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From: Bill Macgregor [billmacgregor46@gmail.com]
Sent: 2/19/2019 8:42:50 PM
To: Partridge, Charles [Partridge.Charles@epa.gov]
CC: Greene, Nikia [Greene.Nikia@epa.gov]; Rosalind A. Schoof [rschoof@ramboll.com]
Subject: Re: Butte Working Group - Final review draft of LTE and notes from Feb 7 call

Hi Charlie,
The discussion at this week's CTEC meeting should provide a pretty good preview of the statistically significant findings of the first phase of our health-perception survey, but we're considering this more of a progress report than a full-dress summary of findings. Interesting stuff, though. We'll also be talking about community involvement issues that should be of interest to our new EPA CIC staff person and others--especially regarding issues of getting reliable involvement / engagement / input from low-income community members (where vulnerabilities to exposures are likely to be most acute).
In any case, the NIH pilot grant ends on April 30, so we'll be publishing final reports and hosting public meetings around that time to mirror back to the community what we've heard from them. I think this timetable will enable the Working Group to incorporate insights from this research into its current Five Year Study, and its plans going forward for the next five years.
I'm holding off on circulating the letter to CTEC until I hear that EPA and BP/AR are still on board with publishing it (without the MT & BSB signatories)....
Bill

On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 7:47 AM Partridge, Charles <Partridge.Charles@epa.gov> wrote:
Thanks Bill. This is the version that I have sent to my administration for approval, so I only expect editorial/typographical changes from here on out. I would love to be there for your research presentation, please keep me in the loop.

CharlieP

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 15, 2019, at 12:57 AM, Bill Macgregor <billmacgregor46@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Roz and Everyone--
I had hoped to send out a clean copy to the CTEC board a few days before our meeting on the 21st. Is this version ready for prime time yet, or should I wait a few days? I'd like to get board approval before the meeting (I'll only be asking their approval to let us, as the board's representatives on the working group, to have our names listed as affiliated with CTEC). If I can get that much out of the way before the meeting, I think we can have a much more productive gathering (the agenda focuses on preliminary findings from our NIH-funded "risk-perception" research).
Should I wait a day or so? or is this ready to go?
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On Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 2:04 PM Greene, Nikia <Greene.Nikia@epa.gov> wrote:

Roz and All,

I am available at the times and days proposed. Also, attached is the final review of the LTE with a single comment bubble addressing the highlighted question.

Thanks,

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Hi All,

As discussed on our call, I have attached a final review draft of the letter to the editor on the Davis et al. (2018), aka McDermott study. The plan was for Charlie to seek approval to publish from EPA, while Bill and Josh will also get approval from CTEC and AR, respectively. **It would be great if everyone would carefully read this draft and send me any corrections. Please note that there are still a few questions highlighted for Laura, BSB, and Josh and Nikia**. Also, still time to add initials to your name and correct affiliations if needed.

I've also typed up a few notes from our call. We had great attendance on the call. I think we were only missing Josh and Nikia. Jacqui Barker, the new EPA community involvement coordinator (CIC) was on, as was Chris Wardell. Other attendees were Charlie P, Steve A, Darryl Reed, Laura Williamson, Matt Ferguson, Joe Griffin, Eric Hassler, Brandon, Karen Sullivan, Bill MacGregor and me.

Our three main topics are summarized below. We can make any corrections/clarifications needed on our next call. Also, hoping that Nikia and Josh will let us know if the proposed times for the next calls (2/21 and 3/ 7) and the March 26th CTEC public meeting and working group meeting work for them.

- For the **letter to the editor** (LTE) re Davis et al. 2018, we concluded we were almost ready to finalize and that I will send out a clean copy so that EPA, CTEC and AR can all review and give approval to submit. Authorship will be alphabetical with me last. For the public comment draft document, we concluded work on that should be deferred since the LTE would not be published for 1-3 months after we submit it. Charlie noted that for the public comment we should aim to acknowledge also the MT Tech (Katie Hailer's) study. There was also some discussion about making sure we include a review of both McDermott and Hailer studies in the medical monitoring report (which I had already included as a bullet in the updated study plan).
- For the **medical monitoring study**, we walked through the updated study plan and schedule I had distributed a few days earlier. We noted that we still need to get the new ATSDR working group member on board and up to speed. Charlie and Laura will coordinate a request for ATSDR participation, and once the person is assigned officially, Charlie and I will call her (or him) to provide a briefing. We had some discussion about the early reference in the study plan to "biomonitoring", with Joe thinking it was confusing when we only really address child blood lead levels (BLLs). Eric explained that there have been some urine arsenic and adult blood lead samples taken, and the later explanation in the plan of the focus on child BLS is clear. We agreed that Ramboll will work on developing a study plan that would be rolled out during upcoming calls with final discussion and approval at a working group meeting in late March.
- For the **CTEC public outreach effort** – We agreed to schedule the next meeting the last week of March (tentatively March 26th) and to hold a working group meeting that same day. Bill has a final report on results for his focus groups due on March 15th, so this timing is good for him to follow up with the public. (For future reference, Eric H said not to hold public meetings on Wednesdays because commissioners want to attend and are tied up Wednesdays). During the next two calls (scheduled for Feb. 21st and March 7th at noon mtn) we will work on our plan for responding to the issues raised at the last public meeting.

Regards,

Roz

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