Monroe A. Miller, Jr. 2200 Camp Branch Road Waynesville, NC 28786 February 4, 2023

Subject: Response to Ira Dove / Sarah Henderson, re: Request for Public Information, \$75,735 grant.

Upon review of your response to my (and Janet Presson's) Request for Public Information originally dated January 23, 2023, and, upon reviewing Janet Presson's response to your letter you sent to us on February 3, 2023, I have determined that a roll of toilet paper is worth more than the nineteen files you sent to us (comprised of 43.245,157 MegaBytes of data, two of which were duplicates).

I am re-attaching Janet Presson's response to you, as I had originally copied her original Request for Public Information to you.

February 4, 2023 Dear Mr. Dove:

Thank you for the information you sent yesterday in response to my request for records dated January 23, 2023. However, while I appreciate the documentation you provided in response to question #7, I was less than satisfied with your answers to questions 1-6.

Regarding questions 1-3, if Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency (HCHHSA) does not keep track of how many Covid vaccines they have given, how can we assess the effectiveness of the Covid vaccine program? How do we know how many citizens are supposedly "protected" from the virus? How do we know what percentage of Haywood County citizens are considered "fully vaccinated"? How do we know if there are any citizens left who are unvaccinated and in need of Covid vaccination if we don't keep track of how many have received their initial doses and then their boosters? Maybe everyone in our county is already fully vaccinated and boosted.....that would make the proposed \$75K grant unnecessary.

As far as your response to question #4, I was clear that I did not want any protected health care information. However, if vaccine recipients needed medical care before they actually left the vaccine clinic premises, that would certainly be pertinent information but could be shared without including any protected health information.

Referencing your answers to questions #5 and 6, while I fully understand the VAERS system, I also understand that HCHHSA could certainly answer that question without disclosing any protected health care information. Again, if HCHHSA had reported zero VAERS reports, you could have shared that without violating any patient confidentiality. Conversely, if HCHHSA had reported 100 VAERS reports, you could have shared that.

As you may have inferred from my questions, I am very concerned about the Covid vaccine program and its impact on the citizens of our county. An unprecedented number of injuries and deaths have been reported to VAERS and excess deaths are reaching concerning levels across the country, including here in our county.

I will continue to oppose the Covid funding grant as it is clear that our county doesn't need additional funding for the vaccine program. However, if this funding were able to be used for more robust and complete tracking of data and transparency from our health officials, it might be money well spent.

Respectfully, Janet Presson, R.N., M.Ed.

I am also including your "Greetings" letter to me, marked up with a couple of my questions and comments.

HAYWOOD COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY 157 Paragon Parkway, Clyde, NC 28721-9481 Ira Dove, Agency Director Public Health 828-452-6675 Social Services 828-452-6620 828-356-2442 **Dental Office** 828-452-6701 Meals on Wheels 828-452-6682 Maple Leaf Adult Respite 828-456-9488 **Environmental Health** Mr. Monroe Miller Via email as requested February 3, 2023 FEB 3 2023 28,2023 Greetings Mr. Miller, Hope this finds you well. This is in response to your request for records on January 30, 2023. It is also in response to any similar requests for information. This response has been reviewed with legal counsel. Your first three requests were: Hawes? 5 1. How many Covid vaccines have been given by our health department? I'd like this info broken down by brand (Moderna, Pfizer, etc.)? 2. I would like the number of recipients broken down by age groups? Ex. 6 months-5 years, 6 years-12 years, etc. Please provide this information in whatever age groups the information is already contained in. 3. If the data shows how many recipients have received just one Covid vaccine, two, three, four, etc. I would like that as well. what does you Department do all do The Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency, hereinafter HCHHSA, does not keep compilations of information as you have requested. Haywood County, the HCHHSA, and the employees of Haywood County are not the custodians of the North Carolina Immunization Registry. To the extent immunization information may be in individual patient files, no information will be shared per HIPAA Privacy Rule, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; and N.C.G.S. 130A-12. This information may be available on the NCDHHS website. https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/vaccinations 4. Have there been any instances where a vaccine recipient has required medical care immediately following the administration of a COVID vaccine? If so, I would like that information. Maybe? WTF! To the extent such information may be in individual patient files, no information will be shared per HIPAA Privacy Rule, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; and N.C.G.S. 130A-12. Additionally, adverse events, if any, occurring on the premises of the Public Health Services Division clinic "Enhancing the health, safety and full potential of our community" Haywood County HHSA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

would be reported in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, hereinafter VAERS. VAERS can be found at <u>https://vaers.hhs.gov</u>.

5. Have there been any reports of vaccine injury or death for a COVID vaccine given by the health department? May be? How about taking a look to confirm?

To the extent such information may be in individual patient files, no information will be shared per HIPAA Privacy Rule, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; and N.C.G.S. 130A-12. Additionally, adverse events, if any, occurring on the premises of the Public Health Services Division clinic would be reported in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, hereinafter VAERS. VAERS can be found at https://vaers.hhs.gov.

6. What is the process for reporting a vaccine injury or death following a vaccine given by the health department? Specifically, does the Health Department get notified and if so, who at the Health Department is responsible for accepting and then documenting these reports or is the recipient or family informed how to report and where to report? Are they offered assistance with reporting?

Please see electronic attachments including relevant pages from the standing orders and information sheets. Additionally, adverse events, if any, that are reported to Health and Human Services as a provider are reported by HHSA employees in VAERS.

 I'd like copies of all info sheets/authorization forms, etc. given to Haywood County citizens when they receive a Covid vaccine. If there are different forms given to different age groups I'd like copies of each set.

Please see electronic attachments including information sheets, authorizations and etc.

Due to the number of electronic attachments, please expect more than one email.

Best Regards,

Ira Dove

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- You, Bar Card # 22703
- Frank Queen, Bar Card # 7275
- Rachael Hawes, Bar Card #39135

Does **Rachael Hawes** still work there? You remember her, don't you? Here are some photos to jog your memory...



Black Dress



Dress



Gray Dress



In Red

Do you want to try this again, or should I redirect my next Request for Public Information to Sarah Henderson?

Monroe A. Miller, Jr. Haywood County Taxpayer