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July 23, 2014

This is in response to your July 2, 2011 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You requested a copy of records regarding correspondence in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Health (ASH) regarding water fluoridation and civil rights from April 2, 2011 to July 31, 2011.

A records search was conducted in ASH, and 51 pages were located that are responsive to your request. I have determined to withhold portions of the released pages under FOIA Exemption (b)(5).

Exemption (b)(5) exempts from disclosure certain inter- or intra-agency communications protected by the court-recognized privileges, in this case the deliberative process privilege.

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

If you have reason to believe that the information withheld should not be exempt from disclosure, you may appeal. Your appeal should be sent within 30 days from the date you receive this letter to the Director, News Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Parklawn Building, Room 19-01, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely yours,

Katherine

N. Uhl -A

Carol Maloney

Director

Division of FOIA Services

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 5:32 PM
To: Gooch, Barbara (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Cc: Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Subject: RE: New opposition strategy to water fluoridation in GA

Can we discuss this tomorrow? Multiple potential strategies that can be taken, but I'd like to know what CDC guidance is thus far.

Thanks,

Nadine

From: Gooch, Barbara (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP) [<mailto:bfq1@cdc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 3:52 PM
To: McKenna, Jeffrey (CDC/OSELS/NCHM); Garland, Donna (CDC/OD/OADC); Cucchi, Sean (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Burton, Nicholas S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Cc: Briss, Peter (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Bowman, Barbara (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Presson, Scott M. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

CDC records



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Savannah, Christine (HHS/OASH)

Subject: FW: Response to Flouridation Roundtable

----- Original Message -----

From: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 04:45 PM
To: Francine W. Owens <fowens_pmbc@bellsouth.net>
Subject: RE: Response to Flouridation Roundtable

Thank you for the note and please let Dr Durley know how honored we were to have him spend time with us and we are preparing a plan to send to him that is inspired by his leadership and commitment.

From: Francine W. Owens [fowens_pmbc@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 1:51 PM
To: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Response to Flouridation Roundtable

MESSAGE FROM DR. GERALD L. DURLEY

It was extremely exciting and stimulating for Ambassador Young and me to sense a genuine concern about the impact of fluoride on our health. I firmly believe that as more research becomes available, the intense interest in this issue will increase greatly. I was impressed to see yet other young, gifted, prepared, skilled brothers (Rev. Michael Blake, Anton Gunn, Joshua DuBois, Paul Monteiro, et. al.) step forth in this administration and make a stance. We need you as we seek more information about the impact of fluoride.

Let's stay in touch.

Servant / Leader Dr. Gerald L. Durley

Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Hughes, Dora (HHS/IOS)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 1:25 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Koh, Howard (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Issues in GA

(b) (5) thanks for the heads up.

Dora L Hughes, MD, MPH, FACP
Counselor for Science & Public Health
Office of the Secretary, DHHS

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 12:23 PM
To: Koh, Howard (HHS/OASH); Hughes, Dora (HHS/IOS)
Subject: Fluoridation Issues in GA

Hi Howard and Dora,

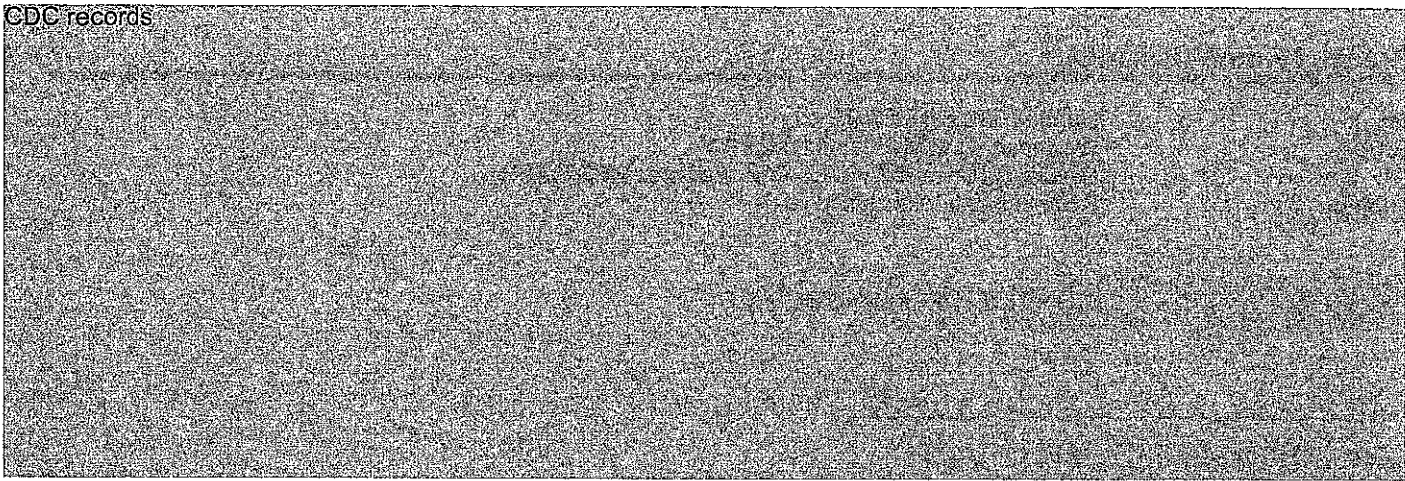
We have been informed by CDC that Andrew Young, former mayor of Atlanta and former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, has written letters to Georgia legislators to repeal Georgia's mandatory community water fluoridation law, stating that African Americans are disproportionately affected by dental fluorosis and have a greater burden due to higher rates of kidney disease and diabetes (concern about the impact of fluoride and kidney function). The news clip is below. (b) (5) (b) (5)

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Per CDC data, blacks did have higher levels of dental fluorosis than whites (58% vs. 36%) based on 1999-2004 NHANES data. Most of the dental fluorosis (90%) is very mild or mild for both populations. In a 2005 MMWR, CDC acknowledged this difference and stated that it is unclear why it exists and that further research is needed. On a positive note, CDC data also show that in 1986-1987 blacks had more untreated tooth decay



Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 5:24 PM
To: Lee, Elizabeth (HHS/ASL); Sharp, Jeremy (HHS/ASL)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Issues in GA

Will do - (b) (5)

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From: Lee, Elizabeth (HHS/ASL)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 5:11 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Sharp, Jeremy (HHS/ASL)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Issues in GA

Nadine, adding Jeremy. I'll be out through 5/4 so please keep him posted! Thanks!

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 11:46 AM
To: Lee, Elizabeth (HHS/ASL)
Subject: Fluoridation Issues in GA

Here's one of the articles on Andrew Young and fluoridation...will keep you updated.

Nadine

Atlanta Civil Rights Leaders Call for Halt to Water Fluoridation

*Media Release from The Lillie Center, Inc.
 April 13, 2011*

Atlanta Civil Rights Leaders Call for Halt to Water Fluoridation
 Former U.N. Ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and Prominent Pastor Gerald Durley Call for Repeal of Fluoridation Law in GA

Contact Daniel G. Stockin, MPH, 706-669-0786 or stockin2@yahoo.com
 The Lillie Center, Inc., Ellijay, Georgia

Citing concern that fluoridated water disproportionately harms poor citizens and black families, influential Atlanta civil rights leaders Andrew Young and Gerald Durley are calling on top Georgia legislators to repeal Georgia's mandatory water fluoridation law.

Young and Durley recently sent letters to legislators Chip Rogers, Robert Brown, Larry O'Neal, and Stacey Abrams, the majority and minority leaders in the Georgia Senate and House of Representatives.

Ambassador Young and Dr. Durley are both inductees in the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame in Atlanta. In their letters they expressed concerns about issues of fairness, safety, and disclosure related to fluoride chemicals in drinking water.

Increasing numbers of cities are examining the risks of adding fluorides to water to help prevent cavities after a 2006 National Research Council report documented volumes of research never conducted on the whole-body safety of fluorides and fluoridation.

Information in the report appeared in stark contrast to decades of assurances from fluoridation promoters that fluoridation has been extensively researched. The NRC report also described fluoride risks for babies, kidney patients, diabetics, and seniors, and set the

stage for a little-publicized change of stance by the Centers for Disease Control on baby formula.

CDC now says that parents can use low-fluoride water when mixing milk formula to reduce the risk of permanent teeth staining caused by fluorides.

The Gerber company is selling an unfluoridated bottled water so parents and caregivers can avoid using fluoridated water in formula.

Bottled water may not be a feasible solution for many families, however.

In a personal letter sent to the Georgia legislators, Ambassador Young wrote, "I am most deeply concerned for poor families who have babies: if they cannot afford unfluoridated water for their babies' milk formula, do their babies not count? Of course they do. This is an issue of fairness, civil rights, and compassion. We must find better ways to prevent cavities, such as helping those most at risk for cavities obtain access to the services of a dentist."

He also stated, "My father was a dentist. I formerly was a strong believer in the benefits of water fluoridation for preventing cavities. But many things that we began to do 50 or more years ago we now no longer do, because we have learned further information that changes our practices and policies. So it is with fluoridation."

Dr. Durley's letter addressed disproportionate fluoride harm to black citizens' teeth, and noted that with disproportionate amounts of kidney disease and diabetes in the black community, blacks are more impacted by fluorides.

He stated, "We also need to know why the full story about harm from fluorides is only just now coming out. I support the holding of Fluoridegate hearings at the state and national level so we can learn why we haven't been openly told that fluorides build up in the body over time (and) why our government agencies haven't told the black community openly that fluorides disproportionately harm black Americans..."

Others are also concerned about harm to minority citizens and sensitive populations.

In an April 6th letter to CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden, the President of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology noted, "The recent Health & Human Services attempt to somewhat lower the amount of fluorides in drinking water still does not address the fact that poor and minority families will be ingesting more fluorides than others, and it does not address dose – merely concentration in water."

IAOMT President Matt Young also stated, "We do not wish to shoulder the responsibility of people thinking that dentists could possibly know how much fluoride each person has ingested systemically..."

A recent article in an American Association for Justice newsletter for trial lawyers described potential upcoming fluoride legal actions based on personal injury, consumer fraud, and civil rights harm.

In February a group of Republican and Democrat Tennessee legislators sent a letter to the State's Health Commissioner describing worries about the impacts of fluoridation on babies and other groups.

Daniel G. Stockin of The Lillie Center Inc., a Georgia-based firm working to end the practice of fluoridation, salutes the leaders now speaking out on the issue.

"Ambassador Young and Dr. Durley see the potential implications of fluorides building up over time in our bones and joints, that seniors should know about this. They see the common sense arguments against fluoridation, such as the fact that poor families should not be forced for financial reasons to use fluoridated water in their babies' formula."

Now that the liability and health risks are better understood, Stockin foresees even more community leaders speaking out against fluoridation.

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Reference Links / Sources:

* Letter to CDC Director from IAOMT President Matt Young: <http://iaomt.org/news/archive.asp?intReleaseID=367>

* Letter from Dr. Gerald Durley: <http://spotsonmyteeth.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/durley-ltr-bw-PDF2.pdf>

* Letter from Ambassador Young: <http://spotsonmyteeth.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Letter-to-Georgia-Legislators-from->

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Robert S. Johns [rsjohns@ndaonline.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 4:47 PM
To: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); srbdent@msn.com; Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH);
kperry@bcd.tamhsc.edu
Cc: doc1@aol.com; Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Would you be available for a call at 7pm EST?

From: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH) [mailto:garth.graham@hhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 3:38 PM
To: 'rsjohns@ndaonline.org'; 'srbdent@msn.com'; Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); 'kperry@bcd.tamhsc.edu'
Cc: 'doc1@aol.com'; Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Re: Fluoridation Meeting

Thank you for the update, I think I can make the 6th and can talk anytime after 515pm today

From: Robert S. Johns [mailto:rsjohns@ndaonline.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 01:44 PM
To: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); srbdent@msn.com <srbdent@msn.com>; Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH);
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Cc: doc1@aol.com <doc1@aol.com>; Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Hello Dr. Graham,

The NDA has just secured a meeting with Ambassador Andrew Young and Reverend Dr. Durley for Monday, July 6, 2011 at 2:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Morehouse School of Medicine. We realize that this is a short notice, but this is the only time that they will be available.

Please advise us who will be in attendance at this meeting. Also, please advise us if you are available for a conference today. Thank you.

Bob

From: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH) [mailto:garth.graham@hhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2011 12:19 AM
To: 'srbdent@msn.com'; Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); 'kperry@bcd.tamhsc.edu'
Cc: 'doc1@aol.com'; Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); 'rsjohns@ndaonline.org'; Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Re: Fluoridation Meeting

Thank you for this response, at the end of our call that we had with the NDA a week or so ago we all agreed that more research and studies would be helpful. If I remember correctly I think someone from the NDA had mentioned that more research was a long term solution and that a short term solution was more what was needed. Do you have any thoughts on what that short term solution or plan would be?

From: SHEILA R. BROWN [mailto:srbdent@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 10:33 AM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Kim Perry <kperry@bcd.tamhsc.edu>
Cc: Roy Irons <doc1@aol.com>; Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Robert S. Johns <rsjohns@ndaonline.org>; Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)

Ambassador-Andrew-Young.pdf

* Fluoridation Litigation Article in American Association for Justice newsletter:
<http://www.iustice.org/cps/rde/xchg/iustice/hs.xsl/14815.htm>

* Info on Gerber® unfluoridated water for mixing milk formula - note: click on "Product Features":
http://www.gerber.com/allstages/products/beverages/gerber_pure_water.aspx

* Photos of dental fluorosis: <http://www.SpotsOnMyTeeth.com> - note: see both pages of photos

* National Research Council info on kidney patients and others as fluoride-susceptible groups - see p. 350 ff at:
http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11571&page=351

* Fluoride health effects database and professionals petition to end fluoridation: <http://www.fluoridealert.org>

* Disproportionate harm to minorities -see Table 23: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5403a1.htm>

Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:38 PM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Ok – let’s do the call this evening (b) (5) but would recommend that (b) (5) tomorrow if possible before the Monday meeting.

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:26 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Nadine - (b) (5) (b) (5)
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(b) (5) What do you want me to do?

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From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:14 PM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Many thanks, Rochelle. (b) (5)
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From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:02 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

I spoke to Bill Bailey, he and his staff will be available to attend the meeting Monday, June 6 at 1pm at Morehouse. They are preparing answers for the four questions in Dr. Brown’s letter. Btw - Dr. Satcher called Bill on Tuesday to talk to him about this issue. Dr. Satcher was preparing for a call with the NDA leadership. (b) (5)

Rochelle Rollins, PhD, MPH
Director, Division of Policy and Data
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Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health

- **Please forward** the documented evidence that we discussed on the call for our review All documentation that was referenced on the call is available on the CDC website (e.g., fluoride fact sheets, fluoride research articles) <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/>
- **My experience** has been that it is best to be as prepared as possible as not to miss out on opportunities to inform others. We will get one opportunity to put our best foot forward and this will be it. HHS agrees 100% and we hope that NDA and other organized dental entities will show a collaborative front.

I feel that we are well on our way to having what can be a good collaborative meeting next week. I will forward our strategy and meeting agenda ASAP!

I appreciate all that you do for oral health and our Communities

Thanks again,
Kim

Kim Perry, DDS, MS Clinical Science
Associate Professor
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NDA Chairman of the Board of Trustees

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH) [rochelle.rollins@hhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2011 4:33 PM
To: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); 'Robert Johns'; Perry, Kim
Subject: FW: FYI Timothy McDonald

All – Arlene has provided the link below for Rev. Timothy McDonald, III.

He's been on several talk shows in past (Oprah and Nightline included).

Concerned Black Clergy Ex-Offio

Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley

***Rev. Timothy McDonald**

Rev. Dr. J. Allen Milner

Bishop McKinley Young

<http://www.letusmakeman.net/Images/McDonald.pdf>

Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Good Morning,

Please read the attachment. Thank you

Sheila R. Brown, M.Ed., D.D.S.
President
National Dental Association

Empowering our Membership, Eliminating Disparity, Ensuring Diversity while Advocating for the Community

Join me in Baltimore- NDA Annual Convention- July 22-26, 2011 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront

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CC: doc1@aol.com; garth.graham@hhs.gov; Nadine.Gracia@hhs.gov; rsjohns@ndaonline.org; Arlene.Lester@hhs.gov
Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 01:10:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Fluoridation Meeting

Drs. Perry and Brown - Bob Johns has informed me that NDA is still discussing how to respond to the fluoridation concern being raised in Atlanta. He said that another call with HHS may be needed. Our hope was that NDA would be more definitive given the number of weeks that have passed. Please confirm whether another call is requested and what will be discussed.

Rochelle

Sent using BlackBerry

From: Perry, Kim [mailto:kperry@bcd.tamhsc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 08:19 PM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Cc: 'SHEILA R. BROWN' <srbdent@msn.com>; 'doc1@aol.com' <doc1@aol.com>; Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); 'Robert Johns' <rsjohns@ndaonline.org>; Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Rochelle,
Thanks for your timely response

Kim

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH) [rochelle.rollins@hhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 6:57 PM
To: Perry, Kim
Cc: 'SHEILA R. BROWN'; 'doci1@aol.com'; Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); 'Robert Johns'; Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Kim,

I responded to your questions in your original email. Please see the blue text.

Rochelle

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Cc: SHEILA R. BROWN; doci1@aol.com
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Meeting

Hi Rochelle,

I appreciate the assistance that we are getting to address this major area of concern,

We have finalized the NDA strategy for this meeting being proposed for next week and we are working on the **date as we speak (still waiting to hear back from some)**. *Since our meeting* I have had the opportunity to review some of the websites to identify key individuals and organizations to get an idea of the message that is being sent to the Black Clergy and why.

- **For this effort to be successful** we will need Research Scientists who are experts in the fluoridation field along with Key Opinion Leaders who are well abreast of the Lillie Center's position and history at this meeting as well. During our meeting Dr. Jay Kumar was mentioned for fluoridation. Who will attend the meeting who has the knowledge base to address the Lillie Center's position if questions arise during our meeting? Dr. Scott Presson, The CDC Program Services Team Leader, Dr. Barbara Gooch, the CDC Associate Director for Science and Dr. Bill Bailey, Acting Director of the CDC Division of Oral Health.
- **The African American Clergy have voiced their concerns in writing**, will Dr. Kumar be prepared to address them based on the literature? Dr. Kumar is academically based so I recommend that NDA and ADA jointly invite him to the meeting. Should you have sufficient resources, another person for consideration as a SME is Dr. Howard Pollack from the UCSF.
- **There have been some concerns raised as to the CDC's communications** to the AA communities, who from CDC will be available to address these concerns? Dr. Scott Presson, The CDC Program Services Team Leader, Dr. Barbara Gooch, the CDC Associate Director for Science and Dr. Bill Bailey, Acting Director of the CDC Division of Oral Health.

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:56 PM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: FW: Fluoridation materials from the First-Aid Kit

Thanks – I think we should talk to Bill tomorrow. Let me know if you want to do a joint call or I am happy to call him individually and emphasize this.

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:51 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: FW: Fluoridation materials from the First-Aid Kit

My comment to Bill today was that it is CDC's responsible to be leaders in engaging with all parts of the public on fluoridation. He said the opposition has the ability to say whatever they want whereas CDC has levels of authority etc. (b) (5)

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From: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:31 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Fw: FW: Fluoridation materials from the First-Aid Kit

From: Kelly Adams [<mailto:kadams@pewtrusts.org>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 05:40 PM
To: Robert Johns <rsjohns@ndaonline.org>
Cc: Sherman, Judy C. <shermanj@ada.org>; Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: FW: FW: Fluoridation materials from the First-Aid Kit

FYI. Ambassador Young's opposition to community water fluoridation has legs. Any word on a meeting with him and the GA State Dental Society?

It would be great to loop in Elizabeth Lense, the Georgia State Dental Director. Her information is attached. The Pew Children's Dental Campaign is planning to send the letter in mid-June. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

Kelly S. Adams

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The Pew Children's Dental Campaign strives for cost-effective policies that will mean millions more children get the basic dental care they need to grow, learn and lead healthy lives.

From: Elizabeth Lense [<mailto:eclense@dhr.state.ga.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 5:40 PM
To: Kelly Adams
Cc: erin.tighe@saltermitchell.com
Subject: Re: FW: Fluoridation materials from the First-Aid Kit

Hi Kelly-

Just wanted to let you know that I got a call from the dental director in CA (Rosanna Jackson). She said that the "anti's" in CA are now using the Andrew Young opposition to fluoride as ammunition to oppose fluoridation in the town of Watsonville. I guess in CA, they think we should be handling the Andrew Young issue. I agree- but it seems like the powers that be at CDC are taking a while to actually make a decision on this, and I don't want to step on their toes... in any case, I sent her the "First Aid Kit" (which is great), and gave her your email address in case she had any more questions... I hope it was okay for me to do that.

Thanks again for all your help--
Elizabeth

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 8:54 PM
To: Arias, Ileana (CDC/OD)
Subject: Meeting - Andrew Young/June 6th

Hi Ileana,

I hope you are doing well. Dora recommended that I send you a note to ensure you are aware of a meeting that will be happening this Monday, June 6th at Morehouse, given our past work together on fluoride. There will be a meeting on Monday with former UN Ambassador Andrew Young, in light of a statement he issued speaking out against water fluoridation, arguing that it adversely impacts low-income and minority populations and that it is a risk to those with certain chronic diseases. Ursula Bauer is engaged and will be participating in the meeting along with additional staff from her center.

CDC's oral health team has been aware of this issue with Andrew Young, as well as the National Dental Association (NDA) and the American Dental Association (ADA). ADA brought this issue to the attention of the ASH and our Office of Minority Health. We learned yesterday that NDA has scheduled a meeting for Monday to meet with Andrew Young and other stakeholders (some of whom are vocal anti-fluoridation advocates). In addition to Dr. Bauer and the chronic center team, Dr. Garth Graham (Director of the HHS Office of Minority Health), representatives of NDA and ADA, and Dr. David Satcher will participate in the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide you with any additional information.

Best,

Nadine

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**National Dental Association Georgia Fluoridation Strategic Planning Meeting
Morehouse School of Medicine
June 6, 2011**

Community Advocates/Leaders

Dr. John Maupin – President, Morehouse School of Medicine
Ambassador Andrew Young
Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley – Providence Baptist Church
Dr. David Satcher – Former U.S Surgeon General

EPA

Dr. Gwen Keyes Fleming – Regional Administrator for Region IV

HHS/CDC

Dr. Ursula Bauer – Director of National Center for Chronic Disease,
Prevention and Health Promotion
Dr. Scott Presson – Program Services Team Lead
Dr. Gina Thornton-Evans – Oral Epidemiologist
Dr. Desmond Williams – Lead, Chronic Kidney Disease Initiative

HHS/Office of Minority Health

Dr. Garth Graham – Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health
Dr. Rochelle Rollins – Director, Division of Policy and Data
Dr. Arlene Lester – Regional Minority Health Consultant

State

Dr. Elizabeth Lense – State Dental Director, Georgia Department of Public Health

National Dental Association

Dr. Sheila Brown - President
Dr. Roy Irons – President Elect
Dr. Kim Perry – Chairman of the Board
Mr. Robert Johns – Executive Director

American Dental Association

Dr. William Calnon – President Elect
Dr. Leon Stanislav – Chair, National Advisory Committee on Fluoride
Ms. Judy Sherman – Director of Congressional Affairs

Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 7:42 AM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Re: CDC

Rochelle,

(b) (5) [redacted] I'd like to discuss with Garth and then will contact Ursula Bauer.

Nadine

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 04:21 AM
To: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Subject: CDC

If you contact Ursula you might want to show her the CDC email below. Hopefully she has seen it before. The last paragraph speaks to what CDC was going proposing. We haven't seen CDC's talking points yet. Also, Dan Stockin has called Bill Bailey on his cell phone. Knowing that last week would have raised the red flags a little higher.

Sent using BlackBerry

From: Rochelle Rollins [<mailto:rochelle.l.rollins@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 04:14 AM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Subject:

From: Gooch, Barbara (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 3:52 PM
To: McKenna, Jeffrey (CDC/OSELS/NCHM); Garland, Donna (CDC/OD/OADC); Cucchi, Sean (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Burton, Nicholas S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Cc: Briss, Peter (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Bowmah, Barbara (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Presson, Scott M. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Gracia, Nadine (OS/IO)

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Thanks,

Barbara Gooch

Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 8:39 AM
To: Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Cc: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: FW: New opposition strategy to water fluoridation in GA

Importance: High

Ursula,

Below is the email that Barbara Gooch sent some time ago. You'll note the materials they discussed preparing. Garth had also visited with the Bill Bailey and others a few weeks ago.

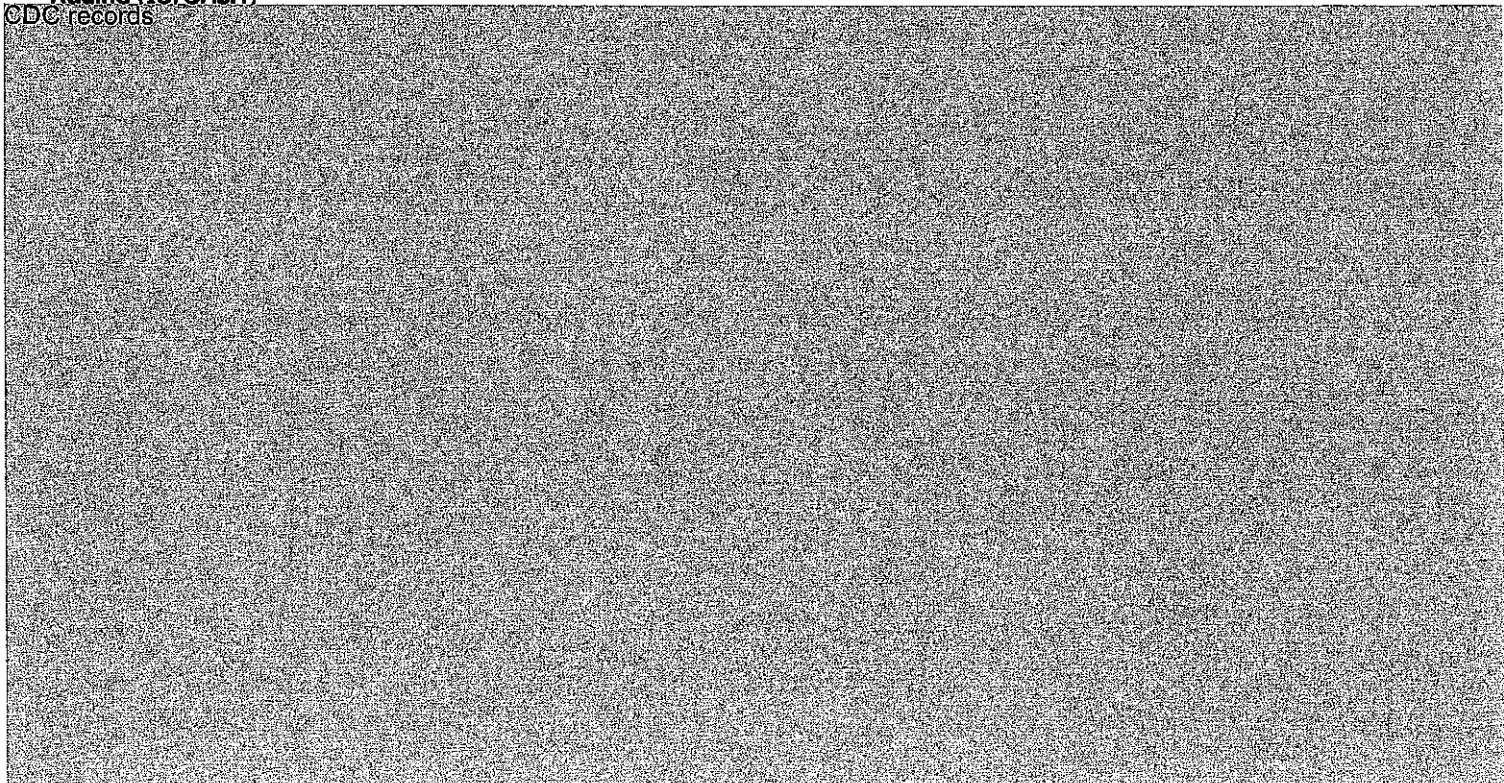
I just spoke again with Garth, and he would like to hear from you after your 9am meeting to further discuss your sense of preparation for the meeting. My guidance was (b) (5)

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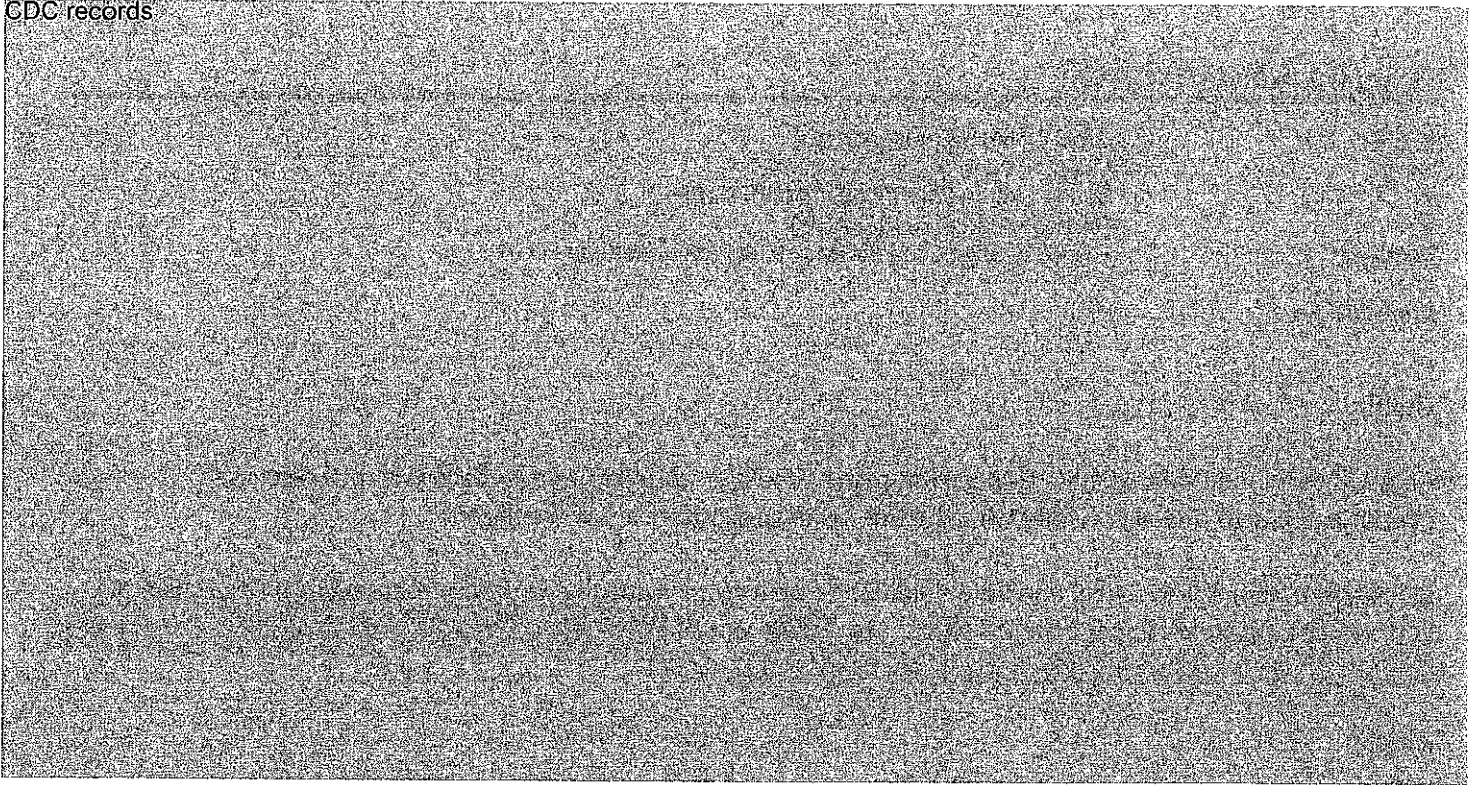
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From: Gooch, Barbara (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP) [<mailto:bfq1@cdc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 3:52 PM
To: McKenna, Jeffrey (CDC/OSELS/NCHM); Garland, Donna (CDC/OD/OADC); Cucchi, Sean (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Burton, Nicholas S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Cc: Briss, Peter (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Bowman, Barbara (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Presson, Scott M. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 9:03 AM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Cc: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Information for Monday meeting on fluoridation

Thank you, Rochelle. I have spoken with Garth a couple of times this morning and also spoke with Ursula Bauer. She is meeting with the oral health and relevant CDC folks at 9am. I shared our concerns with her about preparation. I also discussed (b) (5)

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meeting. I also asked that he and Ursula connect after her 9am meeting with the staff.

Nadine

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 8:58 AM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Cc: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Fw: Information for Monday meeting on fluoridation
Importance: High

Arlene didn't cc you. We need maximum coordination right now.

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From: arlene8@att.blackberry.net [mailto:arlene8@att.blackberry.net]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 07:35 AM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Fw: Information for Monday meeting on fluoridation

FYI

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Thornton-Evans, Gina (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)" <gdt4@cdc.gov>
Date: Mon, 6 Jun 2011 11:26:45 +0000

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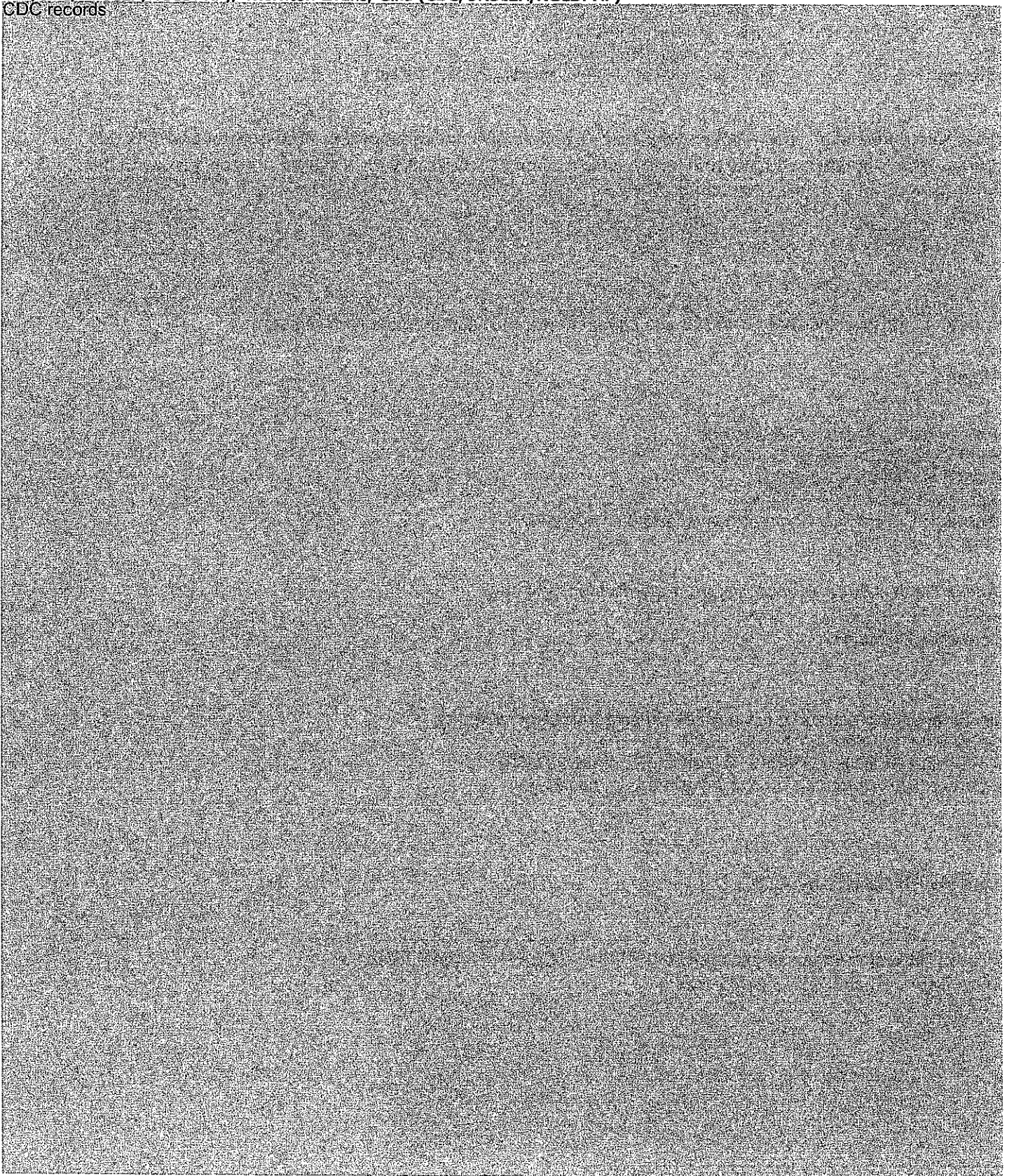
From: Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)

Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 4:44 PM

To: Williams, Desmond E. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)

Cc: Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Beltran, Eugenio D. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Presson, Scott M. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Thornton-Evans, Gina (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 9:06 AM
To: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Subject: Dr Elizabeth Lense - GA Dental Director
Attachments: Elizabeth Lense2.vcf

The email below was sent to you last week (b) (5) (b) (5)
(b) (5) Should we try to get her to the meeting? The letters from Young and Durley were sent to state elected officials. Seems like (b) (5)

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Sent using BlackBerry

From: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 06:31 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Fw: FW: Fluoridation materials from the First-Aid Kit

From: Kelly Adams [<mailto:kadams@pewtrusts.org>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 05:40 PM
To: Robert Johns <rsjohns@ndaonline.org>
Cc: Sherman, Judy C. <shermanj@ada.org>; Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: FW: FW: Fluoridation materials from the First-Aid Kit

FYI. Ambassador Young's opposition to community water fluoridation has legs. Any word on a meeting with him and the GA State Dental Society?

It would be great to loop in Elizabeth Lense, the Georgia State Dental Director. Her information is attached. The Pew Children's Dental Campaign is planning to send the letter in mid-June. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

Kelly S. Adams
Senior Campaign Associate | Pew Children's Dental Campaign
Pew Center on the States | The Pew Charitable Trusts

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:47 AM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Meeting

Understood - I could not recall if it was only him or others also invited. Certainly this allows a more open discussion.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:46 AM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Re: Meeting

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----- Original Message -----

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:33 AM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Meeting

Thank you for this update, Rochelle. Stockin was the only other attendee outside of Andrew Young and Reverend Durley correct?

Nadine

-----Original Message-----

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:14 AM
To: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Re: Meeting

Correction Rev Durley will disinvite Stockin.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:12 AM
To: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: Meeting

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The Pew Children's Dental Campaign strives for cost-effective policies that will mean millions more children get the basic dental care they need to grow, learn and lead healthy lives.

From: Elizabeth Lense [<mailto:eclense@dhr.state.ga.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 5:40 PM
To: Kelly Adams
Cc: erin.tighe@saltermitchell.com
Subject: Re: FW: Fluoridation materials from the First-Aid Kit

Hi Kelly-

Just wanted to let you know that I got a call from the dental director in CA (Rosanna Jackson). She said that the "anti's" in CA are now using the Andrew Young opposition to fluoride as ammunition to oppose fluoridation in the town of Watsonville. I guess in CA, they think we should be handling the Andrew Young issue. I agree- but it seems like the powers that be at CDC are taking a while to actually make a decision on this, and I don't want to step on their toes... in any case, I sent her the "First Aid Kit" (which is great), and gave her your email address in case she had any more questions... I hope it was okay for me to do that.

Thanks again for all your help--
Elizabeth

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:00 PM
To: Lee, Elizabeth (HHS/ASL)
Cc: Buschick, Jennifer (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Issues in GA

He is connected to the Lillie Center in George (<http://spotsonmyteeth.com/>) which is against fluoridation. We
(b) (5) and OMH reached out this morning to Reverend
Durley who invited him. Reverend Durley (b) (5)

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(b) (5) I'll keep you
posted.

Nadine

From: Lee, Elizabeth (HHS/ASL)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:12 AM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Cc: Buschick, Jennifer (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Fluoridation Issues in GA

Appreciate the update Nadine! Keep me posted on the meeting. IS Daniel Stockin associated with the Flouride Action Network that we've discussed before?

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 8:47 AM
To: Lee, Elizabeth (HHS/ASL)
Cc: Buschick, Jennifer (HHS/OASH)
Subject: FW: Fluoridation Issues in GA

Hi Elizabeth,

You may remember that I flagged this issue about former UN Ambassador Andrew Young speaking out against water fluoridation. There have been a few conference calls with CDC's oral health team to discuss this since the press release below, but on Thursday evening we learned that the National Dental Association had secured a meeting with Andrew Young to take place this afternoon. CDC, the Office of Minority Health, the National Dental Association, the American Dental Association, and former Surgeon General David Satcher plan to participate in the meeting. However, I am getting updates from staff in the Office of Minority Health that a (b) (5)

I have spoken with Garth Graham and Ursula Bauer (center director for CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) this morning – Dr. Bauer has a meeting at 9am with the oral health staff to discuss strategy. My guidance to (b) (5)

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Arlene has confirmed Dr. Elizabeth Lense, the GA Dental Director for the meeting. I called the church and spoke with Rev. Durley. I explained that we need an open conversation without (b) (5) Rev Durley thinks the meeting starts at 2pm. He is going to call Morehouse to confirm the time.

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Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Cc: Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH)
Subject: RE: Two New Items re Fluoridation and Minorities - Nader and Mercola

Absolutely. (b) (5) (b) (5)

I would like for us to have a meeting this week after your

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I can have my office reach out to schedule the meeting after I hear back from you both this afternoon.

From: Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP) [mailto:iws8@cdc.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 12:01 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

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From: Gracia, Nadine (OS/IO)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 11:50 AM
To: Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Subject: FW: Two New Items re Fluoridation and Minorities - Nader and Mercola

Hi Ursula,

Garth wanted me to ensure you get this email about Ralph Nader.

Nadine

From: Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 11:00 AM
To: Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH); Graham, Garth (HHS/OASH); Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Cc: 'Elizabeth Lense'; Thornton-Evans, Gina (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)
Subject: Two New Items re Fluoridation and Minorities - Nader and Mercola

FYI...this might come up today.

While Ralph Nader has long been on record as opposing fluoridation, and FAN has had a his video on their front page for month, it appears that Nader has issued a "press release" related to fluoridation and minorities that is being sent to the Atlanta Journal Constitution. **Nothing has shown up in the electronic version of the paper yet this morning.** This

press release is posted on what appears to be Nader's Web site. I've copied it below in case you can't read the attachment.

From: <http://www.nader.org/index.php?/categories/2-Special-Features>

Statement on Fluoridation, June 3 2011

NEWS RELEASE

In a statement released in Washington, DC today (Friday, June 3) consumer advocate Ralph Nader, responding to growing media coverage and developments in the Atlanta area on the risks posed by water fluoridation, said,

"It's way overdue for this country to have an extended and open scientific and regulatory debate on fluoridation. There should be no mandatory fluoridation without the approval of people in a public referendum preceded by full and open public debate with disclosures. There is an old Roman law adage that says, "What touches all should be decided by all."

This statement is being sent to the editors of the Atlanta Journal Constitution. In recent weeks statements calling for a repeal of mandatory fluoridation in Georgia have been made by a number of prominent civil rights leaders including former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young, Rev. Gerald Durley, and Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr.

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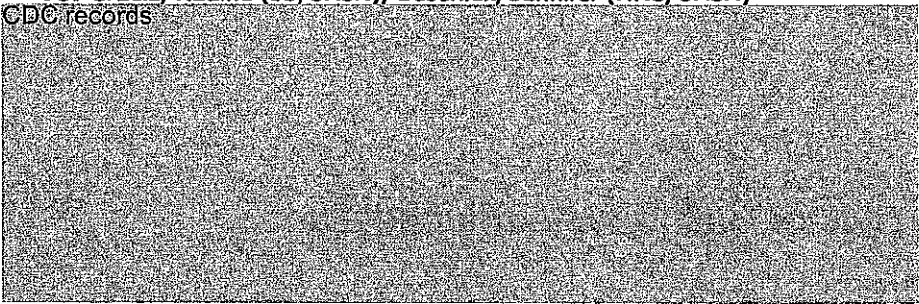
Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 1:08 PM
To: Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Buschick, Jennifer (HHS/OASH)
Cc: Westbrook, Gloria (OS/OPHS/OWH)
Subject: RE: Fluoride Strategy Meeting

Thanks, Linda. Gloria – FYI...

From: Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP) [mailto:lbo6@cdc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 1:00 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Buschick, Jennifer (HHS/OASH)

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From: Gracia, Nadine (OS/IO)
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 11:11 AM
To: Bauer, Ursula (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Bailey, William (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Presson, Scott M. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Gooch, Barbara (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Garcia, Isabel (NIH/NIDCR) [E]; Lee, Elizabeth (OS); Buschick, Jennifer (OS); Graham, Garth (OS); Rollins, Rochelle (OS/OMH); Cobb, Clara H. (OS); Halliday, Christopher (OS/OSG)
Cc: Williams, Pamela R. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Dzokoto-Pomenya, Caroline (NIH/NIDCR) [C]; Hall, Renee (OS); Westbrook, Gloria (OS/OWH)
Subject: Fluoride Strategy Meeting

Good afternoon everyone,

Yesterday representatives of CDC, the Office of Minority Health, the American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, and the Georgia State Dental Director met with former UN Ambassador and former mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young and Reverend Gerald Durley in Atlanta to hear their concerns regarding community water fluoridation. Mr. Young and Reverend Durley have spoken out against community water fluoridation, and in April, Mr. Young issued a statement arguing that community water fluoridation adversely impacts low-income and minority populations and that it is a risk to those with certain chronic diseases (see statement below).

We would like to have a follow-up meeting to



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Attached for those who were not part of the

Atlanta meeting is a proposal that was prepared by the National Dental Association and a Fluoride Action Network article – please review before our meeting.

**Please respond with your availability at the times below to Gloria Westbrook
(Gloria.Westbrook@OS.hhs.gov) in my office:**

Thurs, June 9, 10am-1pm or 3:30pm-4:30pm

Fri, June 10, 11:30am-1pm

Mon, June 13, 10:30am-2pm or 3pm-4pm

Best,

Nadine

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Atlanta Civil Rights Leaders Call for Halt to Water Fluoridation

*Media Release from The Lillie Center, Inc.
April 13, 2011*

***Atlanta Civil Rights Leaders Call for Halt to Water Fluoridation
Former U.N. Ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and Prominent Pastor Gerald Durley Call for Repeal of Fluoridation Law in GA***

*Contact Daniel G. Stockin, MPH, 706-669-0786 or stockin2@yahoo.com
The Lillie Center, Inc., Ellijay, Georgia*

Citing concern that fluoridated water disproportionately harms poor citizens and black families, influential Atlanta civil rights leaders Andrew Young and Gerald Durley are calling on top Georgia legislators to repeal Georgia's mandatory water fluoridation law.

Young and Durley recently sent letters to legislators Chip Rogers, Robert Brown, Larry O'Neal, and Stacey Abrams, the majority and minority leaders in the Georgia Senate and House of Representatives.

Ambassador Young and Dr. Durley are both inductees in the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame in Atlanta. In their letters they expressed concerns about issues of fairness, safety, and disclosure related to fluoride chemicals in drinking water.

Increasing numbers of cities are examining the risks of adding fluorides to water to help prevent cavities after a 2006 National Research Council report documented volumes of research never conducted on the whole-body safety of fluorides and fluoridation.

Information in the report appeared in stark contrast to decades of assurances from fluoridation promoters that fluoridation has been extensively researched. The NRC report also described fluoride risks for babies, kidney patients, diabetics, and seniors, and set the stage for a little-publicized change of stance by the Centers for Disease Control on baby formula.

CDC now says that parents can use low-fluoride water when mixing milk formula to reduce the risk of permanent teeth staining caused by fluorides.

The Gerber company is selling an unfluoridated bottled water so parents and caregivers can avoid using fluoridated water in formula.

Bottled water may not be a feasible solution for many families, however.

In a personal letter sent to the Georgia legislators, Ambassador Young wrote, "I am most deeply concerned for poor families who have babies: if they cannot afford unfluoridated water for their babies' milk formula, do their babies not count? Of course they do. This is an issue of fairness, civil rights, and compassion. We must find better ways to prevent cavities, such as helping those most at risk for cavities obtain access to the services of a dentist."

He also stated, "My father was a dentist. I formerly was a strong believer in the benefits of water fluoridation for preventing cavities. But many things that we began to do 50 or more years ago we now no longer do, because we have learned further information that changes our practices and policies. So it is with fluoridation."

Dr. Durley's letter addressed disproportionate fluoride harm to black citizens' teeth, and noted that with disproportionate amounts of kidney disease and diabetes in the black community, blacks are more impacted by fluorides.

He stated, "We also need to know why the full story about harm from fluorides is only just now coming out. I support the holding of Fluoridegate hearings at the state and national level so we can learn why we haven't been openly told that fluorides build up in the body over time (and) why our government agencies haven't told the black community openly that fluorides disproportionately harm black Americans..."

Others are also concerned about harm to minority citizens and sensitive populations.

In an April 6th letter to CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden, the President of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology noted, "The recent Health & Human Services attempt to somewhat lower the amount of fluorides in drinking water still does not address the fact that poor and minority families will be ingesting more fluorides than others, and it does not address dose – merely concentration in water."

IAOMT President Matt Young also stated, "We do not wish to shoulder the responsibility of people thinking that dentists could possibly know how much fluoride each person has ingested systemically..."

A recent article in an American Association for Justice newsletter for trial lawyers described potential upcoming fluoride legal actions based on personal injury, consumer fraud, and civil rights harm.

In February a group of Republican and Democrat Tennessee legislators sent a letter to the State's Health Commissioner describing worries about the impacts of fluoridation on babies and other groups.

Daniel G. Stockin of The Lillie Center Inc., a Georgia-based firm working to end the practice of fluoridation, salutes the leaders now speaking out on the issue.

"Ambassador Young and Dr. Durley see the potential implications of fluorides building up over time in our bones and joints, that seniors should know about this. They see the common sense arguments against fluoridation, such as the fact that poor families should not be forced for financial reasons to use fluoridated water in their babies' formula."

Now that the liability and health risks are better understood, Stockin foresees even more community leaders speaking out against fluoridation.

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Reference Links / Sources:

* Letter to CDC Director from IAOMT President Matt Young: <http://iaomt.org/news/archive.asp?IntReleaseID=367>

* Letter from Dr. Gerald Durley: <http://spotsonmyteeth.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/durley-ltr-bw-PDF2.pdf>

* Letter from Ambassador Young: <http://spotsonmyteeth.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Letter-to-Georgia-Legislators-from-Ambassador-Andrew-Young.pdf>

* Fluoridation Litigation Article in American Association for Justice newsletter: <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/14815.htm>

* Info on Gerber® unfluoridated water for mixing milk formula - note: click on "Product Features": http://www.gerber.com/allstages/products/beverages/gerber_pure_water.aspx

* Photos of dental fluorosis: <http://www.SpotsOnMyTeeth.com> - note: see both pages of photos

* National Research Council info on kidney patients and others as fluoride-susceptible groups - see p. 350 ff at: http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11571&page=351

* Fluoride health effects database and professionals petition to end fluoridation: <http://www.fluoridealert.org>

* Disproportionate harm to minorities -see Table 23: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5403a1.htm>

From: <http://www.nader.org/index.php?/categories/2-Special-Features>

Statement on Fluoridation, June 3 2011
NEWS RELEASE

In a statement released in Washington, DC today (Friday, June 3) consumer advocate Ralph Nader, responding to growing media coverage and developments in the Atlanta area on the risks posed by water fluoridation, said,

"It's way overdue for this country to have an extended and open scientific and regulatory debate on fluoridation. There should be no mandatory fluoridation without the approval of people in a public referendum preceded by full and open public debate with disclosures. There is an old Roman law adage that says, 'What touches all should be decided by all.'"

This statement is being sent to the editors of the Atlanta Journal Constitution. In recent weeks statements calling for a repeal of mandatory fluoridation in Georgia have been made by a number of prominent civil rights leaders including former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young, Rev. Gerald Durley, and Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr.

Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH)

From: Robert S. Johns [rsjohns@ndaonline.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 4:42 PM
To: Gracia, Nadine (IO/OASH); Rollins, Rochelle (HHS/OASH)
Cc: Lester, Arlene (HHS/OASH)
Subject: FW: Response re Flouridation Dr. Gerald L. Durley
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FYI. I would like to set up a meeting with you and Drs. Brown, Perry and Irons next week, if possible. There are some issues that I think would strengthen our relationship once they are addressed. The NDA welcomes the opportunity to better understand the role of the OMH.

Please check your calendar and advise. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Bob

From: Francine W. Owens [mailto:fowens_pmhc@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 2:00 PM
To: rsjohns@ndaonline.org
Subject: Response re Flouridation Dr. Gerald L. Durley

We are deeply appreciative for your meeting with us on yesterday. Ambassador Young and I were both impressed with the interest in these initial dialogues. We have committed our lives to always uplifting any concerns, which we feel, may negatively impact those we are called to serve. We are grateful that the National Dental Association, CDC, the American Dental Association, the EPA, and U.S. Minority Health Office are willing to actively pursue this issue of fluoride in our bodies. I look forward to working together in the future.

Keep up the good work!

Servant / Leader Dr. Gerald L. Durley

Fluoride and Oral Health Disparities Strategy Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2011

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Room 729-G, Humphrey Building

Dial-In: (866) 564-9268, Passcode (b) (5)

Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome/Meeting Overview**
J. Nadine Gracia, OASH

- II. Brief Overview of Fluoride and Minority/Low-Income Populations and Oral Health Disparities**
Bill Bailey, CDC

- III. Read-Out of June 6th Meeting with Andrew Young and Reverend Durley**
Rochelle Rollins, Office of Minority Health
Ursula Bauer, CDC

- IV. Roundtable Discussion on Fluoride and Oral Health Disparities Strategy**

- V. Next Steps**

Fluoride and Oral Health Disparities Strategy Conference Call
Monday, June 20, 2011
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Dial-In Number (866) 564-9268, Passcode (b) (5)

Agenda

- I. Debrief on the June 6, 2011 meeting with community leaders in Atlanta
- II. Discuss additional information not covered during the meeting
- III. Discuss proposed follow-up actions
- IV. Next steps

Meeting Participants

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

Jennifer Buschick, Acting Director of Communications

Clara Cobb, Region IV Health Administrator

J. Nadine Gracia, Chief Medical Officer

Ron Milam, Environmental Health Officer

Rochelle Rollins, Director, Division of Policy and Data, Office of Minority Health

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Barbara Gooch, Associate Director for Science, Division of Oral Health (*invited*)

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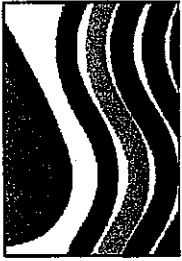
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Importance: High

The attached document was posted today on FAN's website promoting Stockin's efforts. It's a press release that talks about the CDC list of employees and new info about another relative of Dr. King who apparently has taken an antiF stance. You'll also find the hyperlinks at the bottom of interest. First is the CDC list of employees and it goes on from there including a 1979 ADA White Paper on Fluoridation and a report from a 1951 meeting of ASTDD.

Please share as you deem appropriate.

<http://www2.fluoridealert.org/Alert/United-States/National/New-evidence-confirms-dentists-controlled-statements-by-CDC-on-fluoridation-toxicity-concerns>

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Press Release from The Lillie Center, Inc. (Ellijay GA)
June 22, 2011

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Another King family member speaks out as Fluoridegate scandal builds in Atlanta

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Ellijay, GA -- Swirling questions about conflicts of interest and improper influence grew rapidly today as Freedom of Information Act documents showed that since the 1970s, dental health professionals alone in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have controlled the agency's stance supporting water fluoridation.

A response to a request for the names and job descriptions of all persons in CDC that have had input into CDC's decision to support fluoridation listed no CDC toxicologists, minority health professionals, experts in diabetes, or others outside the Oral Health Division.

CDC says its administrative structure is set up to address what the agency calls "cross cutting issues." Yet only CDC's directors of oral health were listed over several decades as being responsible for the agency's fluoridation stance, a disquieting disclosure for water, health, and political leaders that believed CDC utilized its broad array of internal expertise in assessing research on whole-body, outside-the-mouth harm from fluoridation.

The documentation intensifies focus on the motivations behind CDC's and EPA's fluoride safety statements that appear at odds with current scientific knowledge.

After a 2006 report from the National Research Council documented extensive amounts of basic research never conducted on whole-body fluoride impacts, CDC continued promoting fluoridation while stating on its website, "Extensive research conducted over the past 60 years has shown that fluoridation of public water supplies is safe and effective for all community residents."

The disclosures come as yet another prominent member of the Atlanta black community is calling for a halt to water fluoridation and highlighting concerns about the CDC's role in promoting it.

Alveda King, nationally known minister and niece of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., joins the civil rights leader's daughter, Bernice King, former Atlanta mayor and U.N. ambassador Andrew Young, and civil rights leader and minister Dr. Gerald Durley in drawing attention to risks from fluoridation.

Alveda King posted information on her blog today. "The Centers for Disease Control has clearly been trying to preserve fluoridation at all costs, but the facts about fluoride harm are coming out anyway," she says.

"This is a civil rights issue," she continues. "No one should be subjected to drinking fluoride in their water, especially sensitive groups like kidney patients and diabetics, babies in their milk formula, or poor families that cannot afford to purchase unfluoridated water. Black and Latino families are being disproportionately harmed."

A growing body of published research shows that minorities, kidney patients, diabetics, babies and seniors are particularly at risk for harm from ingested fluorides.

Law firms are now reviewing old and new documents believed to highlight a pattern of attempts to curtail discussions on fluoride toxicity and downplay the importance of professionals personally reviewing scientific

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reports about fluorides.

One such document is an explosive transcript of a 1951 meeting of state dental directors on file at the Library of Congress.

State dental leaders at the meeting were encouraged to promote fluoridation were told, "The question of toxicity is on the same order. Lay off it altogether. Just pass it over. 'We know there is absolutely no effect other than reducing tooth decay,' you say, and go on. If it becomes an issue, then you will have to take it over, but don't bring it up yourself."

A white paper issued by the American Dental Association in 1979 stated that, "Individual dentists must be convinced that they need not be familiar with scientific reports of laboratory and field investigations on fluoridation to be effective participants in the promotion program and that nonparticipation is an overt neglect of professional responsibility."

"I think it's pretty clear that the public, the media, and health providers were given soothing talking points about fluoridation, and in many cases dissuaded from personally looking at toxicity data," says Daniel G. Stockin, a career public health professional who is opposed to fluoridation.

"How can CDC oral health professionals in a department that has promoted fluoridation for decades be objective, let alone competent to assess research and draw conclusions about the toxicity of fluorides on thyroid glands, kidneys, and the pineal gland?" he asks.

"There is a reason we're seeing calls for Fluoridegate investigations," Stockin continues. "The legal community and the media are waking up to this. I believe jurors will see a clear pattern of disinformation, half-truths, misdirection, and omission of critical material facts concerning harm from fluoridated drinking water."

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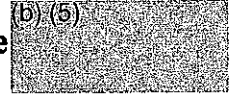
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HHS Fluoride Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

4:00pm-5:00pmEST

Room 729-G, Dial-In (866) 564-9268, Passcode



AGENDA

- I. Welcome/Meeting Overview**
J. Nadine Gracia (OASH)

- II. Update on Proposed HHS Community Water Fluoridation Guidelines**
Barbara Gooch (CDC)

- III. Recent Community Water Fluoridation Activity**
Bill Bailey (CDC)

- IV. Communications Strategy Update**
Linda Orgain (CDC) and Jennifer Buschick (OASH)

- V. Proposal for Fluoride Research Inventory**
J. Nadine Gracia (OASH)

- VI. Next Steps**
J. Nadine Gracia (OASH)



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Linda Orgain, Health Communications Specialist, Division of Oral Health

Tom Sinks, Deputy Director, National Center for Environmental Health/ATSDR

Desmond Williams, Division of Diabetes Translation *(invited)*

Food and Drug Administration

Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Senior Science Policy Analyst, Office of the Commissioner

Heidi Gertner, Associate Chief Counsel, Food and Drug Division

Jesse Goodman, Chief Scientist and Deputy Commissioner for Science and Public Health *(invited)*

Fred Hyman, Division of Dermatology and Dental Products, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research *(invited)*

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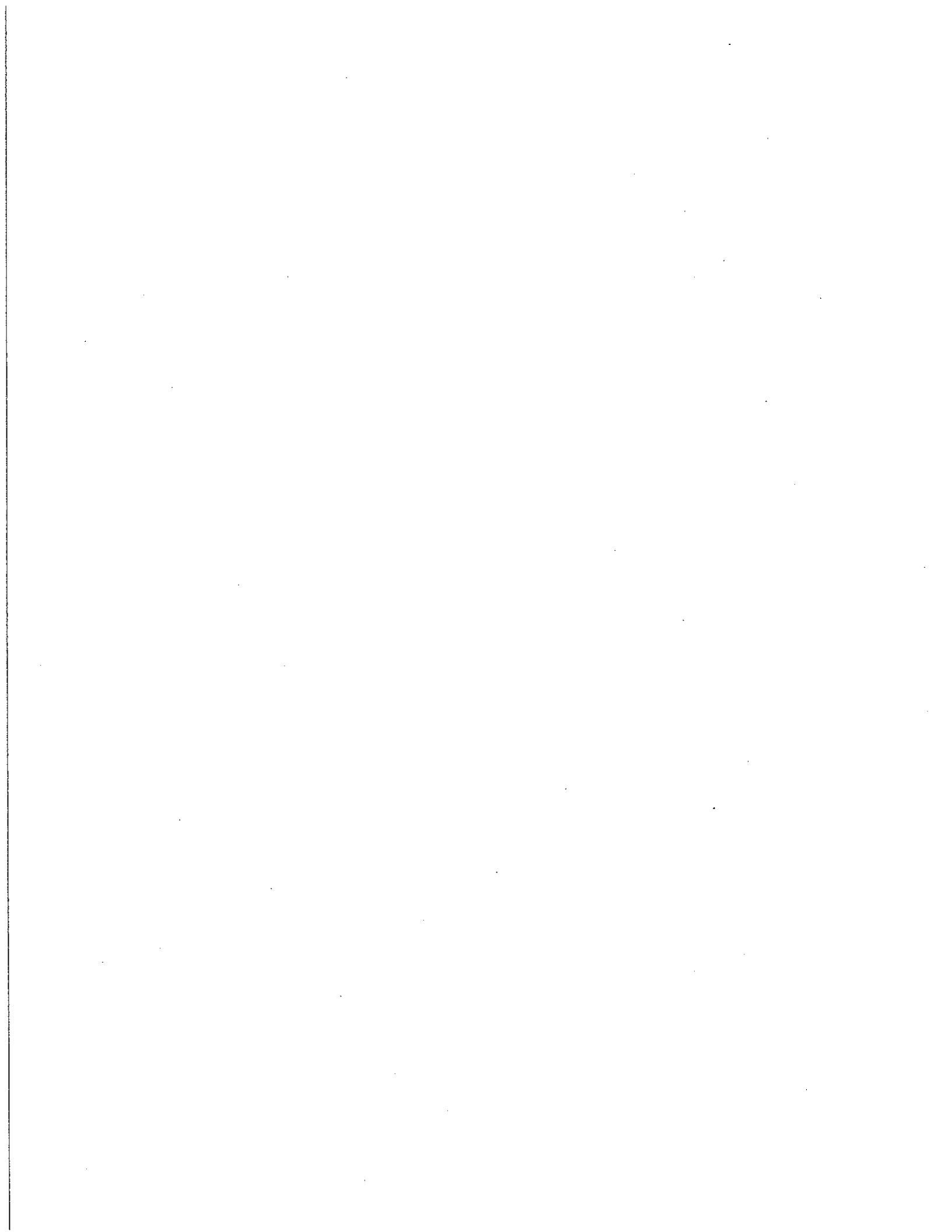
John Bucher, Associate Director, National Toxicology Program *(invited)*

Christine Flowers, Director, Office of Communications and Public Liaison, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

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Andrew Young's efforts). We have not received talking points, fact sheets, or other materials from CDC since our calls with them in the past weeks and Dr. Bauer will be asking the oral health staff if such material has been prepared.

I'm available to discuss further – I'll have a further update by 10am.

Nadine

Atlanta Civil Rights Leaders Call for Halt to Water Fluoridation

*Media Release from The Lillie Center, Inc.
April 13, 2011*

Atlanta Civil Rights Leaders Call for Halt to Water Fluoridation
Former U.N. Ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and Prominent Pastor Gerald Durley Call for Repeal of Fluoridation Law in GA

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