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seeking comment: state auditor's report

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Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 11:19 AM

To: "Mccoy, Amy" <amy.mccoy@idph.iowa.gov>, "Garrett, Pat" <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

Circling back on these questions. No one has explained to me why sending the same results to more than one location would require duplicative data entry at the SHL. How is that different from copying two people on the same email message? The SHL staff already send other COVID-19 test results to IDPH without going through Qualtrics. Why couldn't they send the Test Iowa results to IDPH at the same time as sending it to Qualtrics?

If there is a technical reason, why wasn't that explained to state auditors?

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

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To: Mccoy, Amy <amy.mccoy@idph.iowa.gov>

Circling back on these questions with additional questions after seeing the statement from the Board of Regents.

Why couldn't the automated data be forwarded to IDPH at the same time it is sent to Qualtrics? Why would that require manual data entry?

Whose idea was it for the State Hygienic Lab to send information exclusively to Qualtrics? I don't see that in the Test Iowa contract. If it's there, please point me to the relevant section (attaching contract).

Why didn't anyone at the State Hygienic Lab provide this explanation to the state auditor's office before yesterday?

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 4:43 PM

Subject: Re: seeking comment: state auditor's report

To: Mccoy, Amy <amy.mccoy@idph.iowa.gov>

Amy, why was OCIO inserted into this reporting chain? That's not mentioned anywhere in the Test Iowa contract.

I'm also wondering whether anyone at OCIO or IDPH has done spot checks to verify that the information OCIO received from Domo corresponds to what the State Hygienic Lab sent to Qualtrics.

On Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 4:25 PM Mccoy, Amy <amy.mccoy@idph.iowa.gov> wrote:

Here is a statement from IDPH: Test Iowa has been a huge success for Iowans throughout the state, providing widespread access to testing and supporting the state's contact tracing efforts. As the AG office has verified, every part of the Test Iowa reporting process is in accordance with Iowa Code.

You might also ask the regent's related to SHL.

Sincerely,
Amy A. McCoy

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On Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 1:42 PM Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Hello Amy,

I'm seeking comment from IDPH on State Auditor Rob Sand's report issued today, and particular this section:

<https://www.auditor.iowa.gov/reports/file/62305/embed>

Sand reported section 139A.3 of the *Code of Iowa* requires health care providers or laboratories attending a person infected with a reportable disease “shall immediately report the case to the department.” It also requires IDPH to publish and distribute instructions concerning the method of reporting.

Sand also reported the SHL is analyzing every potential COVID-19 specimen collected through Test Iowa. However, SHL sends Test Iowa results exclusively to a private entity that is a part of the Test Iowa program, rather than reporting them immediately to IDPH as required by the *Code*. The result then goes to another private company, then to another state entity, prior to finally reaching IDPH. The reporting chain for Test Iowa is contrary to law, takes apparently pointless risks, and increases taxpayer risk of legal liabilities.

Who at IDPH approved this Test Iowa reporting chain? Was legal counsel consulted about this? Was anyone at IDPH aware that state law requires infectious disease test results to be reported immediately to your department?

Thanks,

Laura

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