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Sent via Email

Aaron Siri
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pchen@sirillp.com

Re: HRSA Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Number 18F256

Dear Mr. Siri:

This is the final response to your FOIA request received in our office on August 13, 2018. In summary, you requested **copies of emails sent or received by anyone in the Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation (“DVIC”) to or from anyone in the Immunization Safety Office (“ISO”) between January 1, 2018 and January 31, 2018.**

A records search was conducted in the Division of Injury Compensation Programs (DICP), which administers the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, and responsive records were located. Upon further review, I have determined that all 30 pages can be released in their entirety.

Additionally, portions of approximately 27 of those 30 pages have been referred to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for direct response to you. If you would like to reach out to CDC, please contact:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Freedom of Information Officer
1600 Clifton Road, N.E., Building 57, Room MS D-54
Atlanta, Georgia 30333
Email: FOIARequests@cdc.gov
Phone: 770-488-6277

There will be no charges in this instance because the billable costs are less than our threshold of \$25.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at FOIA@hrsa.gov, or at (301) 443-2865.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund R. Towles".

Edmund R. Towles
Freedom of Information Office

Enclosure

From: [Nair, Narayan \(HRSA\)](#)
To: [McNeil, Michael \(CDC/OID/NCEZID\)](#)
Subject: RE: Question about VSD
Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 5:16:00 PM

Hello Mike, I was just wondering if any of these dates work on your end.
Thanks

Narayan

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Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 8:37 AM
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Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 3:51 PM
To: McNeil, Michael (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <mmm2@cdc.gov>
Cc: Phillips, Lori (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <ypz5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: May 23-24, 2017 Annual Meeting of Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) in Oakland CA

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From: [Nair, Narayan \(HRSA\)](#)
To: [Stanfill, Katherine \(CDC/OID/NCEZID\) \(CTR\)](#)
Subject: RE: CISA Annual Meeting Lunch and Dinner Ordering
Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 4:49:00 PM

Hello Katherine,
I will be attending the dinner on Wednesday. Thanks for organizing all of this.

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From: [Atanasoff, Sarah \(HRSA\)](#)
To: [Sorensen, Ward \(HRSA\)](#)
Subject: FW: SIRVA database - ISO email with attachment
Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 10:30:25 AM
Attachments: [sirva_final.accdb](#)

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From: [Nair, Narayan \(HRSA\)](#)
To: [Atanasoff, Sarah \(HRSA\)](#); [Hesse, Elisabeth \(CDC/OID/NCEZID\)](#)
Subject: RE: SIRVA database
Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 9:57:07 PM

Yes, we will have to be flexible on the due date.

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Okay, I see what you mean. I will work on dividing up all of the cases. We'll give you all newer ones, but if there are some with older templates that don't have certain information, just flag those and we can fill in the missing data from here. I'll see if I can get that out tomorrow.

I'm pretty sure it's too early to set a due date until we all get the hang of it?

Sarah

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Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 12:40 PM
To: Hesse, Elisabeth (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <nrm3@cdc.gov <<mailto:nrm3@cdc.gov>>>; Nair, Narayan (HRSA) <NNair@hrsa.gov <<mailto:NNair@hrsa.gov>>>
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Should we just pilot test the same cases since we're starting over so to speak?

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Wonderful, thanks. I look forward to hearing back from Eric.

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From: Overby, Tamara (HRSA)
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Shimabukuro, Tom (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <ayv6@cdc.gov>
Cc: Nair, Narayan (HRSA) <NNair@hrsa.gov>; Johnson, Amber (HRSA) <AJohnson3@hrsa.gov>; Herzog, Andrea (HRSA) <AHerzog@hrsa.gov>
Subject: RE: ACCV Meeting Materials

Hi Tom,

That's fine with us.

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From: Herzog, Andrea (HRSA)
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:47 AM

To: Catharine Reeves <catharine.reeves@usdoj.gov <<mailto:catharine.reeves@usdoj.gov>>>; Sarah Duncan <sarah.c.duncan@usdoj.gov <<mailto:sarah.c.duncan@usdoj.gov>>>; Shimabukuro, Tom (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <ayv6@cdc.gov <<mailto:ayv6@cdc.gov>>>; Mulach, Barbara (NIH/NIAID) [E] <BMulach@niaid.nih.gov <<mailto:BMulach@niaid.nih.gov>>>; Schuster, Claire (NIH/NIAID) [E] <claire.schuster@nih.gov <<mailto:claire.schuster@nih.gov>>>; Marshall, Valerie (FDA/CBER) <valerie.Marshall@fda.hhs.gov <<mailto:valerie.Marshall@fda.hhs.gov>>>; Bok, Karin (OS/OASH) <Karin.Bok@hhs.gov <<mailto:Karin.Bok@hhs.gov>>>
Cc: Nair, Narayan (HRSA) <NNair@hrsa.gov <<mailto:NNair@hrsa.gov>>>; Overby, Tamara (HRSA) <TOverby@hrsa.gov <<mailto:TOverby@hrsa.gov>>>; Johnson, Amber (HRSA) <AJohnson3@hrsa.gov <<mailto:AJohnson3@hrsa.gov>>>
Subject: ACCV Meeting Materials

ACCV Ex Officio Members and Presenters,

Commission members requested that we send the meeting materials to review prior to the meeting. In addition, they stated that it would be easier to follow along with the Agency updates if a power point presentation or report was available.

In an effort to meet this request, please send me any PowerPoint presentations or reports that need to be distributed for the March 8, 2018 ACCV meeting no later than COB Friday, February 9, 2018. The materials should be sent via email to ahertzog@hrsa.gov <<mailto:ahertzog@hrsa.gov>> <<mailto:ajohnson3@hrsa.gov>> .

Thank you for assisting with our efforts to address the requests of our Commission members.

Annie Herzog

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Ok, thanks.

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Date: January 17, 2018 at 1:38:18 PM EST
To: Hesse, Elisabeth (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <nrm3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: History of VICP's interest in SIRVA

Hi Lisa, sorry for the delay in responding – I had forgotten to flag for follow up!

There was a pretty compelling case that I reviewed (I think I sent that one to you) and around the same time, several other cases came to mind within our group. So we did a search at the time (pre-ICS days) and after reviewing those, we came up with the 13 that ended up in the first paper. I don't believe we had gotten any inquiries from outside about this. It was all internally driven. There was a presentation to the ACCV in 2010, around the time of the publication, but I think before. The IOM was after the publication and they used it in their determinations for "bursitis."

Hope that helps!

Sarah

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Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 4:40 PM
To: Wolfe, Skip (CDC/OID/NCIRD) <crw4@cdc.gov>; Johnson-DeLeon, Mary Suzanne (CDC/OID/NCIRD) <msj1@cdc.gov>
Subject: March ACCV Meeting

Happy New Year!!

We are beginning to put together agenda items for the March meeting of the ACCV. Will there be any VIS's to review? I thought you said at one point the drafts were going into final and we may not have any more to review for a while.

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Cc: [Sharma, Devindra \(CDC/OID/NCEZID\)](#); [Museru, Oidda I. \(CDC/OID/NCEZID\)](#)
Subject: RE: CISA Annual Meeting
Date: Monday, January 08, 2018 7:00:00 AM

Thanks!

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Cc: Sharma, Devindra (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <isn7@cdc.gov>; Museru, Oidda I. (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <jly9@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: CISA Annual Meeting

Hello,

Happy New Year. I am making my travel arrangements for CISA and wasn't sure when you expected the meeting to be over on Feb 15. I think last year I booked my return flight early and missed a portion of the meeting and wanted to avoid that.

Thanks

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