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Date: Friday, October 9, 2020 at 3:28 PM
To: FOIA <foia@americanoversight.org>
Subject: Response to 21-F-0001

EXTERNAL SENDER

FOIA #21-F-0001

October 9, 2020

Via email:

foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is a response to your FOIA request #21-F-0001 to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). You requested, “all email communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between the specified CDC officials and external parties regarding the prevention, treatment, and control of infectious diseases at immigrant detention or holding facilities.”

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention referred the attached to pages to ACF for direct reply. We have determined these pages can be released in full, without redactions.

You have the right to appeal this determination. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency’s decision.

Your appeal must be mailed within 90 days from the date of this response, to:

Mark Weber
Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer

U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services Office of the
Assistant Secretary for Public
Affairs Room 729H
200
Independence
Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC
20201

Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, please contact FOIA@acf.hhs.gov. You may also contact the HHS ACF FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

Kenneth
Wolfe
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Liaison
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services Administration for
Children and Families Office of
Communications, Room 4002A
330 C Street,
S.W.
Washington,
DC 20201

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman’s office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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Regards,

ACF FOIA Office

From: Misegades, Lara (ACF)
Sent: 9 Nov 2018 23:00:51 +0000
To: Wharton, Melinda (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/ISD)
Cc: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)
Subject: RE: immunization documentation at Texas detention centers?

Hi Melinda – it's tough to tell if their question is about unaccompanied children who were in ORR shelters, or about children who were in DHS/ICE family detention centers. I can't speak to the DHS/ICE process or requirements for documenting shots.

For UC, our guidance to shelters is that they must follow state VFC and IIS requirements, document all doses administered in ORR's web-based system, and include a hard copy immunization record in the child's discharge packet.

If this as an issue with UC, we will troubleshoot with our programs. Can LA County folks provide more info? Thanks much, Lara

From: Wharton, Melinda (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/ISD) <mew2@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2018 5:21 PM
To: Misegades, Lara (ACF) <Lara.Misegades@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: immunization documentation at Texas detention centers?

Do you know about this?

From: Schechter, Robert@CDPH <Robert.Schechter@cdph.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Wharton, Melinda (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/ISD) <mew2@cdc.gov>
Cc: Royce, Sarah <CA> (CDC cdph.ca.gov) <Sarah.Royce@cdph.ca.gov>
Subject: immunization documentation at Texas detention centers?

Greetings –

Can DHHS or DHS confirm whether Detention Centers are not documenting immunizations - and help improve vaccine documentation practices if confirmed?

Many thanks, Rob Schechter

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From: Robyn Davis [<mailto:rdavis@ph.lacounty.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Nickell, Steve@CDPH; Turner, Karen L@CDPH
Subject: entering historical doses in CAIR based on verbal info from parent

Hi Karen and Steve,

Wasn't sure who to send this to...

Is there a policy as to whether a clinic can record a historical dose in CAIR just based on a verbal report from the parent?

Before we had CAIR, was there a policy about clinics being able to record historical doses on Yellow Cards based on verbal reports from parents?

The situation is coming up now because immigrant children are getting immunized at the Immigrant Detention Centers but they are not getting any written record of the shots given and (at least in Texas) they are not getting added to the Registry. They are only informing the parents that certain shots were given. So clinics are asking if they can add these doses to CAIR, but all they have is the parents word on what doses their child received.

Thanks, Robyn