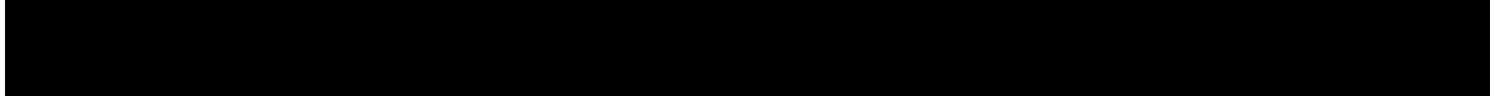


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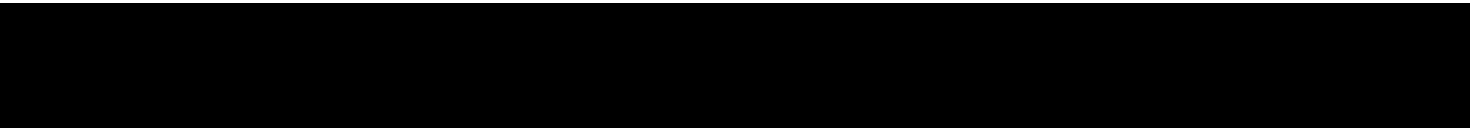
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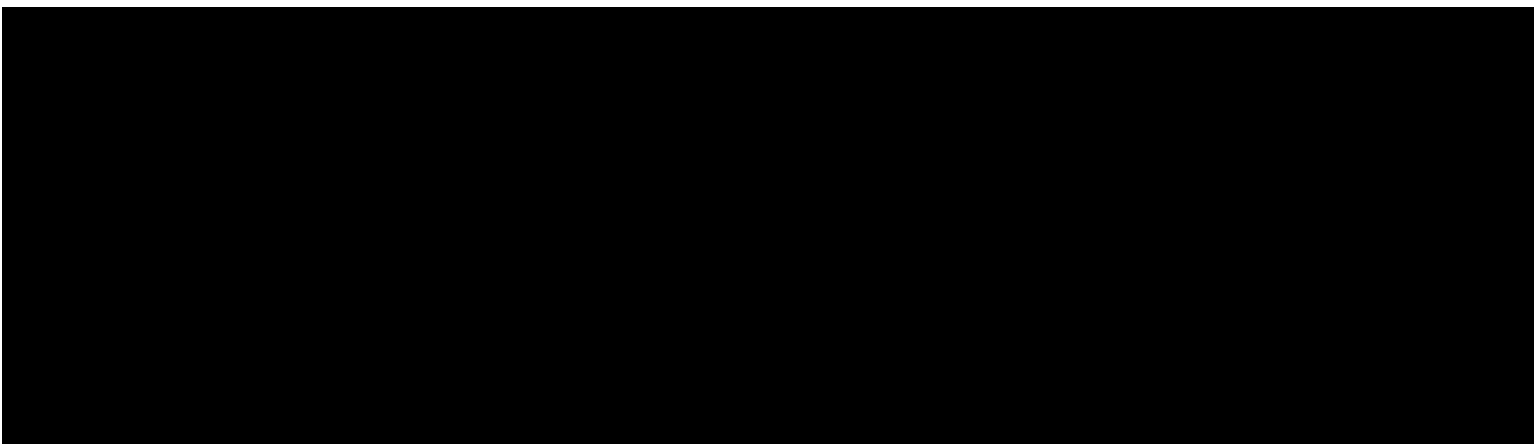
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From: Adams, Jerome
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Fox, Joseph R (ISDH)
Cc: McGrath, Danielle;Brookes, Brady;Schilb, Veronica J;Miller, Eric A;Atterholt, Jim;Reel, Amy
Subject: Re: Meeting tomorrow

Is the senator getting our summaries? If the senator would like an update by phone, please feel free to connect them with me at any point. Now that needle exchange is out-of-the-way, it really is just an update and not policy gymnastics.

Jerome Adams, MD, MPH
Indiana State Health Commissioner
(317) 233-7400

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2015, at 1:56 PM, Fox, Joseph R (ISDH) <JosFox@isdh.IN.gov> wrote:

FYI.

From: Shelley Myers [<mailto:shelley.myers@iga.in.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 1:47 PM
To: Fox, Joseph R (ISDH)
Subject: Meeting tomorrow

Joey,

Good afternoon. I just wanted to let you know that we are canceling the press meeting tomorrow. We are going to give deference to the Governor as we continue to move forward. However, Senator Smith would like to continue to be involved. He specifically has requested to be a part of local announcements, especially those on the radio. He feels that those within his district may react better to a person that they know rather than simply hearing something from the Department of Health.

Again, thank you for your continued assistance on this matter. Please let me know if you or the commissioner have any questions, comments, or concerns as we move forward.

Thanks,

Shelley Myers

Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Bray and Senator Smith
Indiana State Senate
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Scott.A.Milkey

From: Adams, Jerome
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Ewe9@CDC.gov
Cc: Keefer, Sean (GOV); Atterholt, Jim
Subject: Recommendations

Dr. Peters,

My sincere thanks to you and the CDC team for coming to Indiana for assistance with our HIV outbreak. I spoke with the governor this morning, and he would like to know if you have any additional recommendations or how you feel about your recommendations as discussed at our meeting on Monday, after being on the ground in Scott County. I have CCed the Gov.'s Chief of Staff and deputy chief of staff in this message. Please forward any thoughts or recommendations to the governor via them.

Regards,
Jerome

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To: Denault, Christina; Cleveland, Bridget; Atterholt, Jim; Keefer, Sean (GOV); Neale, Brian S; Craig, Lindsey M; Kane, Kristen
Subject: RE: Letter regarding needle exchange

This is my fault. I was confused, sorry! I had in my mind that you wanted me to respond to the letter. I could have easily sent a reply to the reporter. Again, sorry. Too many things going on.

From: Denault, Christina
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 5:22 PM
To: Reel, Amy; Cleveland, Bridget; Atterholt, Jim; Keefer, Sean (GOV); Neale, Brian S; Craig, Lindsey M; Kane, Kristen
Subject: Fwd: Letter regarding needle exchange

I understand that we need a well thought out response, but didn't want to leave this unanswered today.

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/7[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>
Date: March 20, 2015 at 5:19:17 PM EDT
To: Jake Harper <jharper@wfyi.org>
Subject: Re: Letter regarding needle exchange

Jake, this is a complex issue that requires a thoughtful response. We welcome letters from our constituents and will respond after we discuss with the State Department of Health, which is diligently working to address this issue.

Christy Denault
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On Mar 20, 2015, at 1:24 PM, Jake Harper <jharper@wfyi.org> wrote:

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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 5:07 PM
To: Cleveland, Bridget
Cc: Denault, Christina; McGrath, Danielle; Neale, Brian S; Keefer, Sean (GOV); Atterholt, Jim; Miller, Eric A
Subject: RE: Letter regarding needle exchange

Hi Bridget,

I actually need to discuss further with Eric and Dr. Adams. I really feel that this requires a well thought out and thoroughly vetted response. I recommend we wait until next week to send.

Thanks,
Amy

From: Cleveland, Bridget
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 5:03 PM
To: Reel, Amy
Cc: Denault, Christina; McGrath, Danielle; Neale, Brian S; Keefer, Sean (GOV); Atterholt, Jim
Subject: Re: Letter regarding needle exchange

All,

Is there something I should be sending? Have not seen anything come through.

Bridget Cleveland
Deputy Press Secretary
Office of Governor Mike Pence

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2015, at 3:47 PM, Reel, Amy <AReel@isdh.IN.gov> wrote:

Will do.

From: Denault, Christina
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Reel, Amy
Cc: Cleveland, Bridget; McGrath, Danielle; Neale, Brian S; Keefer, Sean (GOV); Atterholt, Jim
Subject: Fwd: Letter regarding needle exchange

I'm at the doc with my sick kid. Was asked to bring him in ASAP. Can you please draft something that explains what ISDH is doing? Can still come from me. Just need help getting it done. The people copied can sign off. Bridget can send.

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Communications Director
317/7 [REDACTED]

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Date: March 20, 2015 at 1:24:41 PM EDT

To: "kbrooks@gov.in.gov" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>, "cdenault@gov.in.gov" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>

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Cc: Bailey, Brian (OMB);Pitcock, Josh;smith@sextonscreek.com;tomrose@[REDACTED]
Subject: From Mike Pence

Team

He made it.

We watched our son become Second lieutenant Michael J. Pence in the United States Marine Corps today.

Thanks so all of your for your support and prayers. We feel truly blessed.

Sincerely,

Mike Pence





Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2015, at 8:58 AM, "Gilson, Katie" <KGilson@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

GOVERNOR

Governor's son set for commissioning as Marine officer
SFGate

Gov. Mike Pence's son is set to become a Marine Corps officer. Pence and his wife, Karen, plan on going to the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, on Friday for the ceremony at which their son is to be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Gov. Pence picks every Indiana hoops team to win NCAA

Indy Star

Ever the politician, Gov. Mike Pence has filled out five Final Four brackets this year — each one predicting a different Indiana team to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Students recognized at JAG State Finals

WBIW

More than 300 high school students and staff gathered at Ivy Tech's Corporate College in downtown Indianapolis to take part in Indiana's annual Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Career Development Conference, which was held on Friday, March 13.

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Evansville Courier & Press

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New GOP chief brings people together

Indy Star

Jeff Cardwell might be the least political person whom Gov. Mike Pence could have selected as the Republican Party's new state chairman.

Public Transportation budget finally breaks four-year cap

The Herald Tribune

Since the state capped spending on public transportation six years ago, Catch-A-Ride in rural southeast Indiana has scrambled to keep up service for elderly, disabled and carless passengers who have no other way to get around. Mass transit dollars were first frozen in 2009, when the General Assembly stopped using sales tax revenues to fund public transportation. Sales tax revenues were plunging at the time, due to the recession, but have since recovered...Public transportation systems across Indiana have similar concerns, which are heightened now that Gov. Mike Pence is proposing less funding for recipients of the state's Public Mass Transportation Fund.

Regional Cities fund doubt

South Bend Tribune

An effort to improve quality of life in Indiana's cities has created excitement among business<image001.png> leaders here, even though the General Assembly hasn't committed to funding the state's share of the program...Gov. Mike Pence suggested setting aside \$84 million in the state's next two-year budget for Regional Cities grants, but the House of Representatives passed a budget bill last month that includes \$20 million for the program. The legislation is now wending its way through the Senate, where that allocation could be changed.

Terror and the heartland

Washington Times Herald

On the February day President Obama spoke at Ivy Tech, a Bosnian man was arrested on the Ronald Reagan Parkway in Plainfield and detained on terror-related charges of funneling money and guns to ISIS fighters in the Middle East. Early this month, ISIS allegedly hacked into several Indianapolis websites, prompting a Homeland Security investigation...Since leaving Congress in December, Rogers has formed the Americans for Peace, Prosperity and Security organization that will brief the 2016 Republican presidential candidates and voters designed to "educate and identify" issues related to national security. Just prior to my interview, Rogers huddled with Gov. Mike Pence at the Statehouse.

LEGISLATURE

Bad legislation that will choke our cities

Kokomo Perspective

Legislation coursing through the Indiana General Assembly is poised to essentially starve the state's cities and towns by empowering opponents of annexation. It is legislation that, should it end up on the desk of Gov. Mike Pence, be vetoed. Senate Bill 330 would make law that for an annexation to proceed, a municipality that initiates the process must file a petition with the court signed by at least: (1) 51 percent of the owners of land (that is not exempt from property taxes) in the territory; or (2) the owners of more than 75 percent in assessed valuation of land (that is not exempt from property taxes) in the territory.

GOP rejects amendments to religion bill

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

House Republicans turned back attempts Monday to clarify how "religious freedom" protections could be used – setting up a full House vote on the measure as early as Monday.

'Right-to-try' terminal illness bill heads to Governor

NWI Times

Hoosiers with terminal illnesses are one signature away from gaining access to new drugs that have yet to be fully approved by the federal government for general use.

STATE AGENCIES

Multi-language Web created for global businesses

The Batesville Herald Tribune

InvestIndiana.com, a multi-language Web site promoting foreign direct investment in Indiana, has launched as a resource for international businesses considering Indiana for investment and job creation. "This Web site is a conversation starter," said Victor Smith, Indiana secretary of commerce. "Indiana and international businesses both speak the same language, and that's a language of growth and opportunity. This site acts as an online resource, showing just how committed we are to helping international businesses meet their goals in Indiana, joining the hundreds of others currently dotting our state."

Funds to boost school tech programs

Inside Indiana Business

The Indiana Department of Education awarded more than \$1.8 million in Digital Learning Grants to select Hoosier school corporations today.

Replacing hundreds of manhole covers with safer ones could take years

Indy Star

A utility consultant warned three years ago that manhole explosions would continue to rock Downtown Indianapolis three to five times a year and that Indianapolis Power & Light Co. should install newly designed manhole covers to prevent injuries.

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Evansville Courier & Press

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A school district in central Indiana is banning nutritional supplements and energy drinks from its campuses.

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JOBS/ECONOMY

Lowe's holding hiring event

Inside Indiana Business

The event runs 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Glendale Public Library on Keystone Avenue in Indianapolis.

EDITORIAL

Connections raise questions about incentives

Courier & Post

Decades of disinvestment have left Camden with a serious shortage of jobs needed to sustain healthy families, thriving neighborhoods and a self-supporting tax base. So it's hard not to get our hopes up when we hear one company after another announcing plans to move to the city.

Electronic sunshine

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Open government is such a simple concept. And yet so many government officials at the state and federal levels struggle to grasp the concept or abide by it.

New signups for Indiana health care program reach 100,000

The Associated Press

Indiana's expanded health care program for low-income residents has enrolled more than 100,000 new people in the two months since it received federal approval.

Gov. Mike Pence said Wednesday that sign-ups for the new Healthy Indiana Plan are off to a good start.

Those new enrollees are in addition to some 180,000 people who were already part of the previous HIP or Hoosier Healthwise programs and were converted to the new plan. Officials estimate 350,000 Indiana residents might be eligible for the program.

The Indiana program uses Medicaid funding but federal officials in January waived some rules to allow Pence's proposal to require some payments from those receiving coverage.

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Abbey Doyle

Loretta Rush, chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, is the keynote speaker for this year's Women's Equality Day event, set for Aug. 26.

Jennifer Briggs, co-chair for the planning committee, said they wanted the speaker to be representative of strong female leaders in the community.

“This seemed like a natural fit,” she said of Rush. “We looked at some national names but decided we wanted someone who our members could connect with, someone working and raising a family

that is more like us, not on a national stage. We wanted someone that would really connect with our community.”

Rush was appointed to the state Supreme Court by Gov. Mitch Daniels in 2012. She became the first female chief justice in 2014. Before her appointment to the state Supreme Court she was elected Tippecanoe Superior Court 3 judge and served for 14 years, according to Rush’s biography on the Supreme Court’s website.

Rush serves on the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana and the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity as well as liaison to the Division of Supreme Court Administration, the Division of State Court Administration, the Indiana Judicial Center and the Indiana Judges Association. She chairs the Judicial Nominating/Qualifications Commission as chief justice and has represented the state at the National Judicial Leadership Summit on the Protection of Children several times.

Briggs said Rush’s commitment to women and children was also a factor in her selection. Rush played a vital role in creating Tippecanoe County’s Court Appointed Special Advocate program. There she also implemented a certified juvenile drug treatment court and 24-hour assessment center for youth. Rush earned her undergraduate degree from Purdue University and graduated cum laude from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington.

She is married and has four children.

“It’s an honor to have her as our speaker,” Briggs said. “She is serving a key role in the state.” Women’s Equality Day commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that granted women the right to vote.

“Imagine a time when we couldn’t vote,” Briggs said. “We need to celebrate this because it wasn’t that long ago that we couldn’t. This celebration is a chance for us to come together and push for more women in leadership roles and a part of decision making.”

A big part of the August event is recognizing a local woman with the Albion Fellows Bacon award. Those interested in nominating a local woman, or to purchase a ticket, should visit womensequalitydayevansville.com.

Ark Crisis Child Care Center is the featured organization and the University of Southern Indiana the main sponsor.

State superintendent requests shift in House budget funds

LAURYN SCHROEDER Associated Press

Indiana state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz has proposed diverting state funds from charter schools and changes to student testing to cut its cost.

Ritz told the Senate Appropriations Committee Thursday that nearly \$60 million in the proposed House budget could be diverted toward additional funding for local school districts.

Her proposals included eliminating \$40 million that’s been proposed in additional grants for charter schools.

Ritz says she would also like to eliminate the IREAD test in 3rd grade and the 11th grade college and career readiness test. Her total testing plan could be delivered for about \$75 million over two years, which is almost half of what she originally estimated in December.

Legislators are currently considering a proposal that would replace the ISTEP with a national exam.

Indiana school district bans energy, supplement drinks

A school district in central Indiana is banning nutritional supplements and energy drinks from its campuses.

The Western Boone County Community School Corporation held separate meetings for parents and students on Wednesday to inform them of the new districtwide policy.

School district officials tell WRTV-TV that they were becoming increasingly concerned about students’ health. The athletic director at Western Boone Junior-Senior High School says many students who participate in weight training classes have been seen drinking supplement shakes and using energy boosters.

The district says the ban specifically targets products with creatine and nitric oxide, which can cause heart irregularities, problems with the central nervous system and even strokes.

Students who bring any of the now-banned items will face suspension.

Ivy Tech trustees pass resolution in support of Downtown med school

Megan Erbacher

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At a Thursday afternoon meeting, Board Chair David Gunn presented information to other members about the resolution. Gunn said the 60,000 gross square feet would provide space for Ivy Tech’s Health Sciences and School of Nursing programs to grow. There are 1,000 students enrolled in programs that could benefit from the medical campus, including registered nurse, medical assistants, paramedics, surgical technologists and certified nursing assistants.

First-year Ivy Tech nursing student Nick Reed spoke to the board about his excitement over the opportunities the Downtown medical education center will provide.

“Having this multidisciplinary building in Downtown, the heart of Evansville ... the excitement to have all these disciplines come together in one school — EMTs, doctors, CNAs, nurses — we get to come together and work together,” Reed, 20, said.

In its resolution, Ivy Tech states the medical campus “will be an immediate boost to the economy as well as to the atmosphere in Downtown Evansville.”

Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs projects that, by 2020, two of the top four jobs will be in health care fields, and both will require an associate degree, Gunn said. And the shortage of registered nurses and skilled health care workers has been a challenge statewide for many years, he said.

Ivy Tech officials estimate to see an increase of almost 1,600 students enrolled in programs through the new medical education center, as well as additional students for other institutions.

When the Downtown facility is finished, Ivy Tech plans to relocate all health-field programs to the medical education center.

The current 52,000 square feet of the main campus facility will then be used for other high-demand programs such as welding, automotive, technology and business. It will also allow Ivy Tech to expand community collaborations with WorkOne and high school Career and Technical Education programs.

Ivy Tech Southwest Chancellor Jonathan Weinzapfel gave an update to board members on funding for the project. Weinzapfel said the City Council unanimously committed a \$57 million bond. Gov. Mike Pence included \$19 million for the project in his budget, which the House increased to \$37 million. And now the Senate will consider the biennial state budget. Weinzapfel said he expects the Senate version of the budget to be released the week of April 6.

“Then we’ll know whether they are building upon the funding already provided by the House for this project. ... So roughly a \$50 million investment by the state to leverage a \$125 million investment overall. Seems to me that is a good deal. ... I’m optimistic that in the end it will be included in the budget,” he said.

Weinzapfel noted consequences if the project is not fully funded. Those include less of an economic impact, less project student enrollment and not the same level of programming.

Partners in the medical education center are Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville, the University of Southern Indiana and the University of Evansville. Partner hospitals are Evansville’s Deaconess and St. Mary’s, Memorial of Jasper and Good Samaritan of Vincennes.

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Reel, Amy
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 3:48 PM
To: Denault, Christina
Cc: Cleveland, Bridget; McGrath, Danielle; Neale, Brian S; Keefer, Sean (GOV); Atterholt, Jim
Subject: RE: Letter regarding needle exchange

Will do.

From: Denault, Christina
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Reel, Amy
Cc: Cleveland, Bridget; McGrath, Danielle; Neale, Brian S; Keefer, Sean (GOV); Atterholt, Jim
Subject: Fwd: Letter regarding needle exchange

I'm at the doc with my sick kid. Was asked to bring him in ASAP. Can you please draft something that explains what ISDH is doing? Can still come from me. Just need help getting it done. The people copied can sign off. Bridget can send.

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/7 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jake Harper <jharper@wfyi.org>
Date: March 20, 2015 at 1:24:41 PM EDT
To: "kbrooks@gov.in.gov" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>, "cdenault@gov.in.gov" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>
Subject: Letter regarding needle exchange

Hi,

Just was hoping to get quick comment on something:

Dr. Shane Avery sent a letter to your office a week ago asking for an emergency order to allow for needle exchange in the state of Indiana. He says your office has not responded.

Does the governor plan to respond to Dr. Avery? Does he intend to address the issue of needle exchange in the state? And if 'yes' to either, what might that response be?

Thanks!
Jake

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